

**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.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**PERFORMANCE INDICATOR:** 3 month LIBID + 1% to 3% over a minimum 3 years

**APPROPRIATE TERM:** Minimum 3 years

**PEER GROUP:** 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 3.8bn. Licensed by the Isle of Man Financial Services Authority.

**FUND LEGAL STRUCTURE:** Irish OEIC UCITS IV

**INCEPTION DATE:** 19 August 2011

**MARKET VALUE:** USD 224.5m

**PRICES (as at 30 October 2020)**

USD CLASS C: USD 11.4697

GBP CLASS C: GBP 13.1447

**MANAGEMENT FEE CLASS C:** 0.50% p.a.

**ON-GOING CHARGES (as at 30 October 2020)<sup>2</sup>**

USD Class C: 1.3%

GBP Class C: 1.34%

**MINIMUM INVESTMENT CLASS C**

USD 1,500 / GBP 1,000

**DEALING**

Daily

**NOTICE PERIODS**

Subscriptions: Noon T-1

Redemptions: Noon T-1

**SETTLEMENT PERIODS**

Subscriptions: T+2

Redemptions: T+3

**ISIN / SEDOL**

CLASS C USD: IE00B9CBCV86 / B9CBCV8

CLASS C GBP: IE00B83TLZ10 / B83TLZ1

**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 LIBID +1% to 3% over a minimum three years.

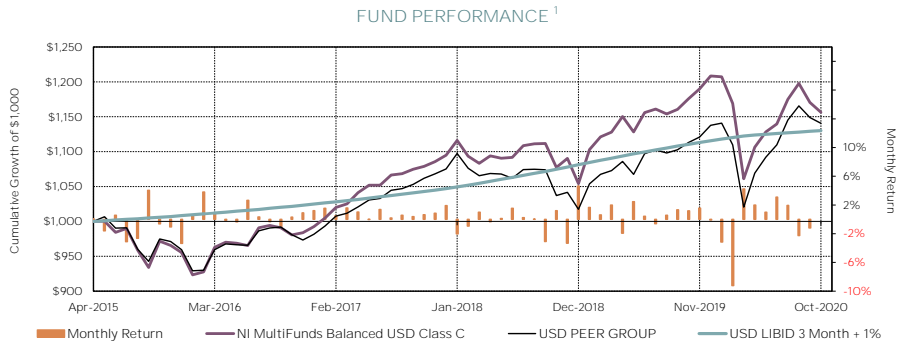
**SUITABILITY & RISK AND REWARD**

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.

October 2020 Factsheet



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

**DISCRETE YEAR PERFORMANCE % CHANGE NET OF FEES<sup>1</sup>**

SINCE FUND INCEPTION (19 August 2011)	FUND USD	USD PEER GROUP	3 Month LIBID		FUND GBP	GBP PEER GROUP	3 Month LIBID	
			USD LIBID 3 month + 1%	USD LIBID 3 month + 3%			GBP LIBID 3 month + 1%	GBP LIBID 3 month + 3%
2019	14.7%	11.8%	3.2%	5.2%	11.8%	8.9%	1.7%	3.7%
2018	-3.7%	-5.4%	3.3%	5.3%	-2.8%	-4.5%	1.6%	3.6%
2017	10.3%	9.5%	2.2%	4.2%	5.9%	5.3%	1.2%	3.2%
2016	3.9%	2.3%	1.6%	3.7%	10.0%	8.5%	1.4%	3.4%
2015	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.0%	-0.2%	1.5%	3.5%

