

Melville Douglas STANLIB Global Equity Feeder Fund

Fund information update at 31 March 2021

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 Prandhana Naidu

Size (NAV) R 605.45 million

Classification Global - Equity - General

Benchmark MSCI AC World Net

Regulation 28 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
Initial fee (manager)	0.000%
Initial fee (adviser)	3.450%
Annual fee (manager)	1.495%
Annual fee (adviser)	0.000%
Performance fee	N/A
Adviser fee	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 31 December 2020

	Class B1
Based on period from:	01/01/2018
Total Expense	1.51%
Transaction Costs	0.05%
Total Investment Charge	1.56%
1 Year Total Expense	1.58%

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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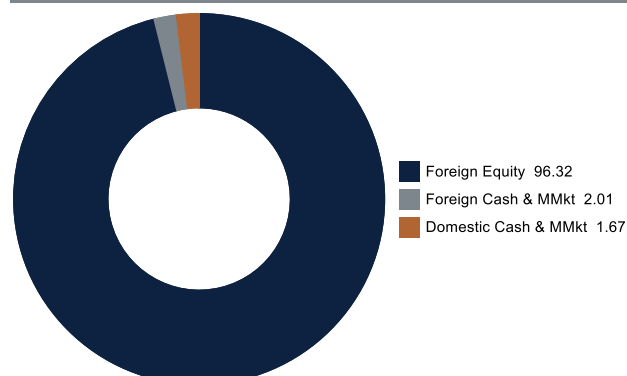
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Holdings

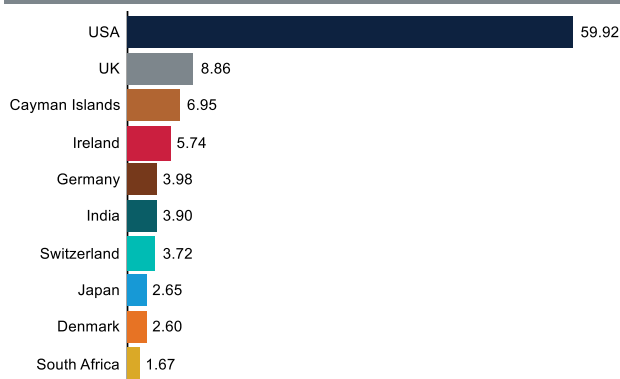
Holdings (%)

Melville Douglas SFL Global Equity X	97.43
Domestic Cash	1.67
Foreign Cash	0.90

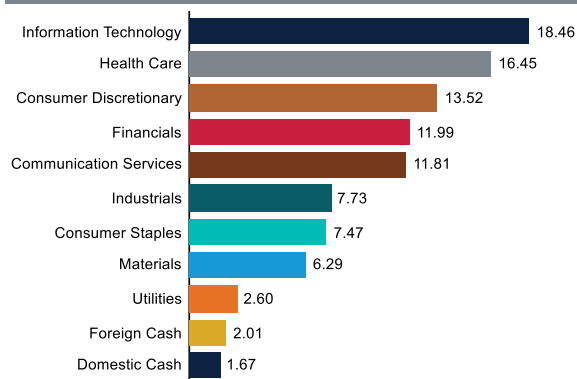
Asset class (look through) (%)



Country (look through) (%)



Sector (look through) (%)



Performance and Income

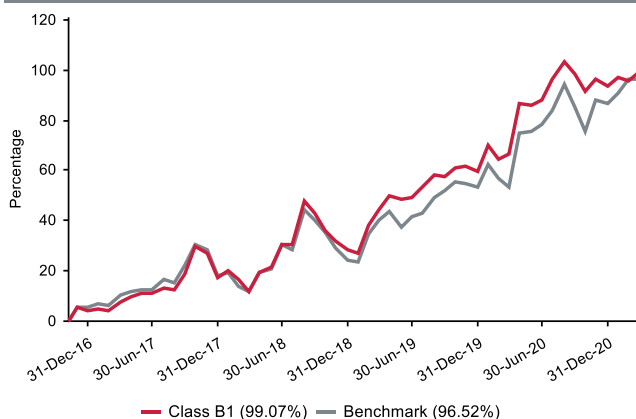
Class B1 Launch: 07 November 2016

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

Returns (%)	1yr	2yrs	3yrs	4yrs	Launch
Class B1					
Class	19.62	17.47	21.24	16.66	16.95
Rank/Out of	54/72	24/61	9/53	8/49	8/45
Sector Average	27.79	17.03	18.18	13.26	14.41
Benchmark	27.82	18.52	20.61	15.51	16.61

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	4yrs	Launch
Class B1					
Positive Months	7	15	21	27	29
Max Gain	22.32	41.09	82.24	89.38	107.81
Max Drawdown	-5.86	-5.86	-14.36	-14.36	-22.01
Highest	28.83	33.95	33.95	33.95	33.95
Lowest	16.25	6.79	3.78	3.78	3.78

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 B1
30 June 20	0.00
31 December 20	0.00
In last 12 months	0.00
In 2020	0.00

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Quarterly update at 31 March 2021

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 over 26 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.



