# Monthly fund update - November 2020

## Investment approach

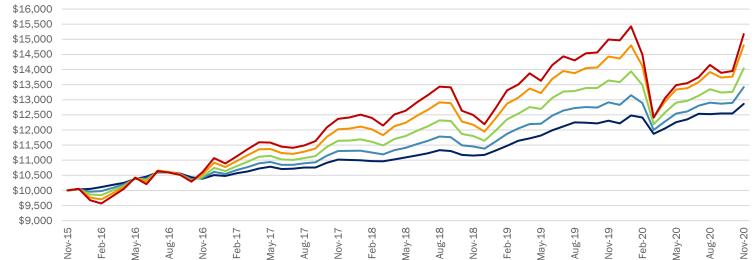
Each Fund invests via a selection of index funds that seek to track the performance of selected benchmarks for each asset class. Each Fund's investment portfolio is constructed in a manner that Sandhurst believes will meet the investment return objective of each Fund. Each Fund aims to provide a total 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 30 November 2020	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	****	1/24	<b>2.70</b> 2.04	4.53 1.63	<b>5.29</b> 3.25	5.16 3.54	\$115.53
Bendigo Conservative Index Fund Peer Comparison	*****	5/120	4.00 2.97	3.89 1.80	<b>5.88</b> 3.75	6.05 4.13	\$473.92
Bendigo Balanced Index Fund Peer Comparison	****	7 / 116	5.20 4.46	<b>2.93</b> 1.34	<b>6.44</b> 4.50	<b>7.02</b> 5.36	\$491.36
Bendigo Growth Index Fund Peer Comparison	****	9/198	<b>6.39</b> 5.64	<b>2.59</b> 1.15	7.19 5.13	8.16 6.26	\$362.81
Bendigo High Growth Index Fund Peer Comparison	****	14 / 123	<b>7.18</b> 6.70	<b>1.18</b> 0.25	<b>7.04</b> 5.56	8.69 7.19	\$71.18

# An example of how your investment grows

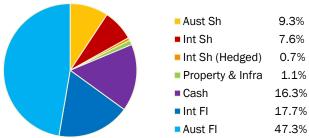
#### Growth of \$10,000 over 5 years<sup>1</sup>

(Based on historic Fund performance over 5 years)

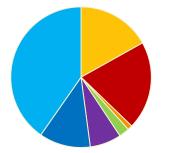


Fund Facts	APIR Code	Fund inception date	Distribution frequency	Return objective	Recommended investment timeframe	Risk level	Management costs <sup>3</sup>	Buy / Sell spread <sup>3</sup>
Bendigo Defensive Index Fund	STL0031AU	30 Sept 2011	Half yearly	CPI + 1.5%	2 years +	Low	0.39% p.a.	+0.09%/-0.19%
Bendigo Conservative Index Fund	STL0032AU	30 Sept 2011	Half yearly	CPI + 2%	3 years +	Low to medium	0.41% p.a.	+0.08%/-0.13%
Bendigo Balanced Index Fund	STL0033AU	30 Sept 2011	Half yearly	CPI + 3%	4 years +	Medium	0.43% p.a.	+0.08%/-0.13%
Bendigo Growth Index Fund	STL0034AU	30 Sept 2011	Half yearly	CPI + 4%	5 years +	Medium to high	0.45% p.a.	+0.08%/-0.13%
Bendigo High Growth Index Fund	STL0035AU	30 Sept 2011	Half yearly	CPI + 5%	7 years +	High	0.46% p.a.	+0.08%/-0.08%

# Asset allocation Bendigo Defensive Index Fund



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

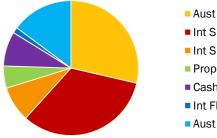


Aust Sh	16.9%
Int Sh	20.3%
Int Sh (Hedged)	1.1%
Property & Infra	2.4%
Cash	7.2%
Int FI	11.8%
Aust Fl	40.3%

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

	Aust Sh	25.1%
	Int Sh	29.3%
	Int Sh (Hedged)	4.1%
	Property & Infra	2.4%
	Cash	6.3%
	Int Fl	4.9%
	Aust FI	27.9%

