



**INTERNATIONAL RANGE**

**RISK RATING**



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. The portfolio may be subject to currency fluctuations due to its international exposure.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**BENCHMARK:**

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

**PEER GROUP:**

Morningstar Aggressive Allocation USD

**FUND LEGAL STRUCTURE:**

Irish OEIC UCITS 4

**INVESTMENT MANAGER:**

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

**APPROPRIATE TERM:**

Minimum 5 - 7 years

**MARKET VALUE:**

\$211.6m

**CURRENCIES AVAILABLE AND PRICES**

**USD Class A:** \$21.0012

**USD Class B:** \$15.9691

**GBP Class A:** £14.0616

**GBP Class B:** £17.2740

Value and prices as at 31 July 2019

**INCEPTION DATE:** 19 August 2011

**MINIMUM INVESTMENTS:**

**Class A:** \$1,500 / £1,000

**Class B:** \$250,000 / £150,000

**FEES AND CHARGES (VAT incl)\***

Management fee Class A: 1.40% p.a

Management fee Class B: 1.00% p.a

**ON-GOING CHARGES (as at 31 July 2019)<sup>2</sup>**

USD Class A: 2.23%

GBP Class A: 2.28%

USD Class B: 1.83%

GBP Class B: 1.88%

**DEALING:**

Daily

**NOTICE PERIODS:**

Subscriptions: Noon T-1

Redemptions: Noon T-1

**SETTLEMENT PERIODS:**

Subscriptions: T+2

Redemptions: T+3

**ISIN / SEDOL:**

**Class A USD:** IE00B5T08X47 / B5T08X4

**Class B USD:** IE00B5N9GQ62 / B5N9GQ6

**Class A GBP:** IE00B5V7GM87 / B5V7GM8

**Class B GBP:** IE00B42XPP46 / B42XPP4

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**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 MultiFund 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.

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.

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.

**FUND PERFORMANCE <sup>1</sup>**

PERIOD	USD	USD PEER GROUP	USD LIBID 3 Month		GBP	GBP PEER GROUP	GBP LIBID 3 Month	
	%	%	+3%	+5%	%	%	+3%	+5%
3 Months	0.4%	0.7%	1.3%	1.8%	3.7%	4.1%	0.9%	1.4%
6 Months	6.6%	5.7%	2.7%	3.7%	10.4%	9.5%	1.8%	2.8%
1 Year	3.1%	0.4%	5.5%	7.5%	6.2%	3.4%	3.7%	5.7%
3 Years	6.8%	5.6%	4.8%	6.8%	7.7%	6.4%	3.5%	5.5%
5 Years	3.9%	3.1%	4.2%	6.2%	7.2%	6.3%	3.5%	5.5%
YTD	13.8%	12.1%	3.1%	4.3%	15.7%	14.0%	2.2%	3.3%
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 reutr	-11.4%				-6.3%			
Highest 1 yr return	18.6%				21.5%			
Since inception *	5.4%	4.8%	3.8%	5.8%	6.6%	6.0%	3.5%	5.5%

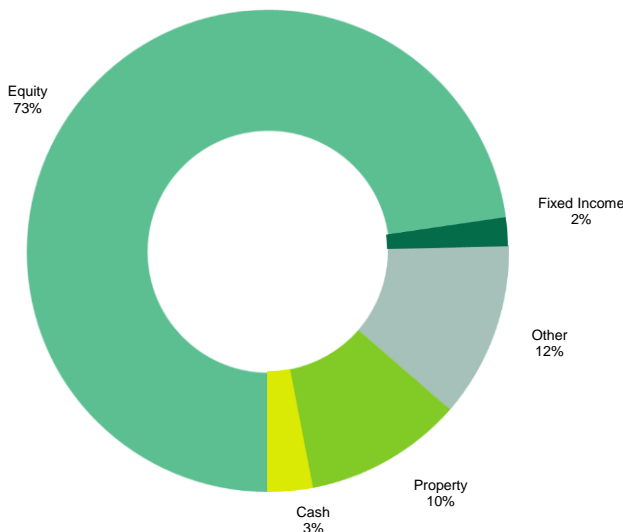
Class A performance net of fees. Inception 31 July 2011. \* Since inception annualised.