**CUMULATIVE AND ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE % CHANGE NET OF FEES<sup>1</sup>**

SINCE FUND INCEPTION (19 August 2011)	FUND USD	USD PEER GROUP	3 Month LIBID		FUND GBP	GBP PEER GROUP	3 Month LIBID	
			USD LIBID 3 month + 1%	USD LIBID 3 month + 3%			GBP LIBID 3 month + 1%	GBP LIBID 3 month + 3%
1 Month	-1.2%	-0.7%	0.1%	0.2%	-1.2%	-0.8%	0.1%	0.2%
6 Months	4.5%	6.7%	0.6%	1.6%	3.5%	5.4%	0.5%	1.5%
1 Year	-1.7%	2.5%	1.8%	3.8%	-2.8%	1.6%	1.3%	3.3%
3 Years Ann	2.3%	2.4%	2.7%	4.7%	1.5%	1.6%	1.5%	3.5%
5 Years Ann	6.0%	5.4%	4.0%	4.4%	3.9%	3.6%	1.4%	3.4%
YTD	-4.3%	0.3%	1.3%	3.0%	-4.5%	0.4%	1.0%	2.7%
Since inception *	2.7%	2.4%	2.2%	4.3%	3.6%	3.0%	1.4%	3.4%
Lowest 1 yr return	-5.9%				-5.8%			
Highest 1 yr return	14.7%				13.8%			

Class C performance net of fees as of 30 October 2020. \* Since inception annualised.

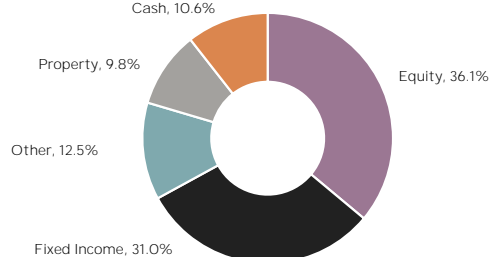
USD peer group is a 50/50 average of the Morningstar Moderate Allocation USD and Morningstar Cautious Allocation USD. The GBP is simulated performance based on the same competitor universe and returns are used as for the USD data, although a 65% hedge to sterling is applied net of fees, as per the fund's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

**RISK MEASURE<sup>3</sup>**

SINCE FUND INCEPTION	FUND USD	FUND GBP
Annualised volatility	7.4%	6.1%
Sharpe ratio (annualised)	0.19	0.53
Lowest monthly return	-9.2%	-8.9%
Maximum drawdown	-12.2%	-10.8%
Months to recover	-	-

Risk measures presented based on the simulated Class C performance net of fees since 19 August 2011 to date.

**ASSET ALLOCATION<sup>3</sup>**



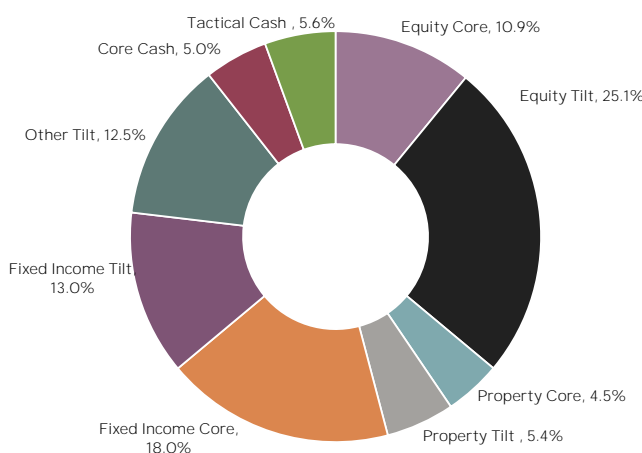
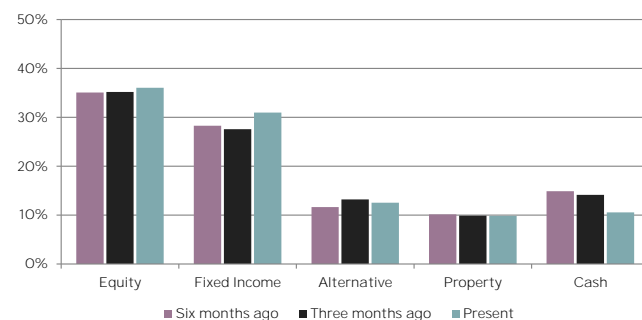
1) The annualised total return is the average return earned by an investment each year over a given time period. Performance is calculated for the portfolio and individual investment performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment, the actual investment date, the date of any 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.  
3) Source: Underlying managers, Nedgroup Investments (IOM) Limited. Data point 30 September

PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

FULL PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

Equity		36.1%
Vanguard Global Stock Index	Core	8.3%
Nedgroup Global Equity Fund	Tilt	6.7%
TT Emerging Markets Equity Fund	Tilt	5.6%
Fundsmith Equity Fund	Tilt	5.1%
Morgan Stanley Global Brands	Tilt	4.7%
Dodge & Cox Global Stock Fund	Tilt	3.1%
iShares MSCI World	Core	2.7%
Property		9.8%
Nedgroup Global Property Fund	Core	4.5%
Target Healthcare REIT	Tilt	2.5%
Impact Healthcare REIT	Tilt	1.5%
BMO Commercial Property Trust	Tilt	1.4%
Fixed Income		31.0%
Vanguard US Government Bond Index Fund	Core	12.3%
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1-3YR UCITS ETF	Tilt	5.7%
Muzinich Short Duration High Yield	Tilt	3.6%
PIMCO Global IG Credit	Core	5.7%
AXA US Short Duration High Yield	Tilt	3.6%
Alternative		12.5%
Greencoat UK Wind	Tilt	2.0%
Greencoat Renewables	Tilt	2.0%
The Renewables Infrastructure Group	Tilt	2.0%
3i Infrastructure Plc	Tilt	1.6%
John Laing Environmental Assets Group	Tilt	1.5%
GCP Asset Backed Income Fund	Tilt	1.4%
KKV Secured Loan Fund C Shares	Tilt	0.7%
Hipgnosis C Shares	Tilt	0.7%
Hipgnosis Songs Ordinary Shares	Tilt	0.6%
Cash		10.6%
BlackRock Institutional USD Liquidity Fund / Cash	Core	5.0%
	Tilt/Tactical	5.6%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100.0%</b>

CHANGES IN ASSET ALLOCATION BY STRATEGY



EQUITY COMPONENT <sup>4</sup>

TOP TEN UNDERLYING HOLDINGS

Microsoft	3.3%
Alibaba	2.3%
Alphabet	2.1%
Philip Morris	2.1%
Charter Communications	1.8%
Facebook	1.8%
Reckitt Benckiser	1.7%
Unilever	1.6%
Visa	1.4%
Baxter	1.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.3%</b>

COUNTRY ALLOCATION

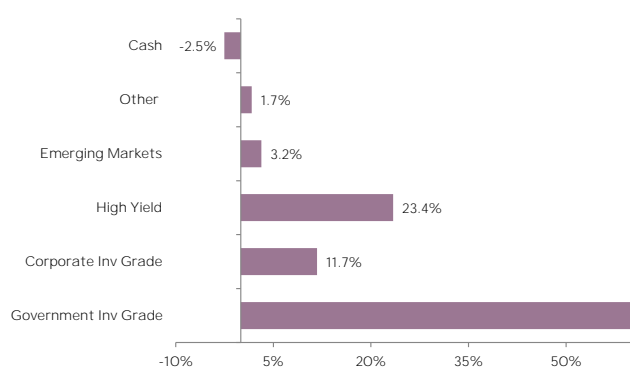
USA	53.3%
Europe ex-UK	14.7%
UK	7.3%
Emerging Markets	16.5%
Pacific ex-Japan	2.6%
Japan	2.7%
Canada	1.9%
Cash	1.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

SECTOR ALLOCATION

Information Technology	20.4%
Health Care	17.3%
Consumer Staples	13.3%
Industrials	11.1%
Consumer Discretionary	10.0%
Communication Services	9.3%
Financials	9.3%
Materials	3.7%
Real Estate	2.0%
Energy	1.4%
Utilities	1.2%
Cash	1.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

