# **Bendigo Managed Wholesale Funds** Index Funds



## Monthly fund update - August 2021

## Investment approach

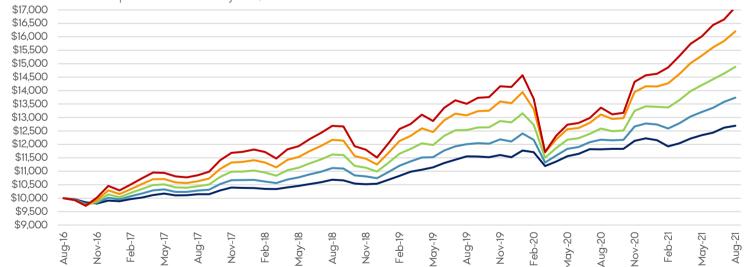
Each Fund invests via expert asset managers that specialise in index strategies that seek to track the performance of selected benchmarks as well as alternative assets and cash. Alternative assets and cash may or may not invest in index strategies. Sandhurst will invest each Fund's assets across a variety of asset classes in a manner that we believe 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 August 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 Index Fund Peer Comparison	****	2 / 21	<b>2.84</b> 2.00	<b>7.45</b> 5.42	5.90 3.76	<b>4.89</b> 3.29	\$114.39
Bendigo Conservative Index Fund Peer Comparison	****	2 / 105	<b>4.05</b> 2.91	12.83 9.13	7.29 4.88	6.56 <i>4.49</i>	\$489.02
Bendigo Balanced Index Fund Peer Comparison	****	7 / 111	4.81 4.06	<b>18.20</b> <i>15.31</i>	8.60 6.66	8.28 6.50	\$522.13
Bendigo Growth Index Fund Peer Comparison	****	6 / 169	<b>5.90</b> 5.34	23.59 20.54	10.02 7.93	10.13 8.12	\$423.05
Bendigo High Growth Index Fund Peer Comparison	****	24 / 119	<b>6.84</b> 6.62	<b>27.97</b> 26.83	<b>10.47</b> 9.58	<b>11.34</b> 10.33	\$85.10

## 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)

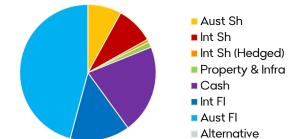


Fund Facts	APIR Code	Fund inception date	Distribution frequency	Return objective	Recommended investment timeframe	Risk level	Management costs <sup>3</sup>	Buy / Sell spread <sup>3</sup>
Bendigo Defensive Index Fund	STL0031AU	30 Sept 2011	Half yearly	CPI + 1.5%	2 years +	Low	0.390% p.a.	+0.09%/-0.12%
Bendigo Conservative Index Fund	STL0032AU	30 Sept 2011	Half yearly	CPI + 2%	3 years +	Low to medium	0.410% p.a.	+0.10%/-0.10%
Bendigo Balanced Index Fund	STL0033AU	30 Sept 2011	Half yearly	CPI + 3%	4 years +	Medium	0.430% p.a.	+0.10%/-0.10%
Bendigo Growth Index Fund	STL0034AU	30 Sept 2011	Half yearly	CPI + 4%	5 years +	Medium to high	0.450% p.a.	+0.10%/-0.10%
Bendigo High Growth Index Fund	STL0035AU	30 Sept 2011	Half yearly	CPI + 5%	7 years +	High	0.460% p.a.	+0.10%/-0.10%
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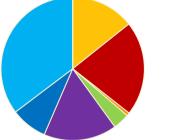
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### Asset allocation

#### **Bendigo Defensive Index Fund**



#### **Bendigo Conservative Index Fund**



Aust Sh	14.3%
Int Sh	21.3%
Int Sh (Hedged)	0.7%
Property & Infra	3.7%
Cash	16.5%
Int FI	8.2%
Aust Fl	35.3%
Alternative	0.0%

8.0% 8.9%

0.7%

1.3%

21.1%

14.2%

45.8%

0.0%

#### **Bendigo Balanced Index Fund**

	Aust Sh	21.5%
	Int Sh	31.4%
	Int Sh (Hedged)	2.5%
	Property & Infra	2.8%
	Cash	14.2%
	Int Fl	3.0%
	Aust Fl	24.6%
	Alternative	0.0%
	<ul><li>Cash</li><li>Int FI</li><li>Aust FI</li></ul>	14.2% 3.0% 24.6%

