NEDGROUP INVESTMENTS MULTIFUNDS PLC **GROWTH MULTIFUND**



September 2019



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

GENERAL INFORMATION

BENCHMARK: 3 month LIBID + 3% to 5% over 5 to 7 years

APPROPRIATE TERM: Minimum 5 to 7 years

PEER GROUP: Morningstar Aggressive Allocation

INVESTMENT MANAGER: Nedaroup Investments (IOM) Limited

An Isle of Man based fund manager providing investment management services to assets in excess of \$3.8bn. Licensed by the Isle of Man Financial Services Authority

FUND LEGAL STRUCTURE: Irish OEIC UCITS 4

INCEPTION DATE: 19 August 2011

MARKET VALUE: \$208.7m

PRICES (as at 30 September 2019)				
USD CLASS A:	\$20.7731			
USD CLASS B:	\$15.8062			
GBP CLASS A:	£13.8418			
GBP CLASS B:	£17.0153			
MANAGEMENT F	EE CLASS A: 1.40% p.a			
MANAGEMENT F	EE CLASS B: 1.00% p.a			

ON-GOING CHARGES (as at	30 September 2019) ²
USD Class A: 2.25%	GBP Class A: 2.3%
USD Class B: 1.85%	GBP Class B: 1.9%

MINIMUM INVESTMENT CLASS A \$1.500 / £1.000 \$250.000 / £150.000

DEALING Daily

Subscriptions: Noon T-1 Redemptions: Noon T-1

SETTLEMENT PERIODS Subscriptions: T+2 Redemptions: T+3

CLASS A USD: IEOOB5T08X47 / B5T08X4 CLASS B USD: IE00B5N9GQ62 / B5N9GQ6 CLASS A GBP: IEOOB5V7GM87 / B5V7GM8 CLASS B GBP: IEOOB42XPP46 / B42XPP4

MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

Please note: Differences may exist due to rounding

FUND OBJECTIVE

The Growth MultiFund aims to provide high levels of growth with moderate to high levels of risk and volatility over the medium to longer-term It is anticipated that the Growth MultiEund will achieve a return of 3-month LIBID + 3% to 5% in the currency of the relevant

share class over a rolling 5 to 7 year period.

SUITABILITY & RISK AND REWARD

The Growth MultiFund is suitable for clients with an investment time horizon of 5 to 7 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.



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

SINCE FUND INCEPTION (19 August 2011)	FUND USD	USD PEER GROUP	3 Month LIBID		FUND GBP	GBP PEER GROUP	3 Mont	h LIBID
	%	%	US\$ LIBID 3 month + 3%	US\$ LIBID 3 month + 5%	%	%	GBP LIBID 3 month + 3%	GBP LIBID 3 month + 5%
1 Month	1.2%	1.3%	0.4%	0.6%	0.4%	0.6%	0.3%	0.5%
6 Months	2.4%	1.9%	2.6%	3.6%	5.1%	4.6%	1.8%	2.8%
1 Year	1.7%	-0.6%	5.5%	7.5%	4.0%	1.6%	3.7%	5.7%
3 Years Ann	6.5%	5.0%	4.8%	6.9%	6.7%	5.3%	3.5%	5.5%
5 Years Ann	4.1%	3.2%	4.2%	6.2%	6.8%	5.9%	3.5%	5.5%
YTD	12.6%	11.0%	4.0%	5.5%	13.9%	12.4%	2.8%	4.3%
2018	-8.5%	-9.9%	5.3%	7.4%	-6.1%	-7.7%	3.6%	5.6%
2017	16.9%	16.2%	4.2%	6.2%	10.6%	9.9%	3.2%	5.2%
2016	3.7%	3.3%	3.6%	5.6%	13.9%	13.5%	3.4%	5.4%
2015	-3.2%	-2.4%	3.2%	5.2%	-0.2%	0.6%	3.5%	5.4%
2014	5.0%	1.4%	3.1%	5.1%	8.5%	5.0%	3.5%	5.4%
Lowest 1 yr return	-11.4%				-6.3%			
Highest 1yr return	18.6%				21.5%			
Since inception *	5.1%	4.6%	3.8%	5.8%	6.2%	5.7%	3.5%	5.5%

Class A performance net of fees. * Since inception annualised.

USD peer group is the Morningstar Aggressive Allocation USD . For the GBP peer group data, the same competitor universe and returns are used as for the USD data, although a 45% hedge to sterling is applied, as per the fund's GBP share class.

