# Bendigo Socially Responsible Growth Fund

# SandhurstTrustees

## Monthly fund update - January 2022

#### Investment objective and return

The Fund invests via a selection of expert asset managers that specialise in managing specific asset classes and which take into account environmental, social, ethical and governance (ESG) considerations in their asset selection. The Fund targets a minimum level of 75% of the total assets of the Fund being managed by asset managers that take into account ESG considerations in their investment decisions. The Fund has an objective of entirely excluding investments in companies that manufacture tobacco or tobacco-related products and controversial weapons. Controversial weapons include anti-personnel landmines, cluster munitions, chemical, biological and nuclear weapons. Other activities Sandhurst monitors and aims to reduce are adult entertainment, alcohol, gambling, animal testing and companies with high event controversy.

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).



### **RIAA** Certification

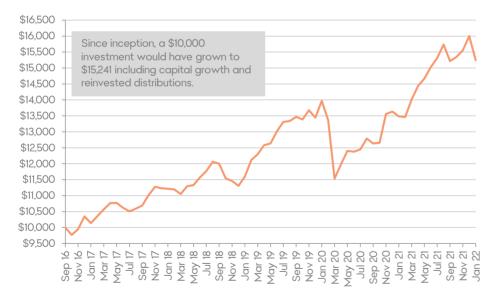
The Fund has been certified by the Responsible Investment Association of Australasia (RIAA) according to the strict disclosure practices required under the Responsible Investment Certification Program<sup>2</sup>

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## An example of how your investment grows

#### Growth of \$10,0001

(Based on historic Fund performance since inception)



### 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 asset managers;
- ▶ an investment that aims for long term capital growth with moderate income.

## Fund performance<sup>1</sup>

as at 31 January 2022	Fund return
3 months %	-0.67
6 months %	-0.46
1 year %	13.03
3 years %p.a.	9.53
Since inception %p.a.	8.22
Morningstar Rating <sup>TM</sup> Overall <sup>3</sup>	34/ 187
<b>Morningstar Category Rank</b> - 3 year <sup>3</sup>	****

## Fund facts

Fund APIR code	STL0055AU
Fund inception date	20 September 2016
Distribution frequency	Half yearly
Management costs <sup>4</sup>	1.00% p.a.
Buy / Sell spread <sup>4</sup>	+0.15% / -0.15%
Investment return objective	CPI + 4%
Minimum investment / minimum balance	\$5,000
Recommended investment timeframe	5 years +
Risk level	Medium to high

### Unit price

\$1.15083
\$1.14738

#### Distribution details (cents per unit)

30 Jun 2021	\$0.03692
31 Dec 2021	\$0.00850

Asset allocation	Weight %	Weight %∆/mth		Key	
VanEck MSCI Australian Sustainable Equity ETF*	30.1%	-2.7%	•		Australian Shares
AXA IM SmartBeta ESG Global Equity*	32.9%	0.6%			
Altius Sustainable Bond Fund*	6.5%	0.2%	1		International Shares (Unhedged)
Vanguard Australian Inflation-Linked Bond Index Fund	5.3%	0.1%	1		Australian Fixed Interest
Vanguard Government Bond	4.4%	0.1%	1		
Australian Unity Future of Healthcare Fund	3.8%	-0.1%	Ψ		Alternatives
Sandhurst Strategic Income Fund^	17.0%	1.8%	1		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 asset managers <sup>5</sup>

Portfolio	Weight %
Australia Government Inflation Linked Bonds	6.2%
Australia Government Bonds	3.5%
CSL Ltd	2.1%
Australia & New Zealand Banking Group	2.0%
Telstra Corp Ltd	1.9%
Goodman Group	1.9%
Transurban Group	1.8%
Afterpay Ltd	1.3%
Apple Inc	1.2%
Fortescue Metals Group Ltd	1.2%

## 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 underperformed the peer group benchmark over the month. Behind the underperformance was the lack of exposure to energy, commodities and financials in which these sectors largely outperformed the broader market over the month. Given higher than expected inflation, this has led to upward movements in bond yields with the market rewarding inflation hedges such as the sectors discussed. The Fund benefited from an underweight exposure to fixed income, in which rising interest rates hurt this market.

## Economic commentary

Global sharemarkets sold off over the month of January as higher than expected inflation led to the markets realisation that easy monetary policy is behind us. The Australian sharemarket as per the S&P ASX 300 fell by 6.5%, while global shares (MSCI World ex-Australia hedged) fell by 5.1%. Whilst returns where negative overall, pockets such as energy and financials gained in value, while interest rate sensitive investments such as Australian listed property fell 9.5% (S&P ASX200 A-REIT index).

Within fixed income, the Bloomberg Ausbond Index fell 1.02%, while the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate returned -1.6%. Market losses relate to the changing expectation for inflation, in which the confidence in central banks transitory tag line began to dissipate in the face of stickier than expected inflation. Within the US, a declining employment participation, combined with goods demand stoked by government fiscal support, has led to a very strong employment market. Pressure on wages grew over the period, giving the greenlight for the Federal Reserve to provide guidance on the withdrawal of quantitative easing and the gradual increase in cash rates over the year ahead. With higher interest rates came a sharemarket rotation away from companies with higher growth and more speculative profits, towards the larger more liquid companies with proven earnings streams.

Overall the Funds have benefited from underweight positions in interest rate sensitive investments such as fixed government bonds and property with preference for cash, credit and Australian inflation linked bond positions. On the growth side, managers on aggregate underperformed given their larger weightings away from the more liquid stable earnings companies. These dynamics have led to outperformance from the more defensive risk profile funds and lower relative returns in the Funds with higher growth proportions over the six month period.

#### 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.
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Bendigo Socially Responsible Growth Fund received a 4-Star Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> out of 187 Multisector Growth funds as of 31 January 2022. In the Morningstar Multisector Growth Category, the Bendigo Socially Responsible Growth Fund 3 year return was ranked 34 out of 187 funds as of 31 January 2022. 'Morningstar Category Rank' is the Fund's performance rank relative to all funds in the same Morningstar Category. Investments are placed into Morningstar Categories based on their compositions and portfolio statistics so that investors can make meaningful comparisons. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/41513

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- 4. 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.
- 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 September 2021 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.

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