

## What is the fund's objective?

The objective of the fund is to provide long-term capital growth by investing in quoted global equities and maximising investment returns in USD.

## What does the fund invest in?

The fund is a feeder fund which, apart from assets in liquid form, consists solely of participatory interests of the Melville Douglas Select Global Equity Fund – a high conviction, actively managed global securities fund. The fund consists of 25-35 high quality multi-national companies from around the world. Each company must comply with our stringent requirements for quality, growth and attractive valuation.

## What possible risks are associated with this fund?

General market risks include a rise or volatility in bond yields, rising interest rates, economic and political risk, inflation uncertainty and duration risk. Where foreign securities are included in the portfolio there may be additional risks, such as potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds, macro-economic risks, political risks, tax risks, settlement risks, and potential limitations on the availability of market information.

## Risk rating

Conservative	Moderately conservative	Moderate	Moderately aggressive	Aggressive
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## What is the suggested investment period for this fund?

### Minimum period

1 Month	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years
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## Who should consider investing in this fund?

The investment strategy is suitable for investors looking for long term capital appreciation. The fund objective is to deliver strong risk adjusted returns over time. Risk is mitigated through holding a range of highly profitable and proven franchises diversified across multiple sectors and geographies.

## Income

**Distribution** Net income is calculated and accrued daily and is declared and distributed semi-annually.

Due to the nature of this portfolio it is unlikely that any net income will be available for distribution.

**Declaration** 30 June, 31 December

## General fund information

<b>Manager(s)</b>	Justin Maloney and Derinia Mathura
<b>Size (NAV)</b>	R 1.23 billion
<b>Peer group</b>	Global - Equity - General
<b>Benchmark</b>	MSCI AC World Net
<b>Regulation 28</b>	Does not apply

### Class B1

**Launch** 07 November 2016

**ISIN number** ZAE000227815

**JSE code** MDGB1

### Minimum investment requirements -

Lump sum R 10,000

Monthly R 500

## What are the costs to invest in this fund?

### Maximum charges including VAT

	Class B1
<b>Initial fee (manager)</b>	0.000%
<b>Initial fee (adviser)</b>	3.450%
<b>Annual fee (manager)</b>	1.495%
<b>Annual fee (adviser)</b>	0.000%
<b>Performance fee</b>	N/A
<b>Adviser fee</b>	1.150%

**Annual fee (manager)** – this is a service charge (% based) applicable to each class of a fund, that is levied on the value of your portfolio and includes the **Annual fee (adviser)** fee (where applicable). Annual fees are calculated and accrued daily and recovered monthly from the income awaiting distribution in the fund.

**Adviser fee** - this is the maximum annual service fee (% based) an adviser can charge on the value of your portfolio. It is calculated and accrued daily and recovered monthly by means of a redemption of your units. It is not included in the **Annual fee**.

### Cost ratios (annual) including VAT as at 30 September 2025

	Class B1
<b>Based on period from:</b>	01/10/2022
<b>Total Expense</b>	1.87%
<b>Performance Fee</b>	0.00%
<b>Transaction Costs</b>	0.00%
<b>Total Investment Charge</b>	1.87%
<b>1 Year Total Expense</b>	1.87%

**Total Expense (TER):** This ratio shows the charges, levies and fees relating to the management of the portfolio and is expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value of the portfolio, calculated over the period shown and annualised to the most recently completed quarter. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER should not be regarded as an indication of future TERs.

**Transaction Costs (TC):** This ratio shows the percentage of the value of the fund incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the fund's underlying assets. TC are a necessary cost in administering the fund and impacts fund returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of fund, investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

**Total Investment Charges (TIC):** This ratio is simply the sum of the TER and TC, showing the percentage of the value of the fund incurred as costs relating to the investment of the fund. It should be noted that performance figures account for all costs included in the TIC ratio, so you should not deduct the TIC from performance figures, the performance is already net of the TIC.

# Melville Douglas STANLIB Global Equity Feeder Fund

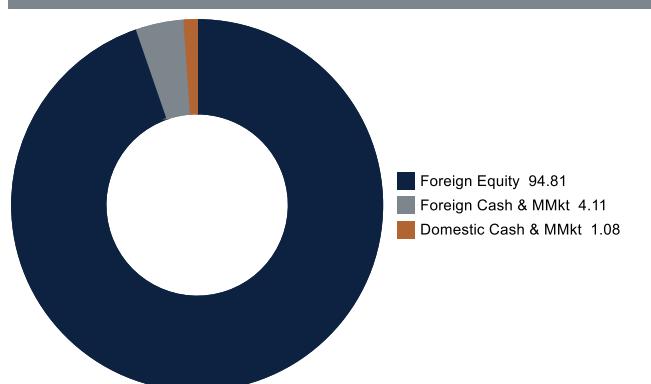
Monthly update at 31 December 2025



## Holdings

Holdings (%)	
Melville Douglas SFL - Global Equity USD Class X	98.92
Domestic Cash	1.08

