

NEDGROUP INVESTMENTS BALANCED MULTIFUND CLASS A

June 2022

Marketing Communication



SYNTHETIC RISK REWARD INDICATOR



Equity and property investments are volatile by nature and subject to potential capital loss. For credit and income instruments, while unlikely, capital loss may also occur due to an event like the default of an issuer. For full details of risks, please refer to the risk section in the Prospectus and KIID.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR: Cash +1% to +3% over a minimum 3 years (USD: 3M SOFR / GBP: 3M SONIA)**

APPROPRIATE TERM: Minimum 3 years

MORNINGSTAR CATEGORY: 50/50 average of the Morningstar Moderate Allocation USD and Morningstar Cautious Allocation USD

INVESTMENT MANAGER: Nedgroup Investments (IOM) Limited; licensed by the Isle of Man Financial Services Authority.

An Isle of Man based fund manager providing investment management services to assets in excess of USD 5bn.

FUND LEGAL STRUCTURE: Irish OEIC UCITS
DOMICILE OF FUND: Ireland
INCEPTION DATE: 19 August 2011
 Class A USD: 19 August 2011 Class A GBP: 19 August 2011
 Class B USD: 01 September 2011 Class B GBP: 15 March 2012

MARKET VALUE OF FUND: USD 232m

PRICES (as at 30 June 2022)

USD CLASS A: USD 1.4817
 USD CLASS B: USD 14.1034
 GBP CLASS A: GBP 11.9351
 GBP CLASS B: GBP 14.0018

ANNUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE CLASS A: 1.40% p.a.
ANNUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE CLASS B: 1.00% p.a.

ON-GOING CHARGES (as at 30 June 2022)²

USD Class A: 2.16% GBP Class A: 2.2%
 USD Class B: 1.76% GBP Class B: 1.8%

MINIMUM INVESTMENT CLASS A
 USD 1,500 / GBP 1,000
MINIMUM INVESTMENT CLASS B
 USD 250,000 / GBP 150,000

DEALING: Daily

NOTICE PERIODS

Subscriptions: T-1 4pm
 Redemptions: T-1 4pm

SETTLEMENT PERIODS

Subscriptions: T+2
 Redemptions: T+3

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CLASS A USD: IE00B5SHBV53 / B5SHBV5 / NIMBLAU ID Equity
 CLASS B USD: IE00B3NHHD07 / B3NHHD0 / NIMBLBU ID Equity
 CLASS A GBP: IE00B57XK066 / B57XK06 / NIMBLAG ID Equity
 CLASS B GBP: IE00B41F9717 / B41F971 / NIMBLBG ID Equity

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

Please note: Differences may exist due to rounding

FUND OBJECTIVE

The Balanced MultiFund aims to provide moderate levels of growth with moderate levels of risk and volatility over the medium to longer-term.

The Sub-Fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to any benchmark. It is managed by reference to a performance target which is to outperform USD 3M SOFR +1% to 3% over a minimum three years.

