

# PERFORMANCE REPORT | APRIL 2021 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	HFRI DIVERSIFIED FOF INDEX	BLOOMBERG AUSBOND COMPOSITE INDEX	RBA CASH
NET RETURNS				
1 MONTH	4.13%	2.14%	0.56%	0.01%
3 MONTHS	2.36%	5.18%	-2.26%	0.02%
1 YEAR	17.30%	20.63%	-1.19%	0.18%
3 YEARS (p.a.)	4.12%	6.17%	4.29%	0.84%
5 YEARS (p.a.)	4.91%	5.73%	3.52%	1.12%
SINCE INCEPTION (p.a.) <sup>1</sup>	6.06%	4.23%	4.05%	1.59%
TOTAL RETURN SINCE INCEPTION <sup>1</sup>	60.06%	39.25%	37.38%	13.43%
RISK				
STANDARD DEVIATION SINCE INCEPTION (p.a.) <sup>1</sup>	5.85%	4.85%	2.98%	0.22%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Inception date is 15 May 2013.

### MANAGER ALLOCATION

# Total number of managers being allocated to: 10

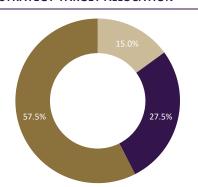
 ALPHA: Equity market neutral managers whose returns do not depend on the direction of the equity market.
 Manager allocation: 6 managers

**BETA:** Long/short managers whose returns can be dependent on the direction of the equity market.

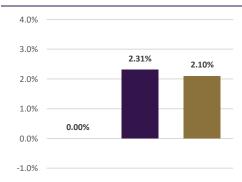
Manager allocation: 4 managers

CASH & FIXED INCOME: Allocation to an at-call cash account held for liquidity purposes.

#### STRATEGY TARGET ALLOCATION



# STRATEGY CONTRIBUTION TO PERFORMANCE BEFORE NWQ FEES



# COMMENTARY

The NWQ Fiduciary Fund (Fund) returned +4.13% in April compared with the HFRI benchmark return of +2.14%.

Global stock markets rallied into US corporate earnings season on solid economic data and the Fed's implicit commitment to prioritise the economic recovery and employment over moves to curb inflation. Despite the vast majority of companies outperforming analysts' earnings expectations only a little over half saw their share price rise. This suggests that the 'good news' was already in the price and that investors are concerned about the sustainability of these earnings as inflationary pressures build and the global outlook worsens with COVID infection rates remaining high in many countries. The Australian stock market (+3.47%) was led by the Information Technology (+9.68%), Materials (+6.85%), and Industrials (+4.26%) sectors with the Energy (-4.87%), Consumer Staples (-2.43%), and Utilities (-1.16%) sectors lagging.

The Fund's outperformance demonstrated our underlying managers' skills in stock selection, outperforming a strongly rising stock market (Fund +4.13% vs +3.47% for the market) while maintaining throughout the month a modest 30% net exposure to the market. The Fund continues to maintain a modest net stock market exposure of 30% and no direct exposure to interest rates providing our investors with comforting diversification in an environment where equity and bond market valuations are elevated.

# **RISK VS. RETURN SINCE INCEPTION MAY 2013**



○ Risk return benchmark is RBA Cash Rate + 4.0-5.0% p.a. with the maximum allowable risk budget of 9% p.a. as measured by the standard deviation of monthly returns



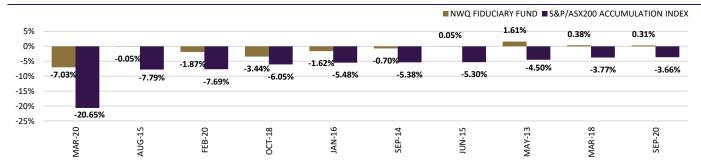
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### MONTHLY NET RETURNS

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ОСТ	NOV	DEC	YTD
2021	1.41%	-1.07%	-0.63%	4.13%									3.81%
2020	1.90%	-1.87%	-7.03%	1.31%	2.31%	2.30%	5.13%	1.93%	0.31%	-0.53%	-0.94%	1.93%	6.42%
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**

FUND NAME: NWQ FIDUCIARY FUND

APIR CODE: NWQ001AU

INVESTMENT MANAGER: NWQ CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

ADMINISTRATOR: APEX FUND SERVICES (SYDNEY) PTY LTD

AUDITOR: ERNST & YOUNG
LEGAL COUNSEL: HWL EBSWORTH

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 30/04/21): WHOLESALE A: 1.2495 WHOLESALE B: 1.2426

DIRECT: 1.0819 INDIRECT: 1.1174

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HFRI Diversified Fund of Funds Index: FOFs classified as 'Diversified' exhibit one or more of the following characteristics: invests in a variety of strategies among multiple managers; historical annual return and/or a standard deviation generally similar to the HFRI Fund of Fund Composite Index. A fund in the HFRI FOF Diversified Index tends to show minimal loss in down markets while achieving superior returns in up markets.

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 RRR. (SRP) 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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