## Monthly fund update - February 2021

## Investment approach

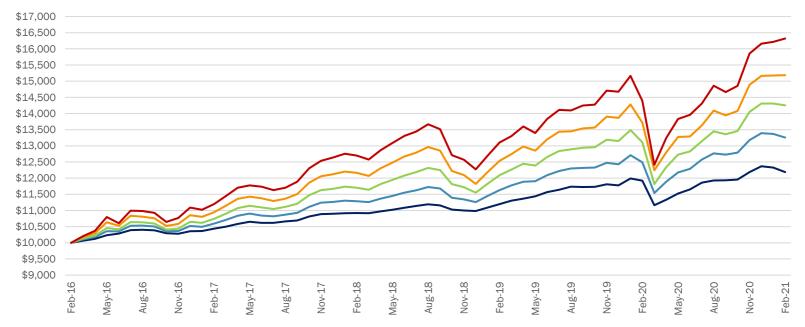
Each Fund invests via a selection of expert asset managers that specialise in managing specific asset classes. Sandhurst will invest the Fund's assets across a variety of asset classes. Together through the selection of expert asset managers and the asset allocation, Sandhurst will seek to meet or exceed 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).

Fund performance <sup>1</sup> as at 28 February 2021	Morningstar Rating <sup>™</sup> Overall <sup>2</sup>	Morningstar Category Rank 5 Year <sup>2</sup>	3 months %	1 year %	3 years %p.a.	5 years %p.a.	Fund size \$m
Bendigo Defensive Wholesale Fund Peer Comparison	****	4 / 24	<b>0.00</b> -1.15	<b>2.21</b> 0.36	3.72 2.91	<b>4.03</b> 3.25	\$36.75
Bendigo Conservative Wholesale Fund Peer Comparison	****	7 / 120	0.61 -0.22	6.13 1.83	5.51 3.67	5.80 4.20	\$159.60
Bendigo Balanced Wholesale Fund Peer Comparison	****	12/116	<b>1.42</b> 0.94	<b>8.72</b> 4.17	6.78 4.83	7.34 6.00	\$196.15
Bendigo Growth Wholesale Fund Peer Comparison	****	17 / 197	2.01 1.61	<b>10.69</b> 5.52	7.68 5.60	<b>8.71</b> 7.29	\$80.63
Bendigo High Growth Wholesale Fund Peer Comparison	****	26/123	<b>2.94</b> 2.92	<b>13.39</b> 7.85	<b>8.73</b> 6.73	<b>10.29</b> 9.27	\$43.64

## An example of how your investment grows

### Growth of \$10,000 over 5 years<sup>1</sup>

(Based on historic Fund performance over 5 years)

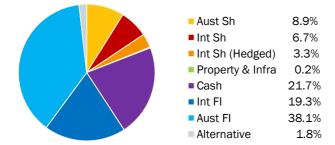


Fund Facts	APIR Code	Fund inception date	Distribution frequency	Return objective	Recommended investment timeframe	Risk level	Management costs <sup>3</sup>	Buy / Sell spread <sup>3</sup>
Bendigo Defensive Wholesale Fund	STL0029AU	30 Sept 2011	Half yearly	CPI + 1.5%	2 years +	Low	0.600% p.a.	+0.12%/-0.15%
Bendigo Conservative Wholesale Fund	STL0012AU	6 June 2002	Half yearly	CPI + 2%	3 years +	Low to medium	0.834% p.a.	+0.15%/-0.17%
Bendigo Balanced Wholesale Fund	STL0013AU	6 June 2002	Half yearly	CPI + 3%	4 years +	Medium	0.962% p.a.	+0.17%/-0.17%
Bendigo Growth Wholesale Fund	STL0014AU	6 June 2002	Half yearly	CPI + 4%	5 years +	Medium to high	1.089% p.a.	+0.20%/-0.20%
Bendigo High Growth Wholesale Fund	STL0030AU	30 Sept 2011	Half yearly	CPI + 5%	7 years +	High	1.280% p.a.	+0.23%/-0.23%

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## Asset allocation

#### Bendigo Defensive Wholesale Fund



17.8%

11.0%

8.9%

0.4%

17.6%

10.7%

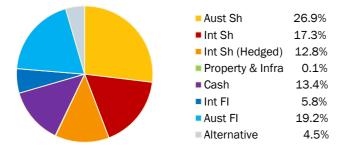
29.5%

4.1%

#### Bendigo Conservative Wholesale Fund

Aust Sh
Int Sh
Int Sh (Hedged)
Property & Infra
Cash
Int FI
Aust Fl
Alternative
<ul><li>Cash</li><li>Int FI</li><li>Aust FI</li></ul>

#### **Bendigo Balanced Wholesale Fund**



#### **Bendigo Growth Wholesale Fund**

Aust Sh	37.2%
Int Sh	21.3%
Int Sh (Hedged)	16.2%
Property & Infra	0.8%
Cash	11.5%
Int Fl	0.7%
Aust FI	7.6%
Alternative	4.7%

#### Bendigo High Growth Wholesale Fund

Aust Sh	39.9%
Int Sh	23.2%
Int Sh (Hedged)	21.6%
Property & Infra	0.4%
Cash	12.0%
Int FI	0.0%
Aust FI	0.0%
Alternative	2.9%

Unit prices as at 28 February 2021	Application price	Withdrawal price
Bendigo Defensive Wholesale Fund	\$1.11898	\$1.11597
Bendigo Conservative Wholesale Fund	\$1.12649	\$1.12289
Bendigo Balanced Wholesale Fund	\$1.08551	\$1.08183
Bendigo Growth Wholesale Fund	\$1.04339	\$1.03922
Bendigo High Growth Wholesale Fund	\$1.47008	\$1.46334

## Make the most of your investment

# You need \$50,000 to start an investment in one of our Bendigo Managed Wholesale Funds

► 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.

