# Bendigo Managed Wholesale Funds Index Funds

## Quarterly fund update - June 2024

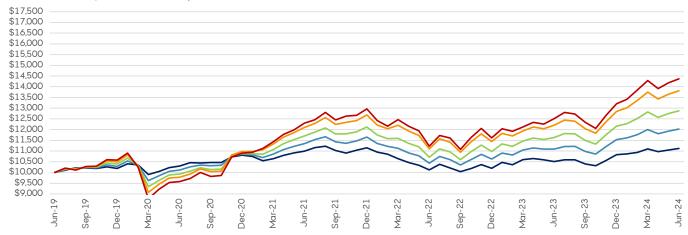
#### Investment approach

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 10 year period, where inflation is measured by the Australian Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Fund performance <sup>1</sup> as at 30 June 2024	Morningstar Rating <sup>TM</sup> Overall <sup>2</sup>	Morningstar Category Rank 5 Year <sup>2</sup>	Distribution (per unit)	3 months %	1 year %	3 years %p.a.	5 years %p.a.	Fund size \$m
Bendigo Defensive Index Fund	***	4 / 13	\$0.0322	0.18	5.75	0.37	2.14	\$55.79
Peer Comparison				0.12	6.26	1.22	2.25	
Bendigo Conservative Index Fund	****	5 / 90	\$0.0610	0.22	8.46	1.95	3.76	\$344.61
Peer Comparison				-0.18	6.38	1.69	2.56	
Bendigo Balanced Index Fund	****	12/94	\$0.0765	0.37	10.68	3.22	5.18	\$394.24
Peer Comparison				-0.39	8.43	3.03	4.31	
Bendigo Growth Index Fund	****	9 / 150	\$0.0707	0.46	13.16	4.50	6.67	\$497.57
Peer Comparison				-0.59	10.19	3.81	5.46	
Bendigo High Growth Index Fund	****	40 / 100	\$0.0825	0.55	14.79	5.31	7.51	\$111.71
Peer Comparison				-0.44	13.59	5.63	7.51	

# 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)

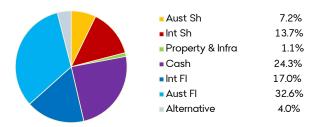


Fund Facts	APIR Code	Fund inception date	Distribution frequency	Return objective	investment timeframe	Risk level	Management fees & costs <sup>3</sup>	Buy / Sell spread <sup>3</sup>
Bendigo Defensive Index Fund	STL0031AU	30 Sept 2011	Half yearly	CPI + 1%	2 years +	Low to medium	0.40% p.a.	+0.10%/-0.10%
Bendigo Conservative Index Fund	STL0032AU	30 Sept 2011	Half yearly	CPI + 2%	3 years+	Medium	0.42% p.a.	+0.09%/-0.09%
Bendigo Balanced Index Fund	STL0033AU	30 Sept 2011	Half yearly	CPI + 3%	4 years +	Medium to high	0.44% p.a.	+0.09%/-0.09%
Bendigo Growth Index Fund	STL0034AU	30 Sept 2011	Half yearly	CPI + 3.5%	5 years+	Medium to high	0.46% p.a.	+0.09%/-0.09%
Bendigo High Growth Index Fund	STL0035AU	30 Sept 2011	Half yearly	CPI + 4%	7 years +	High	0.47% p.a.	+0.09%/-0.09%

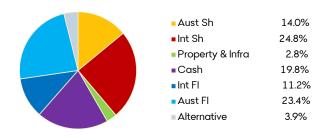
Recommended

# Asset allocation

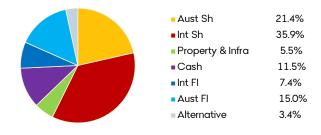
#### **Bendigo Defensive Index Fund**



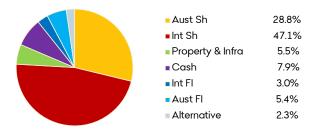
#### **Bendigo Conservative Index Fund**



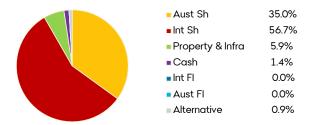
#### **Bendigo Balanced Index Fund**



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



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



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# Unit prices

as at 30 June 2024	price	price
Bendigo Defensive Index Fund	\$1.10756	\$1.10535
Bendigo Conservative Index Fund	\$1.28661	\$1.28430
Bendigo Balanced Index Fund	\$1.45877	\$1.45614
Bendigo Growth Index Fund	\$1.72596	\$1.72286
Bendigo High Growth Index Fund	\$1.77820	\$1.77500

Application Withdrawal

# Quarterly commentary

#### Performance

Returns for the quarter across the Funds were predominately positive, with all risk profiles outperforming the Morningstar peer group. Aiding returns was the Funds exposure to gold and overweight global equities in which these asset classes performed strongly. An important feature of the Bendigo Diversified Funds relative to peers, is the inclusion of a gold exposure under the alternative's asset class. Gold provides great diversification to that of fixed income and equities, in which it covers a range of geopolitical and monetary risks.