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.

**RISK MEASURE**

SINCE FUND INCEPTION	FUND USD	FUND GBP
Annualised volatility	9.8%	9.0%
Sharpe ratio (annualised)	0.47	0.68
Lowest monthly return	-7.8%	-7.8%

**PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE**



\* Class A includes a trail fee of 0.75%  
Class B includes a trail fee of 0.50%

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.

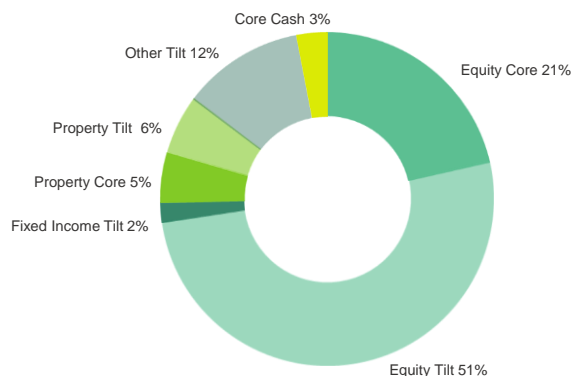
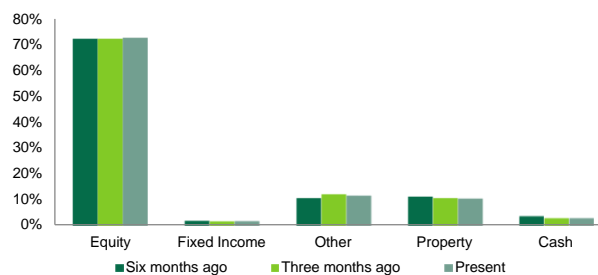


## TOTAL PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

### FULL PORTFOLIO LISTING

EQUITY			72.7%
Vanguard Global Stock Index	Core		19.4%
Dodge & Cox Global Stock Fund	Tilt		13.3%
Nedgroup Global Equity Fund	Tilt		12.1%
TT Emerging Markets Equity Fund	Tilt		10.6%
Fundsmith Equity Fund	Tilt		6.1%
Morgan Stanley Global Brands	Tilt		5.2%
Allianz Global Small Cap Equity	Tilt		4.1%
iShares MSCI World	Core		2.1%
PROPERTY			10.6%
Nedgroup Global Property Fund	Core		4.9%
Target Healthcare REIT	Tilt		2.2%
BMO Commercial Property Trust	Tilt		1.9%
Impact Healthcare REIT	Tilt		1.6%
FIXED INCOME			1.9%
Franklin Templeton Global Total Return Fund	Tilt		1.9%
OTHER			11.8%
Greencoat UK Wind	Tilt		3.0%
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%
The Renewables Infrastructure Group	Tilt		1.0%
3i Infrastructure Plc	Tilt		1.0%
CASH			3.0%
BlackRock Institutional USD Liquidity Fund / Cash	Core		3.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>100.0%</b>

### CHANGES IN ASSET ALLOCATION BY STRATEGY



## EQUITY COMPONENT <sup>3</sup>

TOP TEN UNDERLYING HOLDINGS	
Microsoft	2.7%
Alphabet	1.9%
Charter Communications	1.7%
Reckitt Benckiser	1.5%
Unilever	1.4%
Philip Morris International	1.4%
Facebook	1.4%
Alibaba	1.1%
Naspers	1.0%
Baxter	0.9%

COUNTRY ALLOCATION	
USA	49.8%
Europe ex-UK	16.0%
UK	8.4%
Emerging Markets	14.9%
Pacific ex-Japan	2.5%
Japan	3.6%
Canada	1.8%
Cash	3.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