FUND USD	FUND GBP
9.8%	8.9%
O.44	O.64
-7.8%	-7.8%
-13.1%	-10.9%
13	10
	9.8% 0.44 -7.8%



The annualised total return is the average return earned by an investment each year over a given time period. Performance calculated for the portfolio and individual investment performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment date, the date of any reinvestment and dividend withholding tax. Data source Nedgroup Investments (IOM) Limited.
The on-going fee is a measure of the actual expense incurred in the management of the Classes of the Sub-Fund. The on-going fee source is 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.

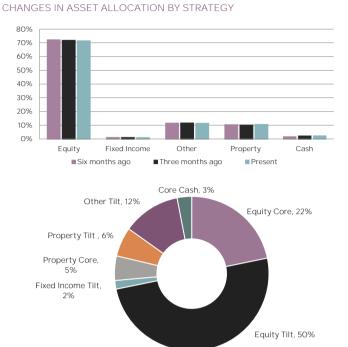


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TOTAL PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

FULL PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

Equity		71.8%
Vanguard Global Stock Index	Core	19.1%
Dodge & Cox Global Stock Fund	Tilt	13.3%
Nedgroup Global Equity Fund	Tilt	12.1%
TT Emerging Markets Equity Fund	Tilt	10.2%
Fundsmith Equity Fund	Tilt	5.9%
Morgan Stanley Global Brands	Tilt	5.5%
Allianz Global Small Cap Equity	Tilt	2.9%
iShares MSCI World	Core	2.6%
Property		11.3%
Nedgroup Global Property Fund	Core	5.1%
Target Healthcare REIT	Tilt	2.5%
BMO Commercial Property Trust	Tilt	2.0%
Impact Healthcare REIT	Tilt	1.7%
Fixed Income		1.8%
Franklin Templeton Global Total Return Fund	Tilt	1.8%
Alternative		12.1%
Greencoat UK Wind	Tilt	3.1%
Greencoat Renewables	Tilt	1.9%
SQN Asset Finance Income Fund C Shares	Tilt	1.7%
GCP Asset Backed Income Fund	Tilt	1.7%
John Laing Environmental Assets Group	Tilt	1.5%
3i Infrastructure Plc	Tilt	1.0%
The Renewables Infrastructure Group	Tilt	1.0%
Cash		3.0%
BlackRock Institutional USD Liquidity Fund /	Core	3.0%
Cash		
Total		100.0%



EQUITY COMPONENT³

Total

TOP TEN UNDERLYING HOLDINGS	
Microsoft	2.6%
Alphabet	2.0%
Charter Communications	1.8%
Unilever	1.6%
Reckitt Benckiser	1.5%
Facebook	1.4%
Philip Morris International	1.4%
Alibaba	1.1%
Naspers	1.1%
Visa	1.0%

COUNTRY ALLOCATION USA Europe ex-UK UK Emerging Markets Pacific ex-Japan

Japan Canada Cash

SECTOR ALLOCATION

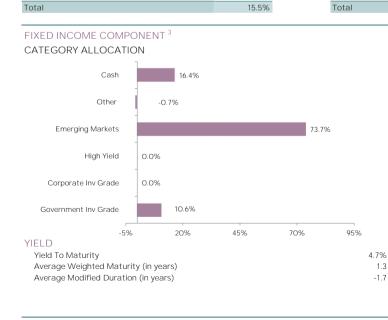
Financials	15.8%
Health Care	15.2%
Information Technology	14.1%
Industrials	11.1%
Consumer Staples	11.1%
Communication Services	10.2%
Consumer Discretionary	8.4%
Energy	3.6%
Materials	3.5%
Real Estate	2.2%
Utilities	1.3%
Cash	3.5%
Total	100.0%

48.4%

60%

80%

40%





FUR

GBP

USD

0%

10.0%

CURRENCY EXPOSURE

49.1% 16.1%

9.1%

14.6%

2.3% 3.6%

1.7%

3.5%

100.0%



19.6%

20%

3) Source: Underlying managers. Data point 30 August 2019

Data point for underlying fund information on a look-through basis is one month in arrears.

4) For the sterling Hedged share class a 45% hedge to sterling is applied



MARKET COMMENTARY

September 2019

The final month of the third quarter can best be described as a partial reversal of some of the disappointments of August. At the highest level, riskier assets generally performed well, whilst safe havens underperformed. Volatility declined over the month, although not to the very low levels seen in the first half of the year.