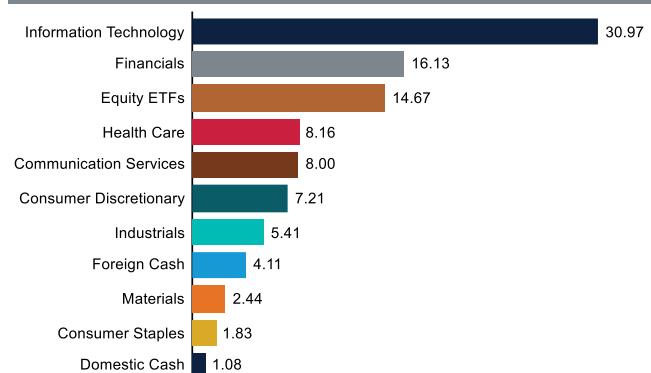
## Asset class (look through) (%)



## Country (look through) (%)



## Sector (look through) (%)



## Performance and Income

Class B1 Launch: 07 November 2016

Benchmark: MSCI AC World Net from 23/01/2017, previously MSCI AC World TR from launch.

Returns (%)	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	7yrs	Launch
<b>Class B1</b>					
Class	-0.63	13.85	8.95	12.79	12.66
Rank/Out of	96/117	74/102	55/77	35/53	20/39
Benchmark	7.43	19.59	13.90	16.32	14.97
Peer group	5.92	16.17	10.57	13.48	12.04

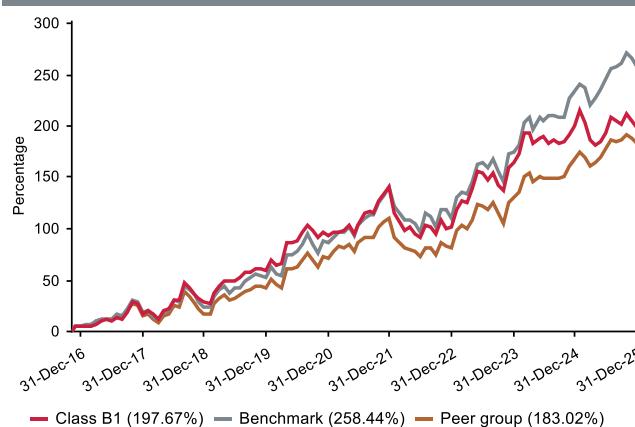
Returns (%) shown are cumulative for all periods shorter than or equal to 1 year and annualised for all periods greater than 1 year.

Statistics (%)	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	7yrs	Launch
<b>Class B1</b>					
Positive Months	5	21	34	49	61
Max Gain	11.19	55.98	64.47	148.32	217.25
Max Drawdown	-10.79	-10.79	-20.64	-20.64	-26.58
Highest	15.25	32.67	32.67	33.95	33.95
Lowest	-2.34	-2.34	-16.32	-16.32	-16.32

Highest – this reflects the highest 12 month return during the period.

Lowest - this reflects the lowest 12 month return during the period.

## Cumulative performance (%) from Launch



## Amount declared (cents per unit)

	Class B1
30 June 25	0.00
31 December 25	0.00
In last 12 months	0.00
In 2024	0.00

## Who are the investment managers?

Since 1983 Melville Douglas has been delivering superior investment returns across a number of asset classes. As a global boutique investment management company within the Standard Bank Group, we are uniquely positioned to offer domestic and offshore investment solutions. What truly sets Melville Douglas apart is our experienced investment team and our approach to investing – driven by balance, a long-term view and a commitment to fundamental research – which informs our investment decisions across the board.



**Justin Maloney**  
BSc (Hons), CFA®, Chartered FCSI  
Fund Manager



**Derinia Mathura**  
BBusSci (Hons) Finance, CFA®  
Fund Manager

Justin joined Melville Douglas in 2014 and has over three decades experience of managing global equity funds. He co-manages the Melville Douglas Select Global Equity Fund and covers a range of sub-sectors for the team. Prior to joining the company, he was a global equity fund manager in London for Sanlam and F&C Asset Management. He holds a BSc (Hons) degree in Business from Cass Business School, University of London. He is also a CFA® Charterholder and a Chartered Wealth Manager. Justin is based in Jersey.

