

Bendigo Socially Responsible Growth Fund

Monthly fund update - August 2020

Investment objective and return

The Fund has been designed to invest via a selection of high quality investment managers that specialise in managing specific asset classes which incorporate socially responsible investment elements into the overall investment philosophy. We target that at a minimum, 75% of the Fund will be allocated to investment managers who incorporate applying a range of socially responsible investment selection criteria, including environmental, social, ethical and governance (ESG) considerations.

ESG considerations are primarily applied to listed shares (both Australian and International) and fixed interest. The investment portfolio is constructed in a manner that Sandhurst believes will meet the investment return objective of a return after fees in excess of 4% above inflation over a full market cycle (typically 7 to 10 years). Inflation is measured by the Australian Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.



RIAA Certification

The Fund has been certified by the Responsible Investment Association of Australasia (RIAA) according to the strict disclosure practices required under the Responsible Investment Certification Program²

For more information about the RIAA Certification program please visit www.responsibleinvestment.org

Fund performance¹

as at 31 August 2020

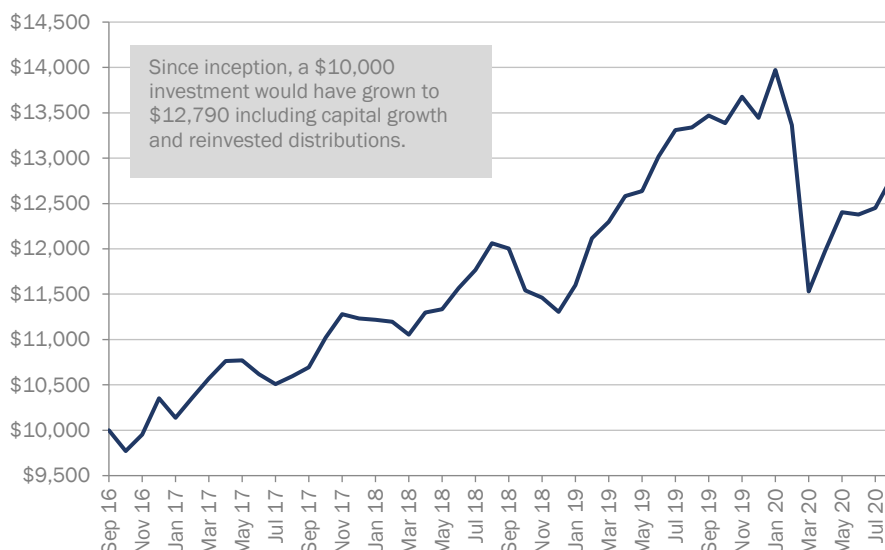
Fund return

3 months %	3.13
6 months %	-4.28
1 year %	-4.12
3 years %p.a.	6.48
Since inception %p.a.	6.49
Morningstar Rating™ Overall³	33 / 208
Morningstar Category Rank - 3 year³	★★★★

An example of how your investment grows

Growth of \$10,000¹

(Based on historic Fund performance since inception)



Fund facts

Fund APIR code	STL0055AU
Fund inception date	20 September 2016
Distribution frequency	Half yearly
Management costs ⁴	0.99% p.a.
Buy / Sell spread ⁴	+0.10% / -0.12%
Investment return objective	CPI + 4%
Minimum investment / minimum balance	\$5,000
Recommended investment timeframe	5 years +
Risk level	Medium to high

Unit price

as at 31 August 2020

Application price	\$1.00709
Withdrawal price	\$1.00487




















Distribution details (cents per unit)

31 Dec 2019	\$0.00900
30 Jun 2020	\$0.03738

Benefits of investing

- ▶ a responsible investment focus;
- ▶ a diversified solution investing across a range of asset classes including equity and fixed interest;
- ▶ access to leading professional and specialist investment managers;
- ▶ an investment that aims for long term capital growth with moderate income.

Asset allocation

	Weight %	Weight % Δ /mth		Key
 Russell Australia RI ETF*	31.8%	0.7%		 Australian Shares
 AXA IM SmartBeta ESG Global Equity*	34.4%	-1.3%		 International Shares (Unhedged)
 Pental Property Securities Fund*	7.1%	0.2%		 Property and Infrastructure (Australian)
 Altius Sustainable Bond Fund*	6.6%	-0.3%		 Australian Fixed Interest
 Vanguard Australian Inflation-Linked Bond Index Fund	5.4%	-0.3%		
 Vanguard Government Bond	6.9%	-0.4%		
 Sandhurst Strategic Income Fund^	7.8%	1.4%		 Cash
Total	100.0%			

* These funds incorporate ESG considerations.