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▶ The benefits of making it regular

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## Performance commentary

Returns for the month of February were mixed across the risk profiles as bond yields started to rise following the roll out of vaccines and proposed additional fiscal stimulus. The rise of bond yields affected most major asset classes negatively, but the degree of underperformance was exacerbated in assets such as bonds and pockets of overvalued growth equities. Active management contribution was mixed, Bennelong posted another strong quarter, but other Australian equity managers lagged the benchmark due to lower exposures to commodity stocks which have been beneficiaries of fiscal spending around the globe in response to the pandemic. Global equity managers fared better than the benchmark adding value to the funds. The team have the funds well placed to defend against rising inflation expectations with a recently introduced exposure to commodity stocks coupled with existing exposures to gold and value stocks. However, diversification is key given the recovery will likely be bumpy and as a result the funds also have exposures that will benefit from inflation failing to rise such as technology stocks and fixed nominal bonds.

## **Economic commentary**

Risk assets ended the period in positive territory but softened as bond yields rose in response to higher inflation expectations and an improved economic growth outlook. Additional large fiscal stimulus from the US coupled with the mass roll out of vaccinations across the globe underpin the rise in expectations. The Nasdaq, dominated by growth technology stocks, suffered the worst response to the rise in inflation expectations and increased optimism around the outlook for economies reopening. Technology stocks benefitted most from shutdowns, so this tailwind normalising has some investors questioning the valuation gap between growth and value orientated sectors which would benefit greatly from reopening and a reduction in the output gap.

Evidence of a large fiscal stimulus program improving economic growth came in the Australian December quarter GDP print. Following the first recession recorded in over 30 years, economic growth expanded 3.1% following a 3.4% rise in the September quarter. It represents the first time in 60 years that Australia has recorded more than 3% growth in 2 consecutive quarters. A V-shape recovery appears to be taking place in Australia with year-on-year GDP only 1.1% below December 2019 figures. An outstanding outcome when one reflects on the measures taken during 2020 to curb the spread of infections.

Looking forward, fiscal and monetary policy must remain loose to support economies. Also, it will be important for the distribution of vaccines to continue smoothly to ensure the world returns to economic growth. Australia still requires gains in employment to return to full employment and maintain inflation within the RBA's target range, however, progress has been made towards this goal since the height of the lockdowns.

#### 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.

2. Morningstar rates managed funds from one to five stars based on how well they've performed (after adjusting for risk) in comparison to similar funds. Within each Morningstar Category, the top 10% of funds receive five stars, the next 22.5% four stars, the middle 35% three stars, the next 22.5% two stars, and the bottom 10% receive one star. Funds are rated for up to three time periods - three, five, and 10 years - and these ratings are combined to produce an overall rating. Funds with less than three years of history are not rated. Ratings are objective, based entirely on a mathematical evaluation of past performance. They're a useful tool for identifying funds worthy of further research, but shouldn't be considered buy or sell recommendations.

Bendigo Defensive Wholesale Fund received a 4-Star Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> out of 24 Multisector Conservative funds as of 28 February 2021. In the Morningstar Multisector Conservative Category, the Bendigo Defensive Wholesale Fund 5 year return was ranked 4 out of 24 funds as of 28 February 2021. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/19293

Bendigo Conservative Wholesale Fund received a 5-Star Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> out of 125 Multisector Moderate funds as of 28 February 2021. In the Morningstar Multisector Moderate Category, the Bendigo Conservative Wholesale Fund 5 year return was ranked 7 out of 120 funds as of 28 February 2021. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/13196

Bendigo Balanced Wholesale Fund received a 5-Star Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> out of 125 Multisector Balanced funds as of 28 February 2021. In the Morningstar Multisector Balanced Category, the Bendigo Balanced Wholesale Fund 5 year return was ranked 12 out of 116 funds as of 28 February 2021. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/13195

Bendigo Growth Wholesale Fund received a 5-Star Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> out of 204 Multisector Growth funds as of 28 February 2021. In the Morningstar Multisector Growth Category, the Bendigo Growth Wholesale Fund 5 year return was ranked 17 out of 197 funds as of 28 February 2021. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/13197 Bendigo High Growth Wholesale Fund received a 4-Star Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> out of 133 Multisector Aggressive funds as of 28 February 2021. In the Morningstar Multisector Aggressive funds as of 28 February 2021. In the Morningstar Multisector Aggressive funds as of 28 February 2021. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/Funds and 5 year return was ranked 26 out of 123 funds as of 28 February 2021. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundS/Fund

'Peer Comparison' performance refers to the performance of the relevant 'Morningstar Category' for the stated period. Investments are placed into Morningstar Categories based on their compositions and portfolio statistics so that investors can make meaningful comparisons. 'Morningstar Category Rank' is the Fund's performance rank relative to all funds in the same Morningstar Category.

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3. 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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