# Sandhurst Diversified Funds



# Monthly fund update - December 2021

# Investment approach

Each Fund provides access to a selection of high quality, specialist active and index investment managers across a variety of asset classes via its underlying investments. The investment portfolios provide access to investments which have been constructed in a manner that Sandhurst believes will meet the investment return objective of each Fund. Each Fund aims to provide a total return after fees in excess of a stated percentage above inflation over a full market cycle (typically 7 to 10 years), where inflation is measured by the Australian Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Fund performance <sup>1</sup> as at 31 December 2021	Distribution (cents per unit)	3 months %	1 year %	3 years %p.a.	. 5 years %p.a.	Since inception %p.a.
Sandhurst Conservative Fund	\$0.0023	1.45	6.37	7.39	5.45	5.40
Sandhurst Balanced Fund	\$0.0031	2.09	9.96	9.83	7.14	5.72
Sandhurst Growth Fund	\$0.0032	2.70	13.81	12.34	8.77	6.41

# An example of how your investment grows

#### Growth of \$10,0001

(Based on historic Fund performance over 5 years)



### **Fund facts**

Fund inception date	7 June 2002		
Distribution frequency	Half yearly		
Sandhurst Conservative Fund			
Fund APIR Code	STL0008AU		
Return objective	CPI + 1.5%		
Recommended investment timeframe	3 years +		
Risk level	Low to medium		
Management costs <sup>2</sup>	1.550% p.a.		
Buy / Sell Spread <sup>2</sup>	+0.13%/-0.15%		
Sandhurst Balanced Fund			
Fund APIR Code	STL0009AU		
Return objective	CPI + 2.5%		
Recommended investment timeframe	4 years +		
Risk level	Medium		
Management costs <sup>2</sup>	1.569% p.a.		
Buy / Sell Spread <sup>2</sup>	+0.14%/-0.15%		
Sandhurst Growth Fund			
Fund APIR Code	STL00010AU		
Return objective	CPI + 3.5%		
Recommended investment timeframe	5 years +		
Risk level	Medium to high		
Management costs <sup>2</sup>	1.586% p.a.		
Buy / Sell Spread <sup>2</sup>	+0.15%/-0.15%		

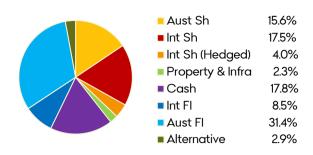
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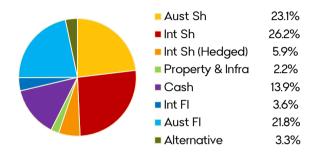
Unit prices	Application	Withdrawal	
as at 31 December 2021	price	price	
Sandhurst Conservative Fund	\$1.03783	\$1.03493	
Sandhurst Balanced Fund	\$1.13842	\$1.13512	
Sandhurst Growth Fund	\$1.12501	\$1.12164	

#### Asset allocation

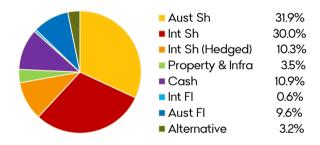
#### Sandhurst Conservative Fund



#### **Sandhurst Balanced Fund**



#### Sandhurst Growth Fund



# Performance commentary

All three risk profiles outperformed their respective Morningstar peer groups over the quarter. This was attributable to the Funds' underweight exposure to rate sensitive assets and overweight to inflation linked bonds. An overweight to the growth side of the ledger also benefitted returns as currency hedged global developed equities returned 7.9% over the period. Detracting from returns was a slight overweight to Emerging market equities. Active management was mixed. T. Rowe detracted due to poor stock selection in the technology and consumer discretionary sectors. However, Ausbil performed strongly over the quarter, as the manager benefitted from a rise in commodity prices. Overall, we believe the Funds are well diversified, with a balance of growth opportunities in emerging markets, global technology and Australian small cap stocks, as well as inflation protection through holdings in gold, natural resources, and inflation linked bonds.

# **Economic commentary**

The final quarter of calendar year 2021 was eventful with positive equity performance masking some of the volatility experienced during the period. Global developed world equities returned 7.9% on a currency hedged basis while Australian shares appreciated 2.2% over the same period. Conversely, Emerging market shares were lower by 1.9% and investment grade fixed income investments (represented by 50/50 weighted AusBond composite and global aggregated bond index) returned -0.7% in the December quarter. Uncertainty around the Omicron variant and Central Banks shift in focus on the early withdrawal of monetary policy support were the main drivers of volatility during the quarter.

The potential of a new coronavirus variant and faster than expected tightening of monetary policy had markets questioning the trajectory of economic growth and inflation. Interest rate sensitive investments such as growth shares trading at higher valuations were subject to greater volatility yet still managed to end the quarter in positive territory.

In Australia, the economy is recovering from the Delta variant lockdowns. Coinciding with the easing of restrictions in the Eastern states, economic data prints improved towards the end of the December quarter in a positive sign for growth. Inflation has increased but at a lower pace relative to other parts of the developed world which is positive for price stability. However, Australian CPI continues to be impacted by supply disruptions and higher energy prices which have persisted longer than first expected. The RBA will be closely monitoring developments and is expected to consider revising its bond purchasing program as conditions improve while maintaining the cash rate until inflation is sustainably within the 2-3% target range.

#### Footnotes

- 1. Fund performance figures are calculated before tax and after fees and costs; using withdrawal prices and assumes distributions are reinvested. Past performance is not an indication of future performance. Funds start date 7 June 2002.
- 2. Management costs are based on costs incurred by the Fund in the past financial year and may be different in the current and future financial years. Other fees and costs may apply. See the Product Disclosure Statement for full details.

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