FIXED INCOME COMPONENT <sup>4</sup>

CATEGORY ALLOCATION

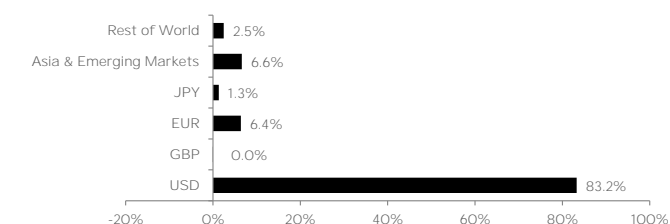


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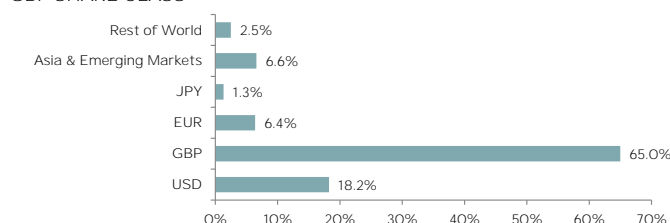
Yield To Maturity	1.8%
Average Weighted Maturity (in years)	6.3
Average Modified Duration (in years)	5.1

CURRENCY EXPOSURE <sup>4</sup>

USD SHARE CLASS



GBP SHARE CLASS <sup>5</sup>



4) Source: Underlying managers, Nedgroup Investments (IOM) Limited. Data point 30 September 2020

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

5) For the sterling Hedged share class a 65% hedge to sterling is applied

October 2020

## MARKET COMMENTARY

During October financial markets were fairly unrewarding for investors, with equities, in particular, coming under pressure towards the latter stages of the month. Fixed income returns were mixed, with US bond values falling, whilst EU bonds generally posted modest gains on the hope the European Central Bank might extend monetary stimulus.

The sharp rise in the spread of coronavirus throughout the Northern hemisphere, especially in Europe and the US, saw authorities reinstate various restrictions which will inevitably have an impact on economic activity and corporate earnings over the coming months. The US election also cast an uncomfortable shadow over financial markets as it drew closer over the month. Whilst it is not unusual for financial markets to take a risk averse approach to such political events, this particular election took place against a background of significant political, racial and generational division across the US, with the two sides offering radically different visions for America's domestic and foreign policies. Partisan politics only added to uncertainty as it became clear that the much needed second US fiscal stimulus package would be delayed, with Trump's administration unable to reach agreement with the Democrat led House of Representatives on its size and scope.

October was a busy period for Q3 earnings reports, with a record number of companies beating analysts' forecasts, many of which had been massaged down to levels that turned out to be too conservative. Investors took encouragement from these reports early in the month, before investor concerns about COVID-19 and the US election took precedence as October wore on.

Brexit took various turns, with the United Kingdom's government at one point walking away from talks, only for negotiations to resume later in the month as the EU appeared to take a more conciliatory tone. Even so, the two sides remain far apart on a number of key issues, and at this late stage, there has to be doubts that a deal on future trade relations can be reached before the end 2020 transition deadline.

With equity markets under pressure, the MSCI AC World Index fell -2.4% when measured in US dollars. Across the major markets and regions, Asia ex Japan (+2.8%) and the Emerging Markets (+2.1%) bucked the trend, whilst Europe ex UK (-5.8%) and the UK (-5.0%) were particularly weak. At the sector level, Communication Services (+2.0%) and Utilities (+1.7%) stood out on the positive side, whilst falling oil prices undermined Energy (-5.7%) and worries about US healthcare reform overshadowed Healthcare (-4.6%). From a style perspective, the performance of Value (-2.4%) and Growth (-2.4%) were a match, whilst Smaller Companies (-0.1%) held up better than Larger Companies (-2.4%).