SUITABILITY & RISK AND REWARD

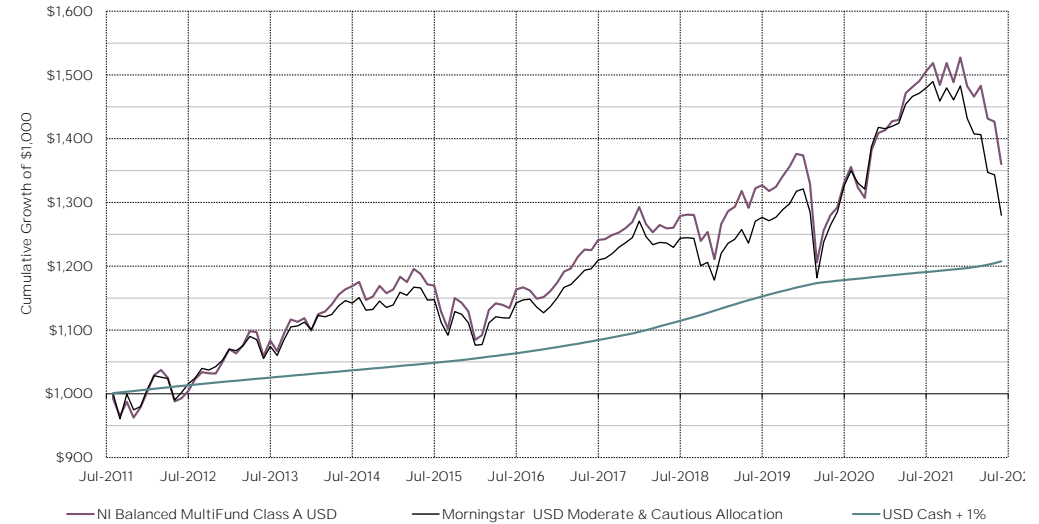
The Balanced MultiFund is suitable for clients with an investment time horizon of a minimum 3 years. Investing in the fund involves a risk to capital in order to achieve the desired return.

To achieve the investment objective, the portfolio invests across a range of asset classes within a strategic and tactical asset allocation framework designed to maximise diversification benefits. An absolute and relative valuation-based approach underpins this framework, resulting in a multilayered process to facilitate disciplined decision-making and risk management.

Portfolio construction combines exposures to active fund managers, who are expected to outperform their defined benchmarks and passive investment vehicles which provide low cost access to markets. This blend of active and passive funds is used to create a competitively priced investment solution.

FUND PERFORMANCE ¹

Past Performance is not indicative of future performance and does not predict future returns



Class A USD monthly returns and cumulative growth of \$1,000

CUMULATIVE AND ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE, % CHANGE NET OF FEES ¹

SINCE FUND INCEPTION (19 August 2011)	FUND USD		USD PEER GROUP		USD Cash		FUND GBP		GBP PEER GROUP		GBP Cash	
	%	%	%	%	+1%	+3%	%	%	+1%	+3%	%	%
3 Months	-8.3%	-9.0%	0.6%	1.1%	-5.8%	-6.7%	0.6%	1.1%				
6 Months	-10.9%	-13.7%	1.0%	2.0%	-7.7%	-10.7%	1.0%	2.0%				
1 Year	-8.7%	-13.0%	1.5%	3.5%	-4.9%	-9.6%	1.5%	3.5%				
YTD	-10.9%	-13.7%	1.0%	2.0%	-7.7%	-10.7%	1.0%	2.0%				
3 Years (ann.)	0.9%	0.2%	1.7%	3.7%	0.8%	0.1%	1.3%	3.3%				
5 Years (ann.)	2.1%	1.4%	2.2%	4.2%	1.7%	1.0%	1.4%	3.4%				
10 Years (ann.)	3.2%	2.5%	1.8%	3.8%	3.4%	2.8%	1.4%	3.4%				
Since inception (ann.)	2.9%	2.3%	1.7%	3.8%	3.1%	2.5%	1.4%	3.5%				

DISCRETE YEAR PERFORMANCE, % CHANGE NET OF FEES ¹

PERIOD	FUND USD		USD PEER GROUP		USD Cash		FUND GBP		GBP PEER GROUP		GBP Cash	
	%	%	%	%	+1%	+3%	%	%	+1%	+3%	%	%
2021	8.4%	4.6%	1.0%	3.0%	8.5%	4.6%	1.0%	3.0%				
2020	2.4%	7.6%	1.5%	3.5%	0.1%	5.6%	1.2%	3.2%				
2019	13.6%	11.8%	3.2%	5.2%	10.7%	8.9%	1.7%	3.7%				
2018	-4.6%	-5.4%	3.3%	5.3%	-3.6%	-4.5%	1.6%	3.6%				
2017	9.3%	9.5%	2.2%	4.2%	5.0%	5.3%	1.2%	3.2%				

Class A performance net of fees as of 30 June 2022. * Since inception annualised.

