

Melville Douglas STANLIB Global Equity Feeder Fund

Fund information update at 31 December 2023

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

Manager(s)	Justin Maloney and Derinia Mathura
Size (NAV)	R 1.06 billion
Classification	Global - Equity - General
Benchmark	MSCI AC World Net
Regulation 28	Does not apply
	Class B3
Launch	02 January 2018
ISIN number	ZAE000252953
JSE code	MSGB3
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 B3
Initial fee (manager)	0.000%
Initial fee (adviser)	3.450%
Annual fee (manager)	1.150%
Annual fee (adviser)	0.000%
Performance fee	N/A

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.

Cost ratios (annual) including VAT as at 30 September 2023

	Class B3
Based on period from:	01/10/2020
Total Expense	1.39%
Transaction Costs	0.00%
Total Investment Charge	1.39%
1 Year Total Expense	1.39%

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.

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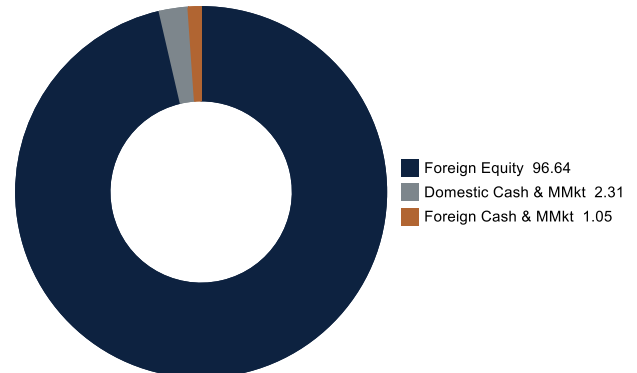
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Holdings

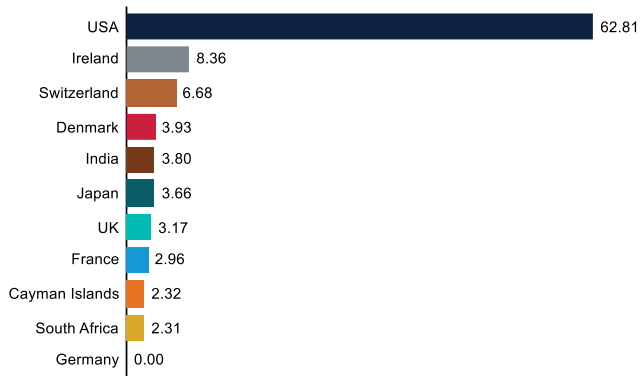
Holdings (%)

Melville Douglas SFL - Global Equity USD Class X	97.69
Domestic Cash	2.31

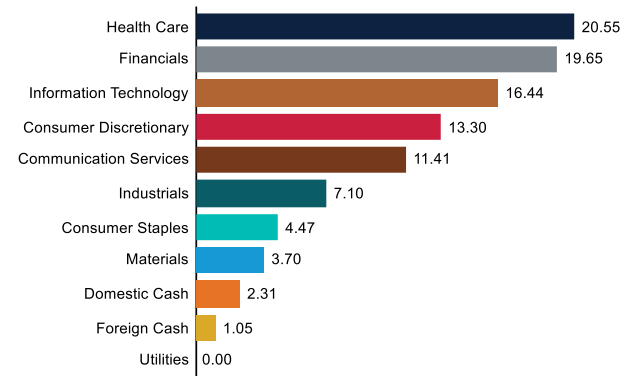
Asset class (look through) (%)



Country (look through) (%)



Sector (look through) (%)



Performance and Income

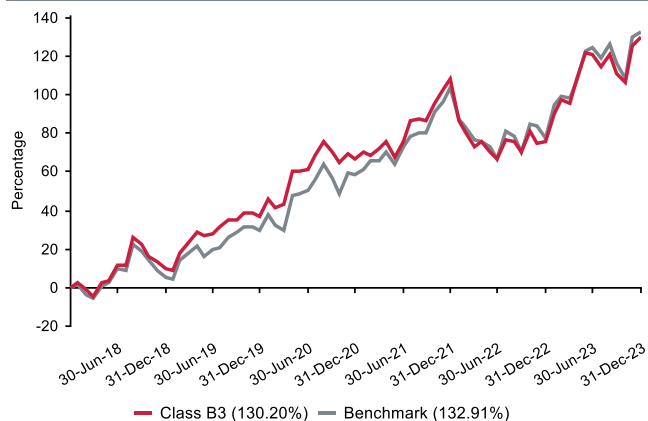
Class B3 Launch: 02 January 2018

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

Returns (%)	1yr	2yrs	3yrs	5yrs	Launch
Class B3					
Class	30.78	5.00	11.25	15.97	14.92
Rank/Out of	31/83	38/71	30/62	13/40	6/33
Sector Average	26.12	4.56	10.13	14.50	11.84
Benchmark	31.34	6.92	13.76	17.21	15.14