Within fixed income, high quality government bonds declined a little, led by weakness of US treasuries on concerns a Biden led government could be profligate in its spending. Whilst the JP Morgan Global Government Bond Index declined -0.2%, other fixed income sectors fared better as spreads narrowed slightly, with the ICE Merrill Lynch Global Corporate Investment Grade Index rising +0.1% and the Merrill Lynch Global High Yield Index up +0.4% (all hedged to US dollars).

Over the month, the Bloomberg Commodities Index gained +1.4%, with Agriculture (+3.9%) and Industrial Metals (+3.0%) gaining, whilst Gold (-0.8%) and Crude Oil (-11.5%) fell, with the later considered to be particularly vulnerable to further lockdown / travel restrictions.

The foreign exchange markets were relatively quiet, with the majors (the US dollar, yen, sterling and the euro) trading in relatively tight bands, with little change over the month. Elsewhere, some of the emerging market currencies showed some life, with the Mexican peso (+4.2% Vs the US dollar) and South African rand (+3.0%) both rising, although this was balanced by weakness in some of the more vulnerable currencies, such as the Brazilian real (-2.4%), the Argentinian peso (-2.8%) and Turkish Lire (-8.2%).

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

## PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The Nedgroup Investments Balanced MultiFund fell in value by -1.2% during October.

Within equities, TT Emerging Markets (+1.0%) was our best performer on the back of the strong performance of Emerging Markets during the month. Dodge & Cox Global Stocks (-1.9%) was also helped by their exposure to Emerging Markets and their positions in Financials. Whilst Nedgroup Global Equity (-2.0%) and Fundsmith Equity (-2.1%) also outperformed, in part, due to their holdings in Communication Services which was by-far the best performing sector. At the other end of the spectrum, Morgan Stanley Global Brands (-5.5%) lagged due to its exposure to Healthcare and Information Technology stocks which were among the worst performing sectors in October.

Within fixed income, low and rising government bond yields meant that safe haven government bonds underperformed investment grade and sub-investment grade credit. Our positions in credit via AXA US Short Duration High Yield (+0.2%), Muzinich Short Duration High Yield (-0.1%), and PIMCO Global Investment Grade (+0.0%) was supportive on a relative basis. However, the bias towards US government bonds, via Vanguard US Government Bond Index Fund (-1.0%), was a headwind for returns as US treasury yields rose more than other government bonds over the period.

In other asset classes, Nedgroup Global Property (-2.5%) outperformed global REITs but still followed the broader market downwards. Our portfolio's exposure to traditional UK commercial property through BMO Commercial Property (-4.4%) was negatively impacted by rising COVID-19 cases and the prospect of a second national lockdown in the UK. However, our care home sector holdings were more resilient with Target Healthcare (+1.9%) and Impact Healthcare (+0.4%) posting positive returns for the period, helped by encouraging Q3 earnings results and rental collection.

Our infrastructure holdings were mixed. Whilst 3i Infrastructure (+1.9%) and Greencoat UK Wind (+0.6%) were both positive, The Renewables Infrastructure Group (-1.0%), Greencoat Renewables (-2.9%), and John Laing Environmental Assets (-3.4%) were all unable to buck the negative market sentiment. The two asset-backed lending exposures, GCP Asset Backed Income (-0.5%) and KKV Secured Loan Fund C-Shares (-14.1%) diverged further over the period. KKV remains under pressure to come up with a credible plan for the portfolio. With the C-Shares trading at a substantial discount, we continue to believe an orderly wind down, where assets are realised at or close to NAV, gives investors a much more attractive exit option than selling in the secondary market at a heavy discount to fair value. Finally, our investment in songs, via Hipgnosis Songs Fund (+0.0%) and Hipgnosis Songs C-Shares (+2.0%) had yet another positive month after announcing they had purchased a number of popular song catalogues from the proceeds of their recent capital raise.

In terms of portfolio activity, we did not make any material strategy changes over the month.

Note: All returns are quoted in US dollars.

# NEDGROUP INVESTMENTS MULTIFUNDS PLC

## BALANCED MULTIFUND



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