USD peer group is a 50/50 average of the Morningstar Moderate Allocation USD and Morningstar Cautious Allocation USD. The GBP is simulated performance based on the same competitor universe and returns are used as for the USD data, although a 65% hedge to sterling is applied net of fees, as per the fund's GBP share class. Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

For full details on fees and charges, please see the Prospectus and Supplement.

**Cash performance indicators calculated using USD and GBP LIBID 3 month figures to 31st January 2022. From 1st February transitioned to using 3mo SOFR for USD and 3mo SONIA for GBP.

1) The annualised total return is the average return earned by an investment each year over a given time period. Performance is calculated for the portfolio and individual investment performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment, the actual investment date, the date of any reinvestment and dividend withholding tax. Data source Nedgroup Investments (IOM) Limited.

2) The on-going fee is a measure of the actual expenses incurred in the management of the Classes of the Sub-Fund. The on-going fee shown is expressed as a percentage of the monthly average value of the portfolio calculated over a 12-month period as at the date shown. The current on-going fee cannot be used as an indication of future on-going fees. A higher on-going fee does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low on-going fee imply a good return.

June 2022

MARKET COMMENTARY

Markets took their cue from the start of the year in Q2 to repeat much of the weakness seen in the early months. Many of the concerns that pervaded investor sentiment in Q1 only persisted or worsened, making for particularly challenging conditions: high inflation (at levels not seen in western economies for a generation) and tight labour markets coming up against rising interest rates and stalling economic growth.

The big economic story has been inflation. At already elevated levels, any hopes of more transitory pressures were quashed as high energy costs, rising wages and broader input prices took hold. Existing supply side shocks were further compounded by localised China lockdowns (thanks to a zero COVID approach and questionable vaccination program) and of course the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine has resulted in a continuous fanning of the inflationary flame.

Inflation at current levels has not been seen in most developed economies for a generation and the wall of worry (outside of the immediate hike in living costs) for markets has focused on central bank response. It would be fair to say that this has dominated thinking. Not will rates climb, but how high and how fast? And it has to be noted that a sensitive touch of the controls is required. Too aggressive and you run the risk of smothering growth and forcing a recession. Too little and inflation could become entrenched and central banks lose credibility. Forget a 'goldilocks' economy, central banks have become 'Goldilocks' looking to get their response just right. Not too much and not too little.

This has been the story of the quarter with markets oscillating between optimism that central banks have inflation under control, to concern that a recession is looming. So to start with the bad news: it has been a very challenging quarter for risk assets. Equity markets sold off with the US leading the way, falling 16.9% on the quarter (the worst quarter since the global financial crisis), building on the losses seen in Q1 to end the half year down 21.3%. The biggest H1 decline for 60 years.

Market weakness was reflected globally with Europe (ex UK) down 8.7% in Q2 (much of it in the last month) and emerging markets down 8.1%. Only the UK stood out, with a more moderate loss of 2.9%, reflecting the more 'value based' constituents of the main index. With this in mind it was the 'growth' heavy segments of the markets that fared worst with the likes of Information Technology down 21.6% on the quarter, Communication Services off 18.1% and Consumer Discretionary down 20.2%. Contrast this with Consumer Staples, down 6% and Utilities 6.6%, and the picture is set for the direction of investor thinking over the quarter. In fact this is summed up perfectly by the performance of 'Growth Stocks' as a style during the first half of the year, down 27.8%, with 'Value Stocks' down 12% over the same period. A huge variation in performance.

Losses were not confined to traditional 'risk' assets with notable swings in fixed income markets as investors grappled with a changing landscape of base-rate expectations. Without exception fixed income markets suffered, with default sensitive areas such as high yield and emerging markets seeing the worst of it (down 10% and 10.5% respectively) as well as longer dated securities that are more sensitive to base-rate rises such as index-linked bonds (down 17.5% for UK Index Linked). There really hasn't been much of a traditional 'flight to safety' with only the US Dollar seeing real strength over the quarter (against every major currency) along with a handful of selective areas that can offer a degree of inflation protection or have unique exposure to the current environment (energy for example).