Derinia joined Melville Douglas in 2013 as the lead analyst for a range of global equity holdings within the consumer discretionary sector. She is the co-manager of the Melville Douglas Select Global Equity Fund. Prior to joining, she worked for RMB Morgan Stanley as a sell-side equity research analyst covering financials. Derinia has a BBusSci (Hons) degree in Finance and is also a CFA® Charterholder.

## Fund review

Record highs for global stock markets underpinned positive returns for the fund over the fourth quarter. However, the fund performance lagged relative to the MSCI All Country World index. Positive index-relative contributions within communications services (notably Alphabet), consumer discretionary (LVMH) and healthcare (Eli Lilly and Thermo Fisher) were offset by underperformance within financials (Fiserv), IT (Microsoft) and industrials (Linde). In addition, the fund's exposure to China acted as a drag as hopes for a robust economic rebound came off the boil amidst persistent weakness in the property sector.

Alphabet added the most to the portfolio return as the stock was up almost +30% and it is a top three holding. Drivers included impressive +34% year-on-year revenue growth in Q3 from Google Cloud, its upgraded AI model Gemini 3 re-establishing Alphabet as a formidable competitor in the AI race, and demand for its in-house designed AI accelerator chips (TPUs). Eli Lilly was also a meaningful contributor on the back of strong demand for its injectable diabetes and obesity drugs as well as on hopes for strong sales for the pill-versions in 2026.

Fiserv was a notable detractor. The position was cut to a small 0.7% portfolio weight ahead of Q3 corporate results to reflect our caution around near-term operational performance. We continued to hold the payments company given its low share price valuation and the prospect of an improvement in operational performance. The results missed expectations with management guiding for significant business investments to improve service and for substantial cuts to pricing. The remaining holding in Fiserv was subsequently sold as the Q3 results undermined our conviction about the stability of its earnings profile (including the previously rock-solid bank processing business) and Fiserv's ability to expand market share amidst a highly competitive industry.

## Market overview

Three quarters is a long time for markets. The turmoil and pessimism precipitated by the announcement in April of egregious US trade tariffs now seem a distant memory. But at the time the implied volatility of S&P 500 options, a measure of investor fear and greed, hit levels of distress not seen since the Global Financial Crisis of 2008 and the Covid pandemic of 2020. Pan ahead to the end of the year, and the MSCI All Country World index finished comfortably up for 2025 amidst AI-enthusiasm (or "hype" for the non-believers) and the realisation the world is not on the precipice of another 1930s-type depression, let alone a mild recession. Softer than expected inflation readings, Fed interest rate cuts, easing US-China trade tensions (at least relative to the first half) and robust macro data underpinned equity market returns. The Q3 GDP print (delayed due to the US government shutdown) showed the US economy grew at an annualised pace of +4.3% (versus +3.3% expected). This was the fastest growth rate in two years, leading to investor optimism about the momentum of world's largest economy into next year.

The rally broadened out in Q4 with sectors such as healthcare, materials and financials leading the charge. Big Tech still performed well but was not the top performer, which is a welcome change given concerns about the highly concentrated nature of the equity returns in recent years.

## Looking ahead

Has the sentiment pendulum swung too far from despair to euphoria? There are, as is always the case, a multitude worries to assuage or take seriously. For instance, the US trade war has not gone away. US tariffs remain at levels last seen during the 1930s. Almost as damaging, is the uncertainty surrounding the Trump Administration's erratic policy making that has held back non-AI related corporate investments. Help is on hand with the passing of the "One Big Beautiful Bill" fiscal stimulus, which is estimated by the Congressional Budget Office to increase US GDP in 2026 by +0.9%. This additional growth is a significant boost for an economy structurally growing around 2%. A key driver is that the Bill will enable businesses to immediately deduct capital expenses, such as investments in capital equipment and R&D.

This US fiscal support is one of a rarely seen policy triumvirate. The others are easing monetary policy and deregulation. These pro-cyclical boosters seldom combine when the economy is not in or coming out of a recession. The Trump Administration is pushing ahead with deregulation, and the Federal Reserve is looking to cut rates by around 50 basis points in the first half of 2026. Similarly, in Europe the ECB will keep rates low whilst Germany ramps up fiscal spending. In China the government will likely continue to ease monetary policy and push ahead with fiscal policy support.

As goes the economy, so goes corporate profits. It is atypical for rates cuts to happen as corporate earnings are growing. This suggests the current rally has some justification to it with both profit growth and the cost of money heading in opposite directions. As night follows day there will inevitably be market wobbles/concerns. But this is counterbalanced by a global economy that has shown remarkable robustness over the past five years and by adoption of transformative technology (i.e. AI). Equally, we understand the risks. As such, we remain committed to investing in a diversified portfolio of the world's best franchises that can comfortably ride through the inevitable (seasonally or cyclical) bumps in the road on the way to achieving attractive compound returns over the long-term.