#### **Bendigo Growth Index Fund**

	<ul> <li>Aust Sh</li> <li>Int Sh</li> <li>Int Sh (Hedged)</li> <li>Property &amp; Infra</li> <li>Cash</li> <li>Int FI</li> <li>Aust FI</li> </ul>	30.7% 35.2% 7.6% 3.0% 12.5% 0.7% 10.3%
<	Aust Fl	10.3%
	Alternative	0.0%

#### **Bendigo High Growth Index Fund**

<ul> <li>Aust Sh</li> <li>Int Sh</li> <li>Int Sh (Hedged)</li> <li>Property &amp; Infra</li> <li>Cash</li> <li>Int FI</li> <li>Aust FI</li> <li>Alternative</li> </ul>	34.2% 42.4% 11.3% 1.8% 10.3% 0.0% 0.0%
Alternative	0.0%

Unit prices	Application	Withdrawal	
as at 31 August 2021	price	price	
Bendigo Defensive Index Fund	\$1.17859	\$1.17611	
Bendigo Conservative Index Fund	\$1.35759	\$1.35488	
Bendigo Balanced Index Fund	\$1.53503	\$1.53196	
Bendigo Growth Index Fund	\$1.77406	\$1.77051	
Bendigo High Growth Index Fund	\$1.85354	\$1.84984	

## 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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## Performance commentary

All Bendigo Index Funds outperformed the Morningstar peer group over the month. Contributing to returns was the Funds bias to growth assets over defensive, in which equity markets on aggregate performed strongly, particularly high growing companies such as technology stocks.

Detracting from relative performance was the Funds' overweight exposure to emerging markets and inflation linked bonds. Emerging markets have trailed developed world equities significantly since March of this year. The divergence largely relates to China holdings in which Chinese equities have been negatively impacted by the Chinese government intervention in capital markets and further the appreciation of the USD which is a negative drag on emerging market economies.

## Economic commentary

Over the month of August, global equity markets on aggregate rose. Since April markets have second guessed economic growth and inflation expectations, factoring in a reduced growth outlook. Monetary support continues and over the past three months we have seen impressive price appreciation in high growing companies such as technology stocks. Bond yields and the Australian dollar followed growth expectations lower, providing good returns in fixed income markets. Inflation expectations have followed bond yields lower, but not at the same rate, which suggests the market expects supply inflationary pressures to persist, given covid trade bottlenecks.

Central banks globally have provided guidance in reducing aggressive bond purchase programs, in which the result of these artificially pushes interest rates across all maturities lower. However, neither the Australian Reserve Bank nor the United States Federal Reserve have committed to cash interest rate rises, with communication reflecting their belief that inflationary pressures are mostly transitory.

Within Australia, August provides insight into the health of Australian corporates, with earnings season in full swing. As expected, Australian miners took centre stage, producing spectacular outsized earnings given high commodity prices reflected in a revenue jump, while ongoing cost out programs initiated over the past five years, reflected in bottom line earnings. Bank stocks also reported fantastic earnings growth given the high demand for new loans and reduced credit expenses.

#### 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 Index Fund received a 5-Star Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>TM</sup> out of 21 Multisector Conservative funds as of 31 August 2021. In the Morningstar Multisector Conservative Category, the Bendigo Defensive Index Fund 5 year return was ranked 2 out of 21 funds as of 31 August 2021. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/19288

Bendigo Conservative Index Fund received a 5-Star Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> out of 108 Multisector Moderate funds as of 31 August 2021. In the Morningstar Multisector Moderate Category, the Bendigo Conservative Index Fund 5 year return was ranked 2 out of 105 funds as of 31 August 2021. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/19289

Bendigo Balanced Index Fund received a 5-Star Overall Morningstar Rating™ out of 120 Multisector Balanced funds as of 31 August 2021. In the Morningstar Multisector Balanced Category, the Bendigo Balanced Index Fund 5 year return was ranked 7 out of 111 funds as of 31 August 2021. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/19290

Bendigo Growth Index Fund received a 5-Star Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> out of 174 Multisector Growth funds as of 31 August 2021. In the Morningstar Multisector Growth Category, the Bendigo Growth Index Fund 5 year return was ranked 6 out of 169 funds as of 31 August 2021. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/19291

Bendigo High Growth Index Fund received a 4-Star Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>TM</sup> out of 124 Multisector Aggressive funds as of 31 August 2021. In the Morningstar Multisector Aggressive Category, the Bendigo High Growth Index Fund 5 year return was ranked 24 out of 119 funds as of 31 August 2021. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/19292

'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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