# Fiducian Emerging Markets Strategy



Monthly Report - October 2025

### Fund description

The Fund provides investors with the opportunity to invest in companies that are listed on the stock exchanges of the less developed (emerging) markets. The Fund invests in developing countries and offers investors the opportunity to benefit from the significant growth potential inherent in many of these economies as they raise their standard of living.

The Fund utilises the Fiducian "Manage the Manager" process, selecting funds that provide diversification among different management styles, geographies and sectors.

It is recommended that investment in this Fund be undertaken for at least nine years. International share investment can be volatile over the short-term.

#### Fund facts

Portfolio manager: Conrad Burge

**ARSN:** 093 543 849 **APIR code:** FDN6819AU

**Benchmark:** MSCI Emerging Markets Index (AUD)

Current fund size: \$70 million (October 2025)

Management cost: 1.14%
Total management costs: 1.27%

Application/Exit fee: Nil Inception Date: June 2024

Manager Value Co Fidelity Vanguard Emerging Fiducian India



## Performance

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Jun 2024

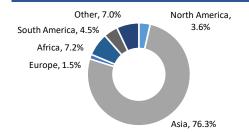
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After fee returns as at 31 October 2025								
	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	7yrs	10 Yrs
Fund	4.1%	8.5%	16.4%	18.4%	-	-	-	-
Index	5.5%	11.2%	24.5%	28.0%	-	-	-	-
Excess	-1.3%	-2.7%	-8.1%	-9.6%	-	-	-	-
Risk Exposure								
	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs				
Fund Volatility (Std Dev %)	8.1%	-	-	-				
Benchmark (Std Dev %)	9.7%	-	-	-				
Beta	0.68	-	-	-				
Tracking Error (% pa)	4.6%	-	-	-				
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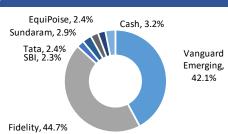
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#### Geographic exposures and current manager weights

Dec 2024



Sep 2024



Sep 2025

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### Market Commentary and Outlook

The global economy is forecast to expand this year and the next, according to the latest estimates provided by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Global growth is forecast to be 3.2% this year and 3.1% in 2026 (both above the IMF's previous forecast). In the IMF's words, 'the good news is that the negative impact on the global economy (of US tariffs) is at the modest end of the range'. Growth in the advanced economies is forecast to be 1.6% this year and in 2026, but with 'risks tilted to the downside'. The IMF is now forecasting the US economy to grow by 2.0% for the whole of 2025 and 2.1% in 2026, although the US administration is aiming for a higher rate of growth than this, with fiscal stimulus, reduced regulation and incentives for investment aimed at propelling growth going forward.

The broad US stock market (S&P 500 Accumulation Index) has been on an uptrend since early April, gaining 2.3% in October alone. The Australian market (ASX 200 Accumulation Index) gained 0.4% over the month, held back by strong third quarter inflation data, causing markets to scale back their expectations for cuts by the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA). The Australian dollar fell by 1.1% relative to the US dollar. Commodity prices were mixed, with lithium, gold and iron ore posting gains, while oil and natural gas declined over the month.

Key global share markets have been 'pricing-in' a shift by central banks towards less restrictive monetary policy, despite some signs of inflation rising again in some economies. However, share markets are likely to remain volatile until a resolution of trade tensions is achieved.

#### **Fund Commentary**

The Fund gained 4.1% in October, which was below the index return of 5.5%. For the 12 months up to the end of October, the Fund returned 18.4%.

The MSCI Emerging Markets index gained 5.5% in October, outperforming the developed markets index, which gained 3.3% (both in Australian dollars, unhedged).

Korea (+19.9%), Taiwan (+9.3%) and India (+4.5%) were three of the best performing major emerging markets during the month.

Emerging markets have lagged developed markets for some time, partly due to the strong performance of the 'Magnificent Seven' US mega-cap technology stocks that comprise a significant part of the developed world index. Despite strong performance in 2025, the emerging markets sector remains attractive in terms of historical valuations.