The commentary gives the views of the portfolio manager at the time of writing. Any forecasts or commentary included in this document are not guaranteed to occur.

## Change in allocation of the fund over the quarter

Asset type	Q4 2025	Q3 2025	Change
Domestic Cash & MMkt	1.08	1.50	-0.42
Foreign Cash & MMkt	4.11	1.85	2.26
Foreign Equity	94.81	96.65	-1.84

The portfolio adhered to its portfolio objective over the quarter.

## Fund classes

Class	Type	Price (cpu)	Units	NAV (Rand)
B1	Retail	297.67	190,432,069.72	566,856,012.09

All data as at 31 December 2025.

Units – amount of participatory interests (units) in issue in relevant class.

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### Disclosures

Collective Investment Schemes in Securities (CIS) are generally medium to long term investments. The value of participatory interests may go down as well as up and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. CIS are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending.

The Melville Douglas STANLIB Global Equity Feeder Fund is a portfolio of the STANLIB Collective Investment Scheme (the Scheme).

The manager of the Scheme is STANLIB Collective Investments (RF) (Pty) Limited (the Manager). The Manager is authorised in terms of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act, No. 45 of 2002 (CISCA) to administer Collective Investment Schemes (CIS) in Securities. Liberty is a full member of the Association for Savings and Investments of South Africa (ASISA). The Manager is a member of the Liberty Group of Companies. The manager has a right to close a portfolio to new investors in order to manage the portfolio more efficiently in accordance with its mandate. The Manager does not provide any guarantee either with respect to the capital or the return of a CIS portfolio. A schedule of fees and charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the Manager.

The trustee of the Scheme is Standard Chartered Bank.

The investments of this portfolio are managed, on behalf of the Manager, by Melville Douglas Investment Management (Pty) Ltd, an authorised financial services provider (FSP), FSP No. 595, under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act (FAIS), Act No. 37 of 2002.

Prices are calculated and published on each working day, these prices are available on the Manager's website ([www.stanlib.com](http://www.stanlib.com)) and in South African printed news media. This portfolio is valued at 15h00. Forward pricing is used. Investments and repurchases will receive the price of the same day if received prior to 15h00.

This portfolio is permitted to invest in foreign securities. Should the portfolio include any foreign securities these could expose the portfolio to any of the following risks: potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds; macroeconomic risks; political risks; foreign exchange risks; tax risks; settlement risks; and potential limitations on the availability of market information.

This portfolio is a Feeder Fund portfolio. A Feeder Fund portfolio is a portfolio that invests in a single portfolio of a collective investment scheme, that levies its own charges, which could result in a higher fee structure for the Feeder Fund.

This portfolio is a third party named, co-named portfolio. The Manager retains full legal responsibility for this portfolio. A third party named, co-named portfolio is a portfolio bearing the name of both the Manager and the financial services provider (FSP) where the FSP, under an agreement with the Manager, undertakes financial services of a discretionary nature, as contemplated in the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, Act No. 37 of 2002 (FAIS), in relation to the assets of the portfolio. Melville Douglas Investment Management (Pty) Ltd, an authorised FSP, FSP No. 595, FAIS, is the third party manager of this portfolio.

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All performance returns and ranking figures quoted are shown in ZAR and are based on data sourced from Morningstar or Statpro and are as at 31 December 2025.

Annualised return figures are the compound annualised growth rate (CAGR) calculated from the cumulative return for the period being measured. These annualised returns provide an indication of the annual return achieved over the period had an investment been held for the entire period. Actual annual figures are available on request from the Manager.

Portfolio performance figures are calculated for the relevant class of the portfolio, for a lump sum investment, on a NAV-NAV basis, with income reinvested on the ex-dividend date. Individual investor performance may differ due to initial fees, actual investment date, date of reinvestment of income and dividend withholding tax. Portfolio performance accounts for all costs that contribute to the calculation of the cost ratios quoted, all returns quoted are after these costs have been accounted for.

Statistics - Positive Months: the number of individual 1 month periods during the specified time period where the return was not negative; Max Gain: the maximum gain in a trough-to-peak incline before a new trough is attained, quoted as the percentage between the trough and the peak. It is an indicator of upside risk over a specified time period (quoted for all periods of 1 year or longer); Max Drawdown: the maximum loss in a peak-to-trough decline before a new peak is attained, quoted as the percentage between the peak and the trough. It is an indicator of downside risk over a specified time period (quoted for periods of 1 year or longer, where no value is shown no loss was experienced); Highest and Lowest: the highest and the lowest 1 year return (%) that occurred during the specified time period (quoted for all relevant classes launched 1 year or more prior to current month end date).

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