

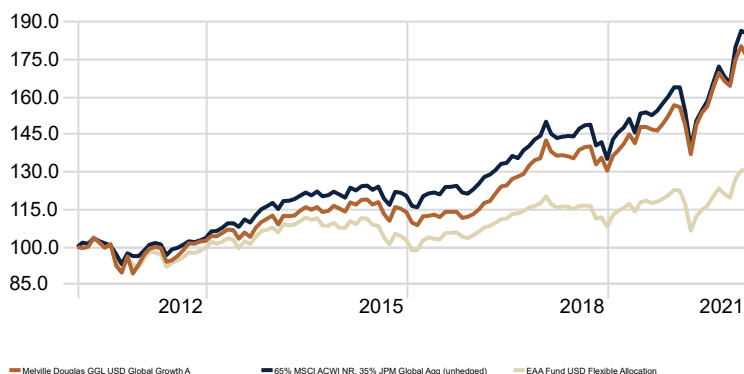
# Melville Douglas Global Growth Fund Ltd

## USD Global Growth Class (the "Fund")



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### Investment Growth\*\*\*



### Trailing Returns

|   | 1 Month | YTD   | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|---|---------|-------|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| Melville Douglas GGL USD Global Growth A        | -2.35   | -2.35 | 12.86  | 7.26    | 9.91    | 5.81     |
| Melville Douglas GGL USD Global Growth B        | -2.38   | -2.38 | 12.30  | 6.73    |         |          |
| Melville Douglas GGL USD Global Growth C        | -2.33   | -2.33 | 13.09  | 7.24    |         |          |
| 65% MSCI ACWI NR, 35% JPM Global Agg (unhedged) | -0.60   | -0.60 | 13.10  | 7.27    | 9.74    | 6.36     |
| EAA Fund USD Flexible Allocation                | 0.01    | 0.01  | 6.62   | 2.79    | 5.77    | 2.71     |

### Risk Matrix \*

|                           | Class A | Benchmark | Cat Avg |
|---------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Information Ratio (arith) | 0.0     |           | -1.3    |
| Std Dev                   | 11.6    | 13.0      | 10.1    |
| Sharpe Ratio **           | 0.5     | 0.5       | 0.2     |

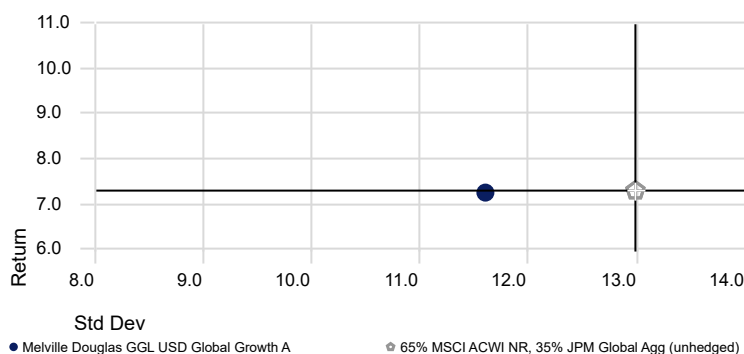
### Highest and lowest 12 month rolling return since inception

|                                 |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Highest 12 Month Rolling Return | 23.89  |
| Lowest 12 Month Rolling Return  | -26.54 |

### Monthly Returns\*\*\*

|      | Jan  | Feb  | Mar  | Apr | May  | Jun  | Jul | Aug  | Sep  | Oct  | Nov | Dec  | Year |
|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|-----|------|------|------|-----|------|------|
| 2021 | -2.3 |      |      |     |      |      |     |      |      |      |     |      |      |
| 2020 | -0.5 | -4.6 | -7.9 | 8.5 | 3.3  | 1.7  | 4.6 | 3.7  | -1.9 | -1.2 | 6.4 | 3.0  | 15.0 |
| 2019 | 4.5  | 1.5  | 2.0  | 2.7 | -2.4 | 4.6  | 0.0 | -0.7 | -0.3 | 1.9  | 2.1 | 2.8  | 20.0 |
| 2018 | 5.3  | -3.2 | -1.2 | 0.1 | -0.3 | -0.6 | 2.5 | 0.8  | 0.2  | -5.1 | 2.1 | -3.8 | -3.6 |
| 2017 | 1.7  | 2.2  | 0.6  | 2.5 | 2.3  | 0.3  | 2.1 | 0.8  | 0.8  | 2.7  | 1.6 | 0.6  | 19.7 |
| 2016 | -3.7 | -0.9 | 3.3  | 0.1 | 0.5  | -0.9 | 1.9 | 0.0  | 0.1  | -2.2 | 0.4 | 1.0  | -0.7 |

### Risk-Reward \*



Not to be distributed outside of Jersey and South Africa

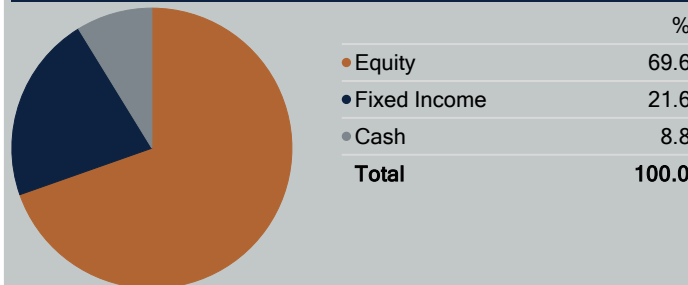
### Investment Objective

The objective is to provide long term capital growth in US Dollar terms by investing in a balanced portfolio of globally diversified equity and fixed income.