If you're interested, Bitcoin was down a staggering 59% over the quarter.

But it hasn't all been bad news. Challenging? Yes, but there are signs that inflation may be coming under control. Growth has dipped and investor sentiment has deteriorated but this could turn sharply if we see more evidence of inflationary control which in turn could impact base-rate expectations. Elevated inflation when inflation is still rising does nothing for sentiment, but elevated inflation when inflation is falling is very different. In other words we do not need to see inflation back at around 2.5% for things to feel very different. And so much negativity is now priced in to markets.

PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The end of June saw the Balanced MultiFund fall -4.6% on the month, closing a challenging quarter in which the fund fell -8.2% for the USD share class. This follows the marginal weakness seen in the first quarter of the year, bringing the first half performance to -10.8%. The GBP share class has fared slightly better albeit still in negative territory (-3.5%, -5.7% and -7.5% for the month, quarter and first half respectively). Whilst the longer term cash (+) targets have been missed the performance relative to peer group has continued to be strong with the USD share class ahead by +2.9% on the year to date (and ahead by +0.8% on the quarter).

Within equities our early preference for cheaper stocks and regions was beneficial in terms of relative performance with the more value orientated holdings such as Dodge & Cox Global Stock (+5.9% vs the global benchmark) and iShares FTSE100 (+4.7% relative). We began to lock in some of the relative gains during the quarter and reposition the equity holdings to a more quality growth footing, adding to positions in Fundsmith Equity (-15.6% on the quarter and broadly in line relative to the global benchmark) and Morgan Stanley Global Brands. The challenge of rising base rates and the prospect of slower economic growth leads us to increasingly favour the 'quality' sectors and names which have greater margin protection and are less cyclically exposed. We have also, as a precaution, slightly reduced equity weightings.

Fixed income has proven challenging in 2022 albeit that our positioning on a relative basis has been beneficial. Exposure to interest rates (through longer duration) and lower grade credit (default potential) has been punished in the market as higher rates have been priced in. Our short dated bond position has been correct over the first half of the year although has been penalised more recently with AXA US Short Duration High Yield (-6.4% on the quarter). We have been selling down positions on the portfolio in favour of longer duration and higher credit quality. Our sense being that much of the interest rate increases have been priced in, but default rates still look vulnerable. We have therefore rotated to Vanguard US Government Bond & PIMCO Global Investment Grade Credit as a means of repositioning for the next leg of the fixed income cycle.

Elsewhere, performance within real assets and alternative strategies was diverse across our holdings but broadly positive (both absolute and relative in some cases). Within property, the direct positions softened slightly following a period of very strong performance with BMO Commercial Property falling -2.5% on the quarter. Within infrastructure, our exposure to renewable energy continued to perform well, further benefiting from the current high level of electricity prices and inflation. Greencoat Renewables (+8.0% on the quarter) and JLEN Environmental Assets Group rallied (+9.8%) worthy of particular note. The more traditional infrastructure holdings, 3i Infrastructure (-3.8% on the quarter) and Atlas Global Infrastructure (-7.9%), were more mixed during the period, but together easily outperformed global equity markets, as investors favoured real assets and the potential for a greater linkage to inflation. Within our alternative positions it is also worth highlighting the divergence in performance of our private equity holdings, Oakley Capital Investments (-0.1% in June) and Princess Private Equity (+6.3%). It has been a similar story for the two holdings in song royalties, Hipgnosis Songs Fund (-8.0% on the quarter) and Round Hill Music Royalty Fund (+5.4%) albeit that a very recent ruling regarding royalty rights has gone in favour of royalty owners, which should see a positive uplift to valuations over the coming months.

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The Sub-Funds are valued using the prices of underlying securities prevailing at 11pm Irish time the business day before the dealing date. Prices are published on the Investment Manager's website. A summary of investor rights can be obtained, free of charge at www.nedgroupinvestments.com.

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