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



Aust Sh	28.6%
Int Sh	33.1%
Int Sh (Hedged)	8.5%
Property & Infra	5.3%
Cash	8.3%
Int Fl	1.4%
Aust FI	14.8%

#### Bendigo High Growth Index Fund

Aust Sh	31.5%
Int Sh	46.5%
Int Sh (Hedged)	10.2%
Property & Infra	5.8%
Cash	6.0%
Int Fl	0.0%
Aust FI	0.0%

Unit prices	Application	Withdrawal	
as at 30 November 2020	price	price	
Bendigo Defensive Index Fund	\$1.20233	\$1.19897	
Bendigo Conservative Index Fund	\$1.34622	\$1.34340	
Bendigo Balanced Index Fund	\$1.47821	\$1.47510	
Bendigo Growth Index Fund	\$1.64087	\$1.63743	
Bendigo High Growth Index Fund	\$1.67882	\$1.67614	

## Make the most of your investment

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

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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

From both a peer relative and absolute return perspective, performance from the Index suite of Funds was positive in November. Risk assets were strongly positive, as vaccine news helped sentiment. An overweight to risk assets benefitted the Funds, outperforming the peer group over the period. Tilts to Australian and smaller companies within the growth allocation proving beneficial.

Looking forward, we believe the Funds are well positioned with a good mix of alpha seeking strategies through our exposure to emerging markets and small cap equities, and defensive downside protection through US treasuries and currency exposure to the US Dollar and Japanese Yen.

## **Economic commentary**

Risk on investor sentiment characterised the month of November. Risk assets bounced back from a mixed October. The US presidential election held in the first week of November dictated market movements early in the month. US equities ended the month 10.4% higher as investors were buoyed by the split powers in government moderating expectations of sweeping tax reforms which would have had a negative impact on corporate earnings. In Australia, lower infections resulted in easing of restrictions which fuelled a reopening rotation trade. This resulted in many beaten down sectors such as Australian Property recording large gains in the month of November. Australian property measured by the S&P/ASX 300 A-REIT Index appreciated 12.9% while the Australian share index appreciated 10.2% (S&P/ASX 300 Index).

US quarterly corporate earnings also concluded in November. For the quarter, a large majority of companies in the broad US equity index reported positive earnings surprises, and positive revenue surprises. This indicates median analyst expectations for earnings and revenue were beaten for most companies and provides a better than expected backdrop of the health of businesses in the US despite rising infections. However, it should be noted that year over year blended earnings growth for the index was negative, so despite better than expected outcomes, companies have certainly felt the economic impacts of restrictions around the world.

Challenges remain on the horizon, with recent data pointing to an increase in infections around the globe. Positive developments in vaccines are supportive of the recovery and positive news flow of efficacy and safety of vaccine trials continues to keep investors optimistic. The investment team is cognisant of the importance of diversification in portfolios and pragmatic risk management will be required through the various stages of the recovery.

#### 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. Bendigo Defensive Index Fund received a 5-Star Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> out of 24 Multisector Conservative funds as of 30 November 2020 and a 5-Star Five year rating out of 24 Multisector Conservative funds as of 30 November 2020. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/19288

Bendigo Conservative Index Fund received a 5-Star Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> out of 126 Multisector Moderate funds as of 30 November 2020 and a 5-Star Five year rating out of 120 Multisector Moderate funds as of 30 November 2020. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/19289

Bendigo Balanced Index Fund received a 5-Star Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>TM</sup> out of 126 Multisector Balanced funds as of 30 November 2020 and a 5-Star Five year rating out of 116 Multisector Balanced funds as of 30 November 2020. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/19290

Bendigo Growth Index Fund received a 5-Star Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> out of 207 Multisector Growth funds as of 30 November 2020 and a 5-Star Five year rating out of 198 Multisector Growth funds as of 30 November 2020. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/19291

Bendigo High Growth Index Fund received a 4-Star Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>™</sup> out of 136 Multisector Aggressive funds as of 30 November 2020 and a 4-Star Five year rating out of 123 Multisector Aggressive funds as of 30 November 2020. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/19292

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3. Other fees and costs may apply. See the Product Disclosure Statement for full details.

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