### Top 10 Holdings

|                                   | Weighting % |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| US Treasury 2.625                 | 6.7         |
| iShares \$ Corp Bond ETF USD Dist | 4.3         |
| Microsoft Corp                    | 4.1         |
| Tencent Holdings Ltd              | 3.5         |
| HDFC Bank Ltd ADR                 | 2.9         |
| Boston Scientific Corp            | 2.9         |
| Brenntag SE                       | 2.7         |
| Amazon.com Inc                    | 2.6         |
| Anthem Inc                        | 2.6         |
| UnitedHealth Group Inc            | 2.6         |

### Asset Allocation



### Operations

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Name                            | Melville Douglas GGL USD Global Growth A |
| Month End Price (Current Class) | \$245.42                                 |
| Total Fund Value                | \$238.91 Million                         |

### Fund Managers

#### Bernard Drotschle

Bernard is the Chief Investment Officer. He holds a B.Com (Hons) degree in Econometrics, is a CFA® Charterholder, and is a Certified Financial Planner™ professional.

#### Karl Holden

Karl specialises in global fixed income and currency markets. He is also lead manager of the Melville Douglas Income funds. Karl is a Chartered Wealth Manager, Fellow of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment and holds the Private Client Investment Advice and Management Certificate.

#### Prandhana Naidu

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.

### Portfolio Risk



\* Data is displayed over a 3 year rolling period  
 \*\* Risk free rate = US Treasury T-Bill 3 Months  
 \*\*\* Class A since inception. Information compiled using Morningstar based on the most recent published information available to Morningstar at the end of the relevant period. This information is for illustrative purposes only.  
 Benchmark change on the 1 May 2020 to 65% MSCI ACWI NR & 35% JPM Global Agg (Unhedged)

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### Additional Risk Information

Where foreign securities are included in the portfolio there may be additional risks, such as potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds, macroeconomic risks, political risks, tax risks, settlement risks, interest rate and potential limitations on the availability of market information.

The risk rating seen on page 1 is designed to give an indication of the level of risk, measured by volatility, associated with this specific portfolio. In order to arrive at the specific risk rating of the portfolio in question, Melville Douglas measures the volatility of the fund, in the form of standard deviation, over a three year rolling period, and compares the result to internal risk parameters. Please note that these risk ratings are designed as a guide only.

### Other Fund Facts

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Manager</b>            | STANLIB Fund Managers Jersey Limited             |
| <b>Investment Manager</b> | Melville Douglas Investment Management (Pty) Ltd |
| <b>Custodian</b>          | Apex Financial Services (Corporate) Limited      |
| <b>Auditors</b>           | PwC, Ireland                                     |
| <b>Fund Directors</b>     | GS.Baillie, M.Farrow, O.Sonnichler & R Stewart   |
| <b>Registered Office</b>  | 47-49 La Motte Street, St Helier, Jersey         |
| <b>Publication Date</b>   | 12 February 2021                                 |
| <b>Compliance No.</b>     | LN4508   |

#### Share Class ISIN

|         |              |
|---------|--------------|
| Class A | JE00B559P010 |
| Class B | JE00BD2X3T71 |
| Class C | JE00BD2X3V93 |

#### Minimum Investment

|         |                           |
|---------|---------------------------|
| Class A | Closed to new investments |
| Class B | \$ 2 500                  |
| Class C | \$ 2 500                  |

#### Launch Date

|         |                   |
|---------|-------------------|
| Class A | 21 June 1998      |
| Class B | 01 September 2016 |
| Class C | 01 September 2016 |

### Fund Costs- 12 months

| Fee Class      | Management Fee* | TER   | TC    | TIC   |
|----------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Class A</b> | 1.15%           | 1.22% | 0.01% | 1.24% |
| <b>Class B</b> | 1.65%           | 1.72% | 0.01% | 1.74% |
| <b>Class C</b> | 0.95%           | 1.02% | 0.01% | 1.04% |

TER = (Total Expense Ratio), TC = (Transaction Costs), TIC = (Total Investment Cost ; TER + TC = TIC)

Where a transaction cost is not readily available, a reasonable best estimate has been used. TER reflected is 1 month in arrears. Estimated transaction costs may include Bond, Money Market and FX Costs (where applicable)

\*Management fee includes fee payable to Manco

### Fund Costs- 36 months

| Fee Class      | Management Fee* | TER   | TC    | TIC   |
|----------------|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Class A</b> | 1.15%           | 1.23% | 0.01% | 1.25% |
| <b>Class B</b> | 1.65%           | 1.72% | 0.01% | 1.74% |
| <b>Class C</b> | 0.95%           | 1.06% | 0.01% | 1.08% |

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Prices are calculated and published daily and are available from the Manager on request.

