

Fund description

The Fiducian Technology Fund allows investors to participate directly in a blend of some of the leading technology funds available worldwide. Utilising the Fiducian “Manage the Manager” process, fund managers have been chosen to balance exposure in terms of region and sector.

Managers are able to invest in technology companies anywhere in the world that can benefit from leading-edge technology and can demonstrate significant earnings growth prospects.

Investors must bear in mind that investing in a fund of this nature can involve periods of very high volatility, although superior long-run returns can likely be achieved if investors are prepared to hold investments for periods of at least 9 years.

Fund facts

Portfolio manager: Conrad Burge

ARSN: 093 544 337

APIR code: FPS0010AU

Benchmark: NASDAQ-100 index (AUD)

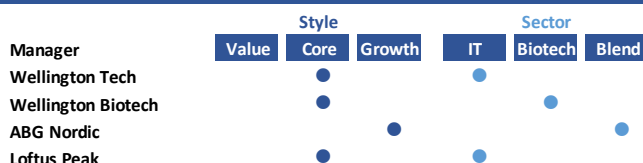
Current fund size:

Management cost: \$218 million (March 2024)

Total management costs: 1.43%

Application/Exit fee: Nil

Inception Date: June 2000



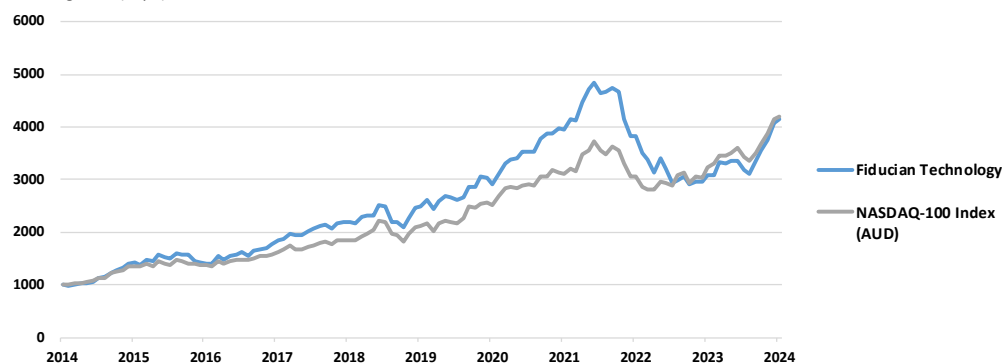
Performance and Risk

After fee returns as at 31 March 2024

	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	7yrs	10 Yrs
Fund	2.0%	16.3%	30.7%	35.0%	1.7%	10.7%	12.2%	15.2%
Index	1.0%	13.6%	21.9%	29.3%	10.3%	14.5%	14.5%	15.4%
Excess	0.9%	2.6%	8.8%	5.7%	-8.7%	-3.9%	-2.3%	-0.2%

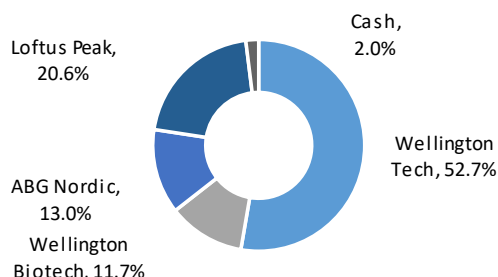
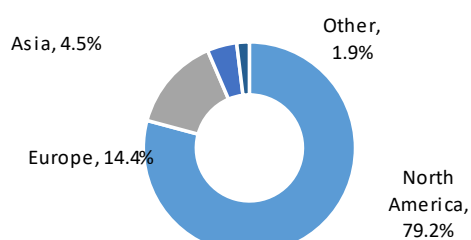
Risk Exposure

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
Fund Volatility (Std Dev %)	15.1%	18.3%	16.6%	15.6%
Benchmark (Std Dev %)	11.1%	14.9%	13.9%	13.0%
Beta	1.13	1.04	1.00	1.03
Tracking Error (% pa)	6.9%	9.2%	8.6%	7.9%



*Prior to 31 Dec 23, the benchmark for the Fund was 50/50 MSCI World IT (AUD)/NASDAQ Biotechnology (AUD)

Geographic exposures and current manager weights



Market Commentary and Outlook

The global economy has held steady in recent months, although growth in some of the advanced economies, particularly in Europe and Japan, remains weak. However, inflation has continued to decline, and in the words of the International Monetary Fund (IMF April report) most indicators point to a ‘soft landing’, although interest rates are likely to stay ‘higher for longer’ than previously anticipated.

Global equity markets had another positive month in March. In the US, the broad market (S&P 500 index) rose by 3.1%, and the Australian stock market (ASX 200 index) gained 3.3%. Other global markets, including Japan, the UK and Germany also recorded gains of between 3% and 4%. Bond returns were positive for the month, whilst commodity price performance was mixed.

Looking ahead, monetary policy could begin to become less restrictive before the end of this year, which could help to sustain markets. However, geopolitical risks represent potential headwinds. Despite this, the IMF is now forecasting global growth to be 3.2% in 2024, which is close to the long-term trend rate for growth. In broad terms, share markets continue to appear more attractive than most other investment opportunities.

Fund Commentary

The Fiducian Technology Fund rose by 2.0% in March, which was above the 1.0% return of the index. For the 12 months to the end of March, the Fund returned 35.0%.

Technology stocks recorded another positive month in March, although returns trailed the broader market. The NASDAQ composite index (in Australian dollars) rose by 1.0%, and the NASDAQ biotechnology index was flat.

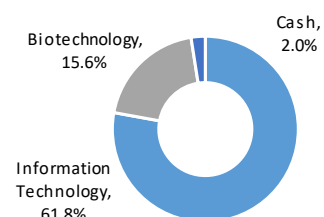
Semiconductor stocks (such as Nvidia) continued to post strong gains, along with Google and Microsoft. Weakness in some of the other ‘Magnificent 7’ stocks, including Apple and Tesla, weighed on returns for the broader technology index.

The longer term outlook for the technology sector remains positive, as the needs to invest in innovation to drive productivity and improvements in the quality of life provide ongoing support for technology companies.

The Fund remains well diversified between geographies and sectors, and companies held are a blend of established sector leaders plus emerging technology businesses. An overweight position in the Information Technology sector relative to Biotechnology reflects the better growth opportunities currently available in that part of the market. The largest geographical exposure is to North America which makes up 79% of the fund, followed by Europe at 14%.

Top stock holdings and sector weights

Stock	Industry	Weight
Microsoft Corp	Software	7.9%
Amazon.Com	Internet	7.5%
Alphabet Inc	Internet	5.7%
Nvidia Corp	Semiconductors	5.6%
TSMC	Semiconductors	3.9%
Uber Technologies Inc	Internet	2.7%
Netflix Inc	Healthcare-Products	2.5%
Integrum Ab	Semiconductors	2.3%
Adv Micro Devices	Internet	2.1%
Flex Ltd	Electronics	2.0%



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