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

Cumulative performance (%) from Launch



Statistics (%)	1yr	2yrs	3yrs	5yrs	Launch
Class B3					
Positive Months	7	11	20	35	40
Max Gain	30.78	37.95	37.95	112.18	145.87
Max Drawdown	-7.11	-20.08	-20.08	-20.08	-25.91
Highest	32.19	32.19	32.19	34.43	34.43
Lowest	2.31	-15.69	-15.69	-15.69	-15.69

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

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

Amount declared (cents per unit)

	Class B3
30 June 23	0.00
29 December 23	0.00
In last 12 months	0.00
In 2022	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

Justin joined Melville Douglas in 2014 and has 28 years 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 Mathura
BBusSci (Hons) Finance, CFA®
Fund Manager

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

The fund benefited from a sharp rebound in global equity markets. In addition, positive stock selection enabled outperformance compared to the MSCI All Country World index. Top performers included Partners Group, Amazon.com and Experian. Partners Group, a private markets asset manager, received a boost to its assets under management and performance fees as a result of higher equity and bond markets. Amazon.com reported better than expected quarterly results and upped its forecasts for the next quarter. Its profit margins surged as scale advantages, operational improvement, and levelling off capital expenditure kicked in. Experian, the world's largest credit bureau, also reported better than expected corporate results, confirming the resilience of its business model despite a difficult lending backdrop for its clients.

During the quarter the fund initiated an investment in Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC), which makes most of the world's leading-edge microchips. Its clients are "fabless" companies (including Apple, Nvidia and Qualcomm) that design but do not manufacture their own chips. There is a long growth runway, driven by the ongoing digitisation of things (i.e. higher chip content), 5G and high-performance computing megatrends, and outsourcing by integrated device manufacturers. TSMC's leadership in the manufacturing process and its diversified end markets (including data centres, automobiles, PCs, internet of things, wireless, and sensors) has led to a smoother earnings profile than more narrowly focused semiconductors companies.

Market overview

Equities were back in the saddle after a bumpy ride over the prior three-months. Softer than expected inflation data from the US, Europe and the UK spurred a powerful rally amidst expectations monetary tightening had peaked. Whether Federal Reserve Governor Powell can pull off a Captain Sully remains a topic of debate. Markets are assuming the rose-tinted view for now.

With investors more confident about a soft landing, performance broadened out beyond the "magnificent seven" monopolistic US Tech stocks that had dominated returns earlier in the year. Except for energy, all the major industry sectors exhibited gains. Unsurprisingly, the laggards included defensive sectors, such as consumer staples and healthcare. Energy also underperformed due to a lower oil price as the OPEC+ cartel squabbled about quotes and non-OPEC increased production. Industrials and IT stocks outperformed on the expectation less hawkish central bank policy would alleviate pressure on the economy and on their share price valuations.

Looking ahead

Human misbehaviour has been a constant in financial markets through the ages. The pattern stretches back to the likes of the South Sea bubble, the great railway mania, the Australian land boom, the British bicycle mania, the Wall Street crash, Japan in the 1990s, the Dot-Com bubble to the "no boom and bust" subprime bubble. Times may change but human behaviour, foibles and emotions are constant.

What lessons can we draw today? One is that there is some truth to the adage that markets take the lift on the way down and the stairs on the way up. The most recent major market nadir was a little over a year ago, i.e. October 2022. Since then, the MSCI All Country World is up over 30%. Despite the temptation for investors to "take profits", big rallies tend to beget further gains. A study by Oppenheimer & Co found that the second year following a rally from a major low has been positive in 19 out of 22 cycles (the exceptions were 1932, 1947 and 1960). Another historical pattern is that equity markets tend to do well during a US presidential election year, particularly if the incumbent is running. Clearly, it is in the incumbent's interest to keep voters happy by ensuring they are all in gainful employment. In short, the odds are in your favour in 2024.

Beyond the vagaries of market timing, we remain long-term investors of some of the world's best businesses at reasonable valuations. These proven winners have been selected for their metronomic ability to create shareholder value based on a sustained competitive edge combined with a compelling growth runway. We are reminded of Charlie Munger, who was Warren Buffett's business partner and who sadly passed away in November. He said, "the big money is not in the buying or selling, but in the waiting".

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 2023	Q3 2023	Change
Domestic Cash & MMkt	2.31	1.77	0.54
Foreign Cash & MMkt	1.05	0.98	0.07
Foreign Equity	96.64	97.25	-0.61

The portfolio adhered to its portfolio objective over the quarter.

Fund classes

Class	Type	Price (cpu)	Units	NAV (Rand)
B3	Retail	271.28	209,745,299.81	569,001,181.48

All data as at 31 December 2023.

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) 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 2023.

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).

Additional information about this product including, but not limited to, brochures, application forms and annual or quarterly reports, can be obtained free of charge, from the Manager and from the Manager's website (www.stanlib.com).

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