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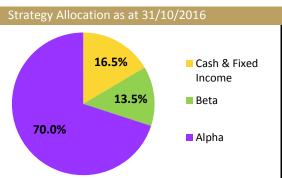
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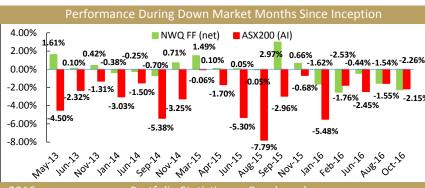
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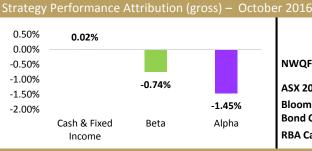
Fund Objective and Investment Approach

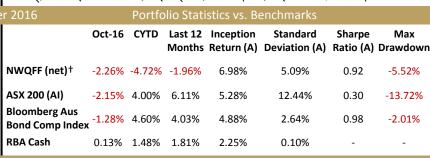
The NWQ Fiduciary Fund (Fund), managed by NWQ Capital Management, is a diversified multi manager portfolio. The principal investment objective of the Fund is to produce attractive positive returns irrespective of market direction. This is achieved through active allocations to selective fund managers that employ a variety of traditional and absolute return strategies. The Fund places emphasis on managers who demonstrate a rigorous and repeatable investment process that has delivered a strong track record.

Monthly Net Returns Year Jan Feb Mar Apr Mav Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Year 2016 -1.62% -2.53% -1.48% 0.27% 2.86% -0.44% 1.88% -1.54% 0.16% -2.26% **-4.72**% 2015 1.09% 1.73% 1.49% 0.10% -0.19% 0.05% 4.19% -0.05% 2.97% 1.80% 0.66% 2.22% 17.19% 2014 -0.38% -0.95% 0.42% -0.25% 1.78% 0.04% -0.70% -0.76% 0.71% -0.40% 3.03% 2.26% 1.29% 2013 1.61% 0.10% 2.76% 0.79% 0.63% 2.00% 0.42% 1.41% 10.11%









The NWQ Fiduciary Fund (Fund) has returned +6.98% p.a. since inception in May 2013. This compares to the ASX200 TR Index return of +5.28% p.a. over the same period. Pleasingly, the Fund has achieved this outperformance with less than half the risk of the Australian equity market (Fund volatility of 5.09% p.a. vs 12.44% p.a. for the ASX).

The 2016 calendar year (not unlike 2014) has proved to be a challenging year for hedged equity investors. Continuing reliance on monetary policy that has driven official interest rates towards zero - indiscriminately supporting asset prices globally - is starting to wane, and the potential handoff to fiscal measures is quite plausible as we enter 2017 with a Republican controlled congress, led by a Trump Presidency.

2016 has not rewarded fundamental long/short stock investors, who invest in higher quality stocks with superior earnings that typically enjoy a premium to the market and sell short lower quality stocks that typically trade at a discount to the market. This typical stock price dispersion has been absent and at more extreme levels than 2014. In 2014, this circumstance proved unsustainable and outsized gains rewarded long/short equity investors in 2015 as stock prices behaved in line with reported fundamentals.

With President Trump in the White House, we are confident that stock price dispersion will return, there will be winners and losers, and there will be a higher frequency and amplitude of stock market volatility. Skilled long/short equity investors should find this environment favourable.

Both equity and bond markets suffered losses in October as hints of rising inflation, potential interest rate increases and the resulting rise in bond yields weighed on asset prices. Domestically, the ASX200 Accumulation Index closed the month -2.15% lower, despite remaining broadly flat in the first half of the month following the RBA's decision to keep rates at 1.50%. Uncertainty over the outcome of the US presidential election weighed on

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Fund Information

Fund Name: NWQ Fiduciary Fund Investment Manager: **NWQ Capital Management** Administrator: Custom House Fund Services (Australia) Pty Limited Auditor: Ernst & Young

Counsel: Gilbert + Tobin, Sydney Responsible Entity OneVue RE Services Limited Reporting: Monthly

Subscriptions: Monthly Redemptions: Monthly with 30 days notice

Retail Management Fee: Retail Incentive Fee: Wholesale Management Fee: Wholesale Incentive Fee:

Direct: 1.30% Direct: 0.00% Wholesale A: 0.50% Wholesale A: 5.00% Indirect: 1.00% Indirect: 0.00% Wholesale B: 0.95% Wholesale B: 0.00%

Hurdle:* RBA Cash Rate, High Water Mark Liquidity: Monthly

Minimum Contribution: \$25,000 Income Distributions: Annually after June 30

Unit Price (as at 31/10/16) Wholesale A: 1.0942 Wholesale B: 1.0941 Direct: 0.9808 Indirect: 0.9804

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markets leading into month end, helping equities finish the month in the red. Meanwhile, the rise in bond yields saw the Bloomberg AusBond Composite Index fall -1.28%, the worst monthly performance since 1999.

Global market performance reflected the domestic market as a plethora of macro and political risk factors led major indices lower (S&P500 Index - 1.94%, MSCI Europe -0.92%, MSCI Asia Ex. Japan -1.54%). A global sell-off in longer maturity bonds in the face of possible inflation following a perceived shift away from monetary policy towards fiscal stimulus was the main theme for the month. A potential December US rate hike weighed on sentiment, as did political uncertainty in the US. In Europe, the ECB provided little guidance on extending its quantitative easing programme, although stocks did receive some support from a falling Euro against the US dollar. Asian markets were also soft in October, although Japan (Nikkei 225 +5.93%) benefitted from recent weakness in the Yen as the Bank of Japan continued with its aggressive monetary stimulus programme.

Turning to individual sectors, Materials (+1.27%) was the strongest performer for the month as iron ore and coal prices rose +15.25% and +18.10% (thermal coal) respectively. Financials (+0.71%) were also positive for the month of October, supported by an improvement amongst banking stocks. All other sectors were negative, with a large sell-off seen in Health Care (-8.26%), which saw a re-rating of "premium" valuations prevalent across the sector. Other poor performers included Information Technology (-6.57%) and Consumer Discretionary (-6.03%), with the latter being impacted by the casino/gaming stocks with Crown operators being arrested in China impacting the sector.

The Fund encompasses allocations to nine underlying Australian-domiciled investment managers – five equity market neutral and four equity beta-correlated strategies, complemented by a modest cash allocation. Throughout the month, selective rebalancing within the Beta strategy has been implemented, which has included a reallocation between underlying investment managers. The cash allocation has been increased to provide optionality around rebalancing. The Fund is NWQ's flagship managed fund. It is an "all weather" portfolio solution constructed to generate a meaningful premium above cash with low correlation to equity markets and the ability to withstand negative market shocks.

Fund returns were negative in October as macro and political factors fuelled market uncertainty. The portfolio's Beta managers, utilising a range of long/short equity strategies, attributed -0.74% for the month. Alpha managers were also down for the month, attributing -1.45%.

It remains the view of NWQ that there exists further potential for destructive equity and bond market volatility in the coming months. The timing and magnitude of this volatility is unknown; however it is known that current bond and equity market valuations are at elevated – and in some cases extreme – levels. Accordingly, the portfolio has an overweight allocation to Alpha, or market neutral strategies. We see this positioning as offering superior downside protection over conventional multi-asset strategies that are vulnerable to both bond and equity market drawdown risks. As at month end, selective rebalancing has been implemented within the Beta strategy which NWQ expects will provide further return diversification within the strategy.

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Note:

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