Prandhana Naidu

BBusSci (Hons) degree in Finance, CFA
Fund manager

Prandhana joined Melville Douglas in 2014. She is the co-manager of the Melville Douglas Select Global Equity Fund. Prandhana also covers the global consumer staples sector. Prior to joining the company, she was a portfolio manager at Sasfin Securities. She holds a BBusSci (Hons) degree in Finance from the University of Cape Town, and is a CFA® Charterholder.

Fund review

The vaccine roll-out gaining traction combined with expectations for stronger global growth drove equity markets higher. An additional \$1.9 trillion in stimulus was made available to the US economy. This - along with pent-up demand as a result of being in some degree of lockdown for over a year - has led the sharp recovery in re-opening plays. The MSCI All Country World index returned 4.6%. The fund delivered a positive absolute return but was not able to keep up due to its bias towards stable, quality compounders. Top performers were those stocks that have a cyclical element – the likes of Prudential, Alphabet, Brenntag and Estee Lauder. Danish wind-farm operator Ørsted was the biggest detractor. Ørsted's share price had run hard over the past few months on the back of growing fiscal spend targeted towards renewable energy. With bond yields moving higher over the quarter, there was a selloff in Utilities – a sector that is viewed as a bond proxy.

Market overview

Despite the Suez Canal crisis and unhealthy trading practices spurred on by small-scale investors acting en masse, global markets tracked higher as improved optimism on returning to some sense of normality spurred global activity. The commitment to maintaining accommodative policy support from central banks around the world comforted markets. Concerns have been mounting on how long this stance would hold, especially as forward-looking indicators continue to point to accelerating growth. The bond market quickly priced in the stronger growth outlook, with longer dated yields rising sharply off their 12-month lows.

The style rotation that started towards the end of 2020 continued. Cyclically sensitive stocks that benefit to a greater degree coming out of a recession outperformed longer term secular growth winners as investors repositioned their exposures. With supply constraints and pent-up demand materialising, concerns around inflation have come to the forefront. Our holdings are dominant in their industries and have strong pricing power therefore we view the risk to earnings from rising cost pressures as low. We take a long-term view when identifying quality compounders that are backed by structural tailwinds as opposed to taking short term tactical views. These long-term winners will continue to be disruption-proof franchises that can grow profits without needing a strong economy or higher inflation. While these stocks have been sidelined over the past six months as the market chased bombed out re-opening trades, we expect them to come back into favour as the global economy reverts to its low growth secular norm.

There were no major changes to our holdings over the quarter. We have been incrementally adding to selected mega-cap technology stocks, such as Amazon, Visa and Facebook. As 2020 winners, many of these names were sold as investors rotated into re-opening plays. The earnings trajectory remains solid, and we expect the growth drivers to be further supported by sticky trends brought about as a result of the lock down. While the market may continue to take a short-term view, we remain committed to staying true to our investment philosophy in delivering superior risk-adjusted returns for our clients over the long run.

Looking ahead

Coming out of a recession, earnings estimates err more on the conservative side as the investment community tends to be more guarded than usual. There are clearly behavioural factors, such as anchoring to the most recent (depressed) datapoint, the difficulty of changing a pessimistic mindset and the embarrassment of getting it very wrong. This phenomenon was observed coming out of the prior recessions in 2003 and 2010. Current global earnings forecasts are sitting at 25% for 2021 with the potential to surprise to the upside. We may therefore see share prices remain supported despite lofty valuations. As a result, we could well see another year of positive, albeit limited returns, from equities.

The profit recovery in 2021 will be faster for cyclical companies with high operating and financial leverage. Companies with less cyclical and more stable earnings (i.e. the ones we tend to bias) did not see their earnings collapse in 2020, and therefore there is less scope for a sharp rebound in 2021. We are happy to own these "Steady Eddies" – consistency trumps volatility when capturing compound returns. We maintain our disciplined approach. A balanced portfolio that invests in quality assets - at a reasonable price - will deliver superior risk-adjusted 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	Q1 2021	Q4 2020	Change
Domestic Cash & MMkt	1.67	1.43	0.23
Equity	0.00	95.48	-95.48
Foreign Cash & MMkt	2.01	3.08	-1.08
Foreign Equity	96.32	0.00	96.32

The portfolio adhered to its portfolio objective over the quarter.

Fund classes

Class	Type	Price (cpu)	Units	NAV (Rand)
B1	Retail	199.07	146,950,721.28	292,529,079.40

All data as at 31 March 2021.

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 March 2021.

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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