#### **Economic**

The past quarter saw global equities continue their march higher with technology shares carrying the load. Global developed world equities returned 3% on a currency hedged basis, while Australian shares fell 1%. Gold was firmer up 4% for the quarter.

Within the US, economic data surprised to the downside, with employment and retail sales pointing to a softness in the economy. The recent weakness has coincided with encouraging inflation data, which is trending back to historical norms. The Federal Reserve held interest rates over the period, in which guidance suggests that the next move is likely to be lower. Markets as of the end June are pricing a better than even chance of a rate cut in September this year.

In Australia, inflation data over the period was a little less supportive, holding stubbornly high, which created a headwind for the equity market. Inflation data within Australia has been heavily influenced by strong migration, which has led to a tightness in the rental market and subsequently high rent inflation. Better than average credit growth, combined with low household savings, and weak building approvals suggests that consumers are extending credit to cover living expenses. On a per capita basis Australia has been in a recession since June 2023, with the growth in population keeping the official GDP measure marginally positive. Given sticky inflation, the cash rate market in Australia are pricing the first cut in July 2025, which is later than the majority of developed world economies.

### Do you have any questions?

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#### Asset positioning commentary

Over the quarter the Funds held relatively tight positions to the neutral asset allocation of the Funds, however within asset classes material tilts have occurred at the sub asset class level. Overall at the end of June our process indicates favourable conditions for equities, however valuations are high, and investors hold above average exposures to risk assets.

#### **Australian Shares**

Over the quarter the Funds held a slight underweight to Australian equities, with a bias to global equities. The Australian sharemarket is dominated by mining companies and banks. Relative to global peers, Australian banks are extremely overpriced, and offer little yield over cash investments.



The outlook for Australian miners is difficult to ascertain, given the high dependence on fiscal policy in China. Australian commodity producers provide good diversification benefits in an overall portfolio given the inflation protection dynamics embedded in commodity prices.

Slightly underweight

#### **International Shares**

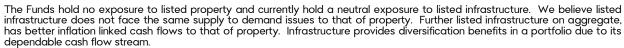
We continue our slight bias to global equities over Australian stocks. Global shares offer greater earnings growth and is dominated by the world's greatest companies, not just Australia's. Over the period we have held an overweight to US and Japanese equities. Japan offers attractive returns given favourable valuations, low debt levels, and stimulatory domestic backdrop driven by falling Japanese Yen favouring Japanese exporters. Further monetary conditions remain stimulatory with interest rates held close to zero.



We currently hold a 50% hedged position on our offshore global equity exposures.

#### **Property & Infrastructure**

A favourable aspect of the Bendigo Funds relative to peers is the absence of unlisted property. Unlisted property faces several headwinds with high valuations, rising interest rates and falling demand for office property is likely to be drawn out drag in portfolios that hold these positions.





#### **Fixed Income**

Overall we have held a neutral weight to fixed income, with material divergences within the fixed income asset class. The Funds have held an underweight to global fixed income, given less favourable currency hedged yields on offer to that of domestic fixed interest. The Funds hold an exposure to Australian Inflation Linked Bonds, which increases the diversification benefits within the Funds and further has held overweight positions in Australian investment grade credit which has offered attractive yields.



#### Cash

Cash is used as a balancing item based on views of other asset classes.



#### 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 mutual 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 3-Star Overall Morningstar Rating™out of 15 Multisector Conservative funds as of 30 June 2024. The Bendigo Defensive Index Fund returns were ranked 4 out of 13 Morningstar Multisector Conservative funds for 5 years to 30 June 2024. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/19288

Bendigo Conservative Index Fund received a 5-Star Overall Momingstar Rating<sup>TM</sup> out of 95 Multisector Moderate funds as of 30 June 2024. The Bendigo Conservative Index Fund returns were ranked 5 out of 90 Momingstar Multisector Moderate funds for 5 years to 30 June 2024. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/19289

Bendigo Balanced Index Fund received a 5-Star Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>TM</sup> out of 101 Multisector Balanced funds as of 30 June 2024. The Bendigo Balanced Index Fund returns were ranked 12 out of 94 Morningstar Multisector Balanced funds for 5 years to 30 June 2024. Source: www.morningstar.com.au/Funds/FundReport/19290

Bendigo Growth Index Fund received a 4-Star Overall Morningstar Rating<sup>TM</sup> out of 158 Multisector Growth funds as of 30 June 2024. The Bendigo Growth Index Fund returns were ranked 9 out of 150 Morningstar Multisector Growth funds for 5 years to 30 June 2024. 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 109 Multisector Aggressive funds as of 30 June 2024. The Bendigo High Growth Index Fund returns were ranked 40 out of 100 Morningstar Multisector Aggressive funds for 5 years to 30 June 2024. 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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