

# PERFORMANCE REPORT | DECEMBER 2019 NWQ FIDUCIARY FUND

ARSN 606 556 049

### **FUND OBJECTIVE**

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 selected Australian equity 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.

This report contains performance figures for a Wholesale A Investor where a management fee of 0.50% p.a. and a performance fee of 5.00% (subject to performance hurdle and high water mark) have been deducted along with estimated ordinary expenses of 0.50% p.a. and assuming the reinvestment of distributions. Past performance is no guarantee of future performance.

PERFORMANCE	NWQ FIDUCIARY FUND	S&P/ASX200 ACCUMULATION INDEX	BLOOMBERG AUSBOND COMPOSITE INDEX	RBA CASH
NET RETURNS				3,13,1
1 MONTH	1.68%	-2.17%	-1.64%	0.06%
3 MONTHS	2.65%	0.68%	-1.32%	0.19%
1 YEAR	7.91%	23.40%	7.26%	1.17%
3 YEARS (p.a.)	5.44%	10.26%	5.14%	1.40%
5 YEARS (p.a.)	5.02%	8.98%	4.18%	1.62%
SINCE INCEPTION (p.a.)	5.72%	8.52%	4.61%	1.86%
RISK				
STANDARD DEVIATION SINCE INCEPTION (p.a.)	4.82%	10.80%	2.69%	0.15%

#### MANAGER ALLOCATION

## Total number of managers being allocated to: 7

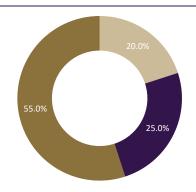
- ALPHA: Equity market neutral managers whose returns do not depend on the direction of the equity market.
   Manager allocation: 4 managers
- BETA: Long/short managers whose returns can be dependent on the direction of the equity market.

Manager allocation: 3 managers

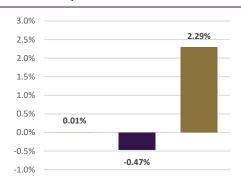
CASH & FIXED INCOME: Allocation

to an at-call cash account held for liquidity purposes.

## STRATEGY ALLOCATION



## STRATEGY CONTRIBUTION TO PERFORMANCE BEFORE NWQ FEES

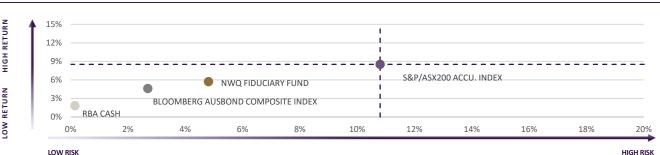


## COMMENTARY

The NWQ Fiduciary Fund (Fund) rose +1.68% in December as Australian equities fell -2.17% and Australian bonds fell -1.64%. As our investors are aware the diversifying nature of the Fund is such that it complements a traditional portfolio comprised of stocks and bonds by having the potential to deliver positive returns when other asset classes are down. Since inception the Fund is up 55% of the time when Australian equities are down and 71% of the time when Australian bonds are down. The Fund's emphasis on capital preservation and downside avoidance means that it has outperformed Australian equities on a risk-adjusted basis since inception (Sharpe ratio of 0.81 for the Fund vs 0.62 for Australian equities).

Market volatility was muted in December across the equity, currency, and fixed income complexes. Investors reacted positively to progress on the US/China trade negotiations, the re-election of the Tory Government in the UK, and the additional liquidity provided by the Fed through its repo market interventions. These factors were generally supportive for global equities with gains in the US (+3.02%), Europe (+2.07%), and Japan (+1.73%). In contrast, the Australian equity market (-2.17%) lagged its global peers. The Fund's Alpha managers (+2.29%) disproportionately contributed to overall performance in December as is to be expected, given their market neutral profile, in months when the broader equity market is down.