During September, there were some signs of thawing in trade tensions between the US and China, with suggestions from both sides that progress was being made ahead of the official resumption of trade talks in early October. In keeping with a slightly better tone, Trump chose to delay the scheduled tariff increases from October 1st to October 15th. In other news, Nancy Pelosi and the Democrats successfully pressed for impeachment proceedings against Trump over his ill-advised phone requests to the Ukrainian President. Elsewhere, the UK House of Commons voted in favour of a law that supposedly takes a "no deal" Brexit off the table should the UK and EU governments fail to strike a deliverable deal ahead of the October 31st cut-off.

Economic data releases continued to point to slowing growth and an increased risk of recession in a number of non-US economies. In particular, manufacturing and trade data remains weak, with many suggesting the root cause to be the US-China trade war. In an attempt to arrest the decline, most major central banks (including the Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank and the People's Bank of China) eased monetary policies during September.

Equities rose +2.1% according to the MSCI AC World Index measured in US dollar terms. All major markets posted positive gains as they bounced back from their August slump. Helped by a stronger pound, the UK (+4.2%) was the best performer, whilst the US (+1.7%) and Asia ex Japan (+1.7%) brought up the rear. At the sector level, the strongest returns tended to come from cyclicals and interest rate sensitives, such as Financials (+4.8%), Energy (+4.7%) and Industrials (+2.8%). In contrast, defensive and stable earners did less well, as demonstrated by Healthcare (-0.2%), Communication Services (+0.2%) and Consumer Staples (+0.7%). In keeping with the mood of reversal, style leadership also shifted allowing Value (+3.8%) to beat Growth (+0.6%) by a wide margin, although there was nothing to separate Smaller and Larger Companies as both returned +2.1%.

Fixed income markets also reflected the partial recovery in risk assets. Government bond yields rose, whilst low quality credit beat high grade corporate bonds. Over the month, both the JP Morgan Global Government Bond Index delivered -0.6% whilst the ICE Merrill Lynch Global Corporate Investment Grade Index lost -0.5%. In contrast, riskier junk bonds managed to avoid the red, with the ICE Merrill Lynch Global High Yield Bond Index up +0.5% (all hedged to US dollars).

Commodities were mixed but generally firmer, with the Bloomberg Commodities Index rising +1.2%. Agriculture (+4.2%) and Industrial Metals (+0.5%) led the recovery, whilst safe haven Gold (-3.5%) lost some of its lustre. Crude Oil (-1.3%) also fell, despite the damaging missile attack on a Saudi oil facility that magnified Middle Eastern tensions and led to worries about a potential supply disruption.

By recent standards foreign exchange markets were quiet. Emerging market and commodity linked currencies tended to recover some lost ground, whilst most safe havens declined. Examples of currencies that advanced against the dollar included the Turkish lira (+3.0%), the Mexican peso (+1.5%), the Canadian dollar (+0.5%) and the South African rand (+0.2%), whilst fallers included the Swiss franc (-0.7%), the Japanese yen (-1.7%) and the euro (-0.8%).

(Notes: All monthly data is quoted in US dollar terms unless otherwise stated).

PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The Nedgroup Investments Growth MultiFund rose by +1.2% during September.

Within equities, the improved risk appetite meant that the best performing active fund was Dodge & Cox Global Stock (+3.6%), as a result of their more cyclical sector exposure. At the other end of the spectrum, the more defensively exposed Nedgroup Global Equity (+0.4%), Morgan Stanley Global Brands (-1.0%), and Fundsmith Equity Fund (-2.2%) underperformed over the period.



In other asset classes, Nedgroup Global Property (+1.3%) underperformed equity markets, with REITs in general hindered by the rise in interest rate expectations. However, portfolio exposure to UK commercial property was more mixed. BMO Commercial Property (+9.1%) jumped sharply higher suggesting (as we believed) it had fallen too much despite the continued Brexit uncertainty, whilst the more defensive UK care homes, Target Healthcare (-2.3%) and Impact Healthcare (-0.8%) fell over the period. Infrastructure holdings were also mixed, whilst Greencoat UK Wind (+2.8%) rose strongly, John Laing Environmental Assets (+0.1%), 3i Infrastructure (-1.1%), Greencoat Renewables (-2.0%), The Renewables Infrastructure Group (-2.8%), were either flat or slightly down during September. Finally, the two asset-backed lending exposures were both positive, with SQN Asset Finance Income Fund C-Shares (+2.6%) and GCP Asset Backed Income (+0.6%) rising over the period.

Over the month we did not make any material strategy changes.

Note: All returns are quoted in US dollars.

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