^ Includes small amounts of cash that are held in Bendigo Bank operating accounts.

Top 10 holdings of ESG investment managers ⁵

Portfolio	Weight %
Australian Government Inflation Linked Bond	5.7%
Australian Government Bond	4.9%
Commonwealth Bank	3.1%
Australian Sovereign Bonds	2.3%
Australian Unity Green Bond	2.1%
CSL Ltd	2.0%
Westpac Banking Group	1.6%
Goodman Group	1.6%
ANZ Banking Group	1.4%
National Australia Bank	1.4%

Make the most of your investment

► The power of compounding

Compounding can be a powerful tool in wealth creation. Reinvesting distributions can be one of the easiest and cheapest ways to increase your holdings over time. You're compounding your investment's growth by continually adding more units which, in turn, will generate distributions of their own.

Why not reinvest your half yearly distributions?

► The benefits of making it regular

Making regular contributions to your investment can both grow your investment and smooth the effects of market highs and lows.

Why not add a Regular Savings Plan to your investment? Establish one from as little as \$50 per month.

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Portfolio Performance

The Fund outperformed the peer group median over the month. Aiding performance was positions in listed global sharemarkets which rose as investors gained more confidence on the economic recovery. Detracting from performance was positions in inflation linked bonds, in which gave back a some of the strong performance this exposure has delivered since March.

Economic commentary

Global equity markets moved higher over the month of August as broadly declining global Coronavirus cases and supportive monetary policy from the US Federal Reserve boosted risk appetite. Whilst markets face uncertainty regarding the upcoming US election, increased tensions with China and the continual threat of the virus, momentum continues to be positive for risk assets.

In Australia, August is a busy time for corporate earnings updates and while companies are generally careful to guide markets ahead of results, it is interesting to see the trends cemented in the updates. Overall, the conditions since the Coronavirus outbreak has divided many stocks, with consumer related companies such as JB Hi-Fi, Kogan, Afterpay and Bunnings Warehouse enjoying the fiscal stimulus, super withdrawals and mortgage deferrals. While travel companies, for example Qantas, Corporate Travel Management and Flight Centre face the opposite fate. Australian banks have been on the wrong side of the ledger with low interest rates eating profit margins as well as rising bad debts and constrained private credit growth. Within listed property, retail trusts such as Scentre Group have seen their price fall by over 40% for the calendar year to August, while industrial property has proven favourable in which Goodman Group is up close to 35% over this same period.

The other interesting dynamic is the current surge in US housing despite the pandemic, where a combination of improved affordability through interest rate declines, a general lack of supply and movement out of major city centres are impacting on the positive price side. This dynamic is playing out in homebuilder companies, with Australian listed building materials company James Hardie experiencing good growth. Australian mining companies have also been benefiting, with commodity prices lifting on the back of government construction programs aimed at stimulating ailing economies.

Whilst conditions have favoured some and not others, looking forward the prices of the beneficiaries reflect this reality. For active managers the easy money appears to be behind them, with the next movements in equity markets highly dependent on monetary and fiscal action. Governments so far have put aside fears of large deficits, putting to the test as to whether government deficits do not actually matter, as a rising voice of monetary theorists claim.

Footnotes

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3. Bendigo Socially Responsible Growth Fund received a 4-Star Overall Morningstar Rating™ out of 208 Multisector Growth funds as of 31 August 2020 and a 4-Star Three year rating out of 208 Multisector Growth funds as of 31 August 2020.

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4. Other fees and costs may apply. See the Product Disclosure Statement for full details.
5. The top 10 holdings outlined above are a representation of the largest indirect exposures of the Bendigo Socially Responsible Growth Fund as at 30 June 2020 which may change from time to time. The information has been calculated by Sandhurst based on the cumulative weighted average of each security held by the underlying managers within the Fund. Only indirect exposures greater than 1.4% are included in the above table; investors will have additional exposure to other assets not represented.

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