## RISK VS. RETURN SINCE INCEPTION MAY 2013





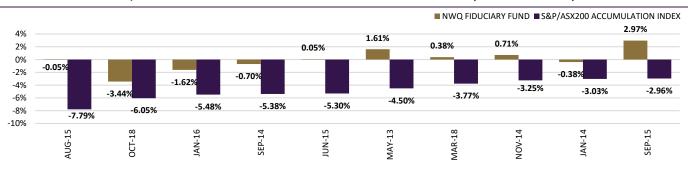
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## MONTHLY NET RETURNS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	YTD
2019	0.44%	1.68%	-0.58%	0.16%	-0.72%	-0.03%	3.21%	0.85%	0.07%	0.56%	0.39%	1.68%	7.91%
2018	0.40%	0.45%	0.38%	0.62%	1.20%	-0.16%	-0.58%	0.80%	-0.46%	-3.44%	-2.22%	-0.49%	-3.55%
2017	1.02%	-0.35%	0.21%	0.25%	0.81%	0.86%	-0.17%	-0.13%	2.57%	2.50%	1.65%	2.80%	12.62%
2016	-1.62%	-2.53%	-1.48%	0.27%	2. 86%	-0.44%	1.88%	-1.54%	0.16%	-2.26%	-1.57%	-0.86%	-7.03%
2015	1.09%	1.73%	1.49%	0.10%	-0.19%	0.05%	4.19%	-0.05%	2.97%	1.80%	0.66%	2.23%	17.19%
2014	-0.38%	2.26%	1.29%	-0.95%	0.42%	-0.25%	1.78%	0.04%	-0.70%	-0.76%	0.71%	-0.40%	3.03%
2013	-	-	-	-	1.61%	0.10%	2.76%	0.79%	0.63%	2.00%	0.42%	1.41%	10.11%

## PERFORMANCE VS. S&P/ASX200 ACCUMULATION INDEX'S 10 WORST DOWN MONTHS (SINCE INCEPTION)



## **FUND INFORMATION**

ADIR CODE:

**FUND NAME:** NWQ FIDUCIARY FUND

INVESTMENT MANAGER: NWQ CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

ADMINISTRATOR: APEX FUND SERVICES (SYDNEY) PTY LTD

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AUDITOR: ERNST & YOUNG
LEGAL COUNSEL: HALL & WILCOX

RESPONSIBLE ENTITY: EQUITY TRUSTEES LIMITED

SUBSCRIPTIONS: MONTHLY

REDEMPTIONS: MONTHLY WITH 30 DAYS NOTICE

\*\*Incentive fee calculations only

RETAIL MANAGEMENT FEE: DIRECT: 1.30% P.A. INDIRECT: 1.00% P.A.

RETAIL PERFORMANCE FEE: DIRECT: 0.00% INDIRECT: 0.00%

WHOLESALE MANAGEMENT FEE: WHOLESALE A: 0.50% P.A. WHOLESALE B: 0.95% P.A.

WHOLESALE PERFORMANCE FEE: WHOLESALE A: 5.00% WHOLESALE B: 0.00%

HURDLE\*\*: RBA CASH RATE, HIGH WATER MARK

MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION: \$25,000

INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS: ANNUALLY AFTER JUNE 30

**NAV PRICE (AS AT 31/12/19):** WHOLESALE A: 1.1466 WHOLESALE B: 1.1393

DIRECT: 0.9982 INDIRECT: 1.0268

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**S&P/ASX 200 Accum. Index:** A market capitalisation-weighted and float-adjusted index comprised of the largest 200 companies listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. The index is adjusted for the effect of reinvested dividends, and is equal to the price level S&P/ASX 200 Accum. Index plus the index value of reinvested dividends.

Bloomberg Ausbond Composite Index: A capital accumulation index that includes all securities in the Treasury, Semi-Government, and Non-Government indices. The minimum issuance size is A\$100m and issues must carry a BBB- (S&P) rating or higher.

**RBA Cash Rate:** The RBA Cash Rate denotes the target rate set by the Reserve Bank of Australia at which financial institutions can borrow or charge to lend funds in the money market on an overnight basis. The returns associated with the RBA Cash Rate are those that would be earned on a sum of money lent in the money market for the duration of the relevant time frame.

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