SECTOR ALLOCATION	
Financials	16.1%
Health Care	15.7%
Information Technology	14.1%
Industrials	11.3%
Consumer Staples	10.4%
Communication Services	9.7%
Consumer Discretionary	8.3%
Energy	4.0%
Materials	3.8%
Real Estate	2.1%
Utilities	1.4%
Cash	3.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

ON-GOING CHARGES (as at 31 July 2019)<sup>2</sup>

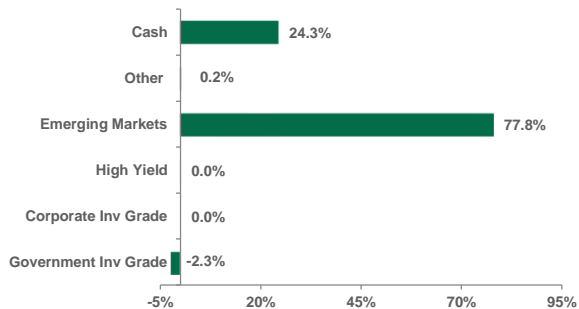
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## FIXED INCOME COMPONENT <sup>3</sup>

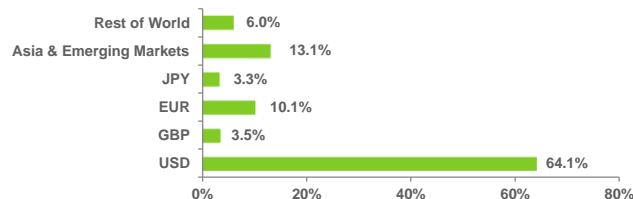
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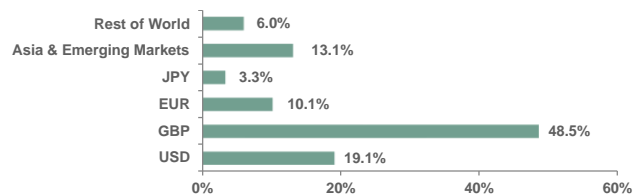
YIELD	
Yield To Maturity	8.6%
Average Weighted Maturity (in years)	1.5
Average Modified Duration (in years)	-2.1

## CURRENCY EXPOSURE <sup>3</sup>

### USD SHARE CLASS



### GBP SHARE CLASS <sup>4</sup>



<sup>3</sup> Source: Underlying managers. Data point 30 June 2019

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

<sup>4</sup> For the sterling Hedged share class a 45% hedge to sterling is applied

## INVESTMENT MANAGER COMMENTARY

## MARKET COMMENTARY

Nedgroup Investments (IOM) Ltd  
Investment Manager and Distributor

July was generally a positive month for investors as central banks confirmed their bias to ease monetary policy. Whilst the ECB restricted itself to statements suggesting the possibility that interest rates could be cut, the Federal Reserve actually took action by lowering rates by 0.25% on July 31<sup>st</sup>. This change in tack reflected growing concerns about weak economic data and that any failure in the US-China trade talks could further undermine global growth.

Whilst the US-China trade talks resumed, there were little signs of any real progress on the difficult issues of technology transfer and intellectual property rights. The fundamental problem is that the US-China trade war is not just about trade imbalances. In the bigger picture, it can also be seen as a new cold war between the US and China for economic dominance, where the weapon of choice just happens to be trade. For now at least, the truce is holding, although it is doubtful that the US and China will find it easy to settle their differences.

July saw the Q2 earnings season in full flow. By the end of the month it was clear that profits have been much better than expected in the US and a little stronger than forecasted in Europe. With 70 percent of S&P 500 companies reporting over the month, 60 percent beat on sales whilst 78 percent posted better than expected earnings (which were +5.3% ahead of forecasts). In Europe, 68 percent of companies in the Bloomberg European 500 Index reported in July, with 57 percent exceeding sales forecasts and 57 percent also surprising on earnings (which were +2.8% higher). Whilst the actual numbers reported were positive, forward guidance from managements was more cautious, which served to remove some of the shine.

