

Fiducian Fixed Interest Fund

Monthly Report - April 2025



Fund description

The Fund invests in a diversified group of fixed interest assets. The Fund utilises the Fiducian “Manage the Manager” process, carefully selecting best of breed managers with different styles, sector and geographical exposures with the aim of achieving superior returns with reduced risk.

This Fund gives investors exposure to a range of fixed interest instruments, including Australian Bonds, International Bonds, Inflation Linked Bonds and Cash.

The Fund is intended to provide a secure return with a lower risk of capital loss relative to other investment categories. The return may be above cash when interest rates are falling, and below cash when interest rates are rising. The recommended holding period is at least 3 years.

Fund facts

Portfolio manager: Conrad Burge
ARSN: 106 681 707
APIR code: FDN5053AU
Benchmark: Fiducian Fixed Interest Composite
Current fund size: \$576 million (April 2025)
Management cost: 0.20%
Total management costs: 0.22%
Application/Exit fee: Nil
Inception Date: October 2003

| Manager | Style | | Sector | |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------|--------|----|
| | Active | Passive | Cash | FI |
| Challenger Inflation Linked | ● | | | ● |
| Challenger Aus Bond | ● | | | ● |
| iShares Aus Bond | | ● | | ● |
| iShares Global Bond | | ● | | ● |
| Perpetual Aus Bond | ● | | | ● |
| Cash | | ● | ● | |

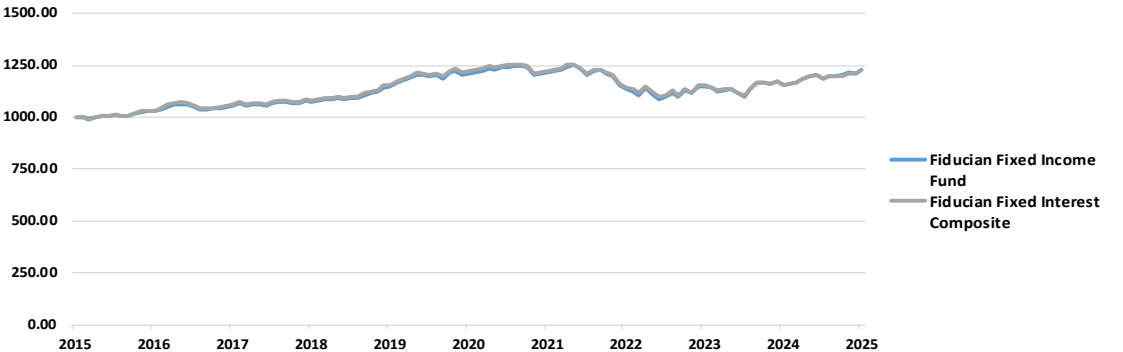
Performance and Risk

After fee returns as at 30 April 2025

| | 1 Mth | 3 Mth | 6 Mth | 1 Yr | 3 Yrs | 5 Yrs | 7yrs | 10 Yrs |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|--------|
| Fund | 1.4% | 2.2% | 3.7% | 6.4% | 2.7% | 0.3% | 1.9% | 2.1% |
| Index | 1.4% | 2.2% | 3.6% | 6.2% | 2.4% | 0.1% | 1.8% | 2.1% |
| Excess | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.3% | 0.3% | 0.1% | 0.0% |

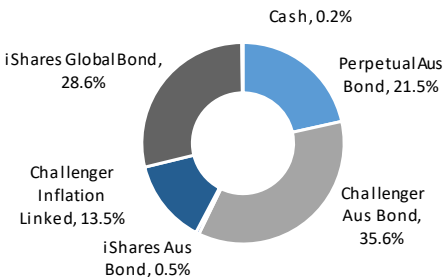
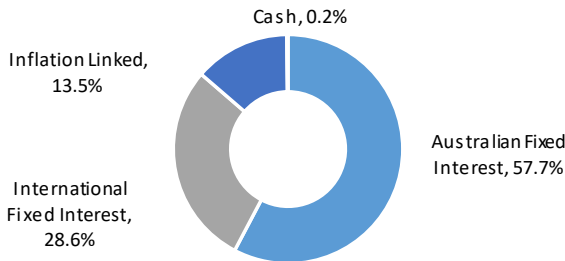
Risk Exposure

| | 1 Yr | 3 Yrs | 5 Yrs | 10 Yrs |
|-----------------------------|------|-------|-------|--------|
| Fund Volatility (Std Dev %) | 3.1% | 5.6% | 5.3% | 4.2% |
| Benchmark (Std Dev %) | 2.9% | 5.4% | 5.1% | 4.1% |
| Beta | 0.96 | 1.02 | 1.02 | 1.02 |
| Tracking Error (% pa) | 0.2% | 0.3% | 0.6% | 0.5% |



Benchmark: Fiducian Fixed Interest Composite (60% Australian Fixed Interest, 28% International Fixed Interest, 12% Inflation-Linked Fixed Interest)

Sector exposures and current manager weights



Market Commentary and Outlook

The global economy is expected to slow marginally this year, according to the latest forecast provided by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Global growth is forecast to be at 2.8% this year and 3.0% in 2026, which is below the IMF's previous forecast of 3.3% each year (around the long-term trend rate). In the IMF's words, this lowering of its growth forecasts is due to 'the swift escalation of trade tensions and extremely high levels of policy uncertainty', after 'a series of new tariff measures by the US and countermeasures by its trading partners'. The IMF adds that 'if countries de-escalate from their current tariff stance, the outlook could immediately brighten'. In other words, if positive trade deals are able to be completed over the near-term, investors could potentially quickly regain confidence and enable an economic rebound, at least for some economies.

Uncertainty surrounding US trade policies and growing fears of a recession have caused volatility across equity markets, with the broad US stock market (S&P 500 Accumulation Index) falling 0.7% over the month. The Australian market (ASX 200 Accumulation Index) rose 3.6% over the same period, leading up to the federal election. The Australian dollar gained relative to the US dollar. Most commodity prices declined, except for gold.

Until recently, key global share markets had been 'pricing-in' a shift by central banks towards less restrictive monetary policy, which led to strong returns for equity investors. However, equity markets experienced extreme volatility in April, falling heavily after the announcement early in the month that the US would be implementing hefty tariffs on most imports and then rebounding after the announcement of a 90-day pause.

Fund Commentary

The Fund gained 1.4% in April, which was in line with the Fiducian Fixed Interest Composite Index return of 1.4% for the same period. For the 12 months to the end of April, the Fund rose by 6.4%, compared to the 6.2% growth by the index.

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