Over the month we saw confirmation that Boris Johnson would replace Theresa May as the UK's Prime Minister. His apparent determination to take a harder line with the EU on Brexit has increased the risk of a "no deal" and further undermined investor confidence in UK assets and sterling. The scene is now set for a showdown between the UK and the EU over Johnson's demands that the Irish back-stop is dropped from the withdrawal agreement. Johnson also seems set on a collision course with the UK parliament, which remains opposed to a "no deal" exit. Whatever the outcome, it seems likely the uncertainty around Brexit is only going to increase in the short term.

Equities advanced modestly, with the MSCI AC World Index rising +0.3% in US dollar terms. With the stronger US dollar detracting from non-US market returns, the US (+1.5%) was the strongest performer amongst the majors, whilst Europe ex UK (-2.0%), Asia ex Japan (-1.8%), the UK (-1.8%) and Emerging Markets (-1.2%) all underperformed. Returns were mixed at the sector level, with the best performers being Information Technology (+2.8%) and Communication Services (+2.4%), whilst the biggest laggards included Energy (-2.6%) and Materials (-2.6%). In terms of style, Growth (+1.0%) once again outpaced Value (-0.4%), whilst there was little to choose between Larger Companies (+0.3%) and Smaller Companies (+0.4%).

Fixed income markets also rewarded investors, with declining yields driving positive returns across all sectors. Over the month, the JP Morgan Global Government Bond Index posted a return of +0.8%, whilst the ICE Merrill Lynch Global Corporate Investment Grade Index gained +1.0%, the ICE Merrill Lynch Global High Yield Index rose +0.7% and the JP Morgan Global Emerging Market Bond Index advanced +1.2% (all hedged to US dollars).

Commodities were a mixed bag, with the Bloomberg Commodities Index losing -0.7%. This aggregate masked the fact that most sub-sectors actually rose in July, led by Industrial Metals (+1.4%), Gold (+1.0%) and Crude Oil (+0.3%), with only Agriculture (-5.1%) delivering a loss over the period.

In the foreign exchange markets, the British pound (-4.4% versus the US dollar) was particularly weak as Boris Johnson, the UK's new Prime Minister, chose to adopt a harder stance on Brexit which increased the likelihood of a "no deal" outcome. The dollar was also generally strong against most currencies, rising by +2.7% versus the euro, +0.9% against the yen and +1.8% relative to the Swiss franc.

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

## PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The Nedgroup Investments Growth MultiFund rose by +0.8% during July.

Within equities, the best performing active funds were Morgan Stanley Global Brands (+2.0%) and Allianz Global Small Cap (+1.9%). Morgan Stanley benefited from its more defensive sector exposure, whilst Allianz's performance mostly came through from good stock

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selection within the small cap universe. At the other end of the spectrum, TT Emerging Markets Equity (-0.1%) and Dodge and Cox Global Stock (-0.2%) both lagged over the period due to their emerging market exposure.

In other asset classes, Nedgroup Global Property (+0.4%) performed broadly in line with equity markets, with REITs enjoying strong support from declining interest rate expectations. However, portfolio exposure to UK commercial property was more mixed. BMO Commercial Property (+2.3%) recovered some ground lost in prior months over Brexit uncertainty and concern about the weakness of the UK retail sector, whilst the more defensive UK care homes, Impact Healthcare (+1.0%) and Target Healthcare (-2.1%) broadly offset each other. Having been extremely strong in the first half, infrastructure holdings detracted value, with The Renewables Infrastructure Group (-0.8%), Greencoat UK Wind (-1.5%), John Laing Environmental Assets (-1.6%), Greencoat Renewables (-2.1%) and 3i Infrastructure (-4.1%) all losing a little ground over the month. Finally, asset-backed lending added value, with GCP Asset Backed Income (+1.5%) and SQN Asset Finance Income Fund C-Shares (+1.2%) both posting decent gains in July.

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

Note: All returns are quoted in US dollars.

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