Performance figures are calculated for the relevant class on a NAV basis.

Collective investment schemes are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending. Collective Investment Schemes are generally medium to long-term investments.

An investment management agreement exists between the Fund, the Manager and Melville Douglas Investment Management (Pty) Ltd appointing Melville Douglas Investment Management (Pty) Ltd as the sole representative for the investment management functions performed in South Africa. Melville Douglas Investment Management (Pty) Ltd is a company registered in South Africa with company number 1987/05041/07, and a subsidiary of Standard Bank Group Limited. Melville Douglas Investment Management (Pty) Ltd is licensed as a financial services provider in terms of Section 8 of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act, 2002 (Act No. 37 of 2002). The appointed representative for the Fund in South Africa is STANLIB Collective Investments (RF) Pty Ltd.

The manager does not provide any guarantee either with respect to the capital or the return of the portfolio.

Fund Prospectus, application forms as well as annual and interim financial statements, are available at [www.melvilledouglas.com](http://www.melvilledouglas.com)

Source: Morningstar Direct, Melville Douglas Investment Management

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### Quarterly Commentary (31 December 2020)

#### Fund Review

Over the quarter, the fund returned 8.3% compared to a benchmark return of 10.8%. The announcement of multiple vaccines with efficacy rates higher than forecast coupled with Joe Biden's US residential election victory led to a strong equity market rally during the final quarter of the year. Whilst the fund participated in the rally, aided by the decision to move from marginally underweight to marginally overweight equities due to the positive vaccine data, relative performance lagged due to the considerable market rotation away from large cap growth companies in favour of value securities and more cyclical sectors. Furthermore, an overweight position in USD coupled with the fund's short duration positioning in Investment grade credit and European bonds resulted in an underperformance from fixed income during the final quarter over the year.

#### Overview

It is often said that 'fact is stranger than fiction' and indeed it is difficult to fully comprehend some of the events of 2020. Initial reaction to the pandemic, which has so far sadly claimed over 1.65 million lives, risk assets initially fell with global equity markets falling some -35% but the bear market proved to be the shortest in history, the ensuing global economic recession also proved to be extremely short-lived. We saw futures prices for oil contracts fall to an astonishing negative - \$37.63 in April highlighting the extreme volatility and strains seen in the global assets in the earlier part of the year which have since eased and seen global equity markets finish higher as a result of truly colossal central bank and government monetary and fiscal stimulus together with hopes of a return to some sort of normality during the year ahead due to the release of effective vaccines.

The year also delivered a very divisive US election and a long-awaited BREXIT deal, but for many 2020 will be considered a very challenging year on many levels that they may wish to just forget. Attention now turns to what may unfold in 2021. As we remain in the middle of a global pandemic which continues to have the ability to materially change the direction of travel in each and every asset class dealing with COVID-19 via a successful vaccination program clearly remains the determining event on how 2021 will turn out both economically and socially. The simple truth is that we do not know exactly when this awful saga will eventually run its course but we do know that it is transitory in nature and some of the best medical minds on the planet have worked tirelessly to get us closer to that light at the end of the tunnel by way of the development of vaccines that have surprisingly high efficacy rates.

Melville Douglas's debates on market forecasting usually centre around global growth conditions, the generosity of central banks, interest rate forecasts, company earnings etc. and whilst all of these of course remain highly relevant, there is no doubt that these key factors remain hostage to the success of the worldwide vaccination program. We are optimistic on this front and as such increased risk during the final months of 2020 and are positioned overweight equity as we enter 2021. It would be remiss not to expect some road bumps along the way with regards to the implementation of successful distribution strategies of the vaccines which hopefully will not only be deployed swiftly but also in the fairest way possible, not just to those with the deepest pockets. Maybe one positive side effect of this terrible episode will be that it brings nations, families and individuals closer together in a common humanitarian goal.

#### Outlook

The discovery of vaccines with very high efficacy rates in such a short period has brought hope as widespread vaccination programs are expected to break the link between mobility measures and the number of infections. Risks in the near term remain, such as the supply and usage rates of the vaccines whilst new strains of the virus are a concern, but there is no doubt that the recent break-through in medical technology have improved the medium-term outlook significantly. In addition a combination of other factors such as pent up demand, high savings ratios, inventory rebuilding and policy support in the form of low interest rates and fiscal initiatives which include income payment transfers and infrastructure projects, and perhaps a more predictable geo-political environment will all contribute to an improved growth outlook for 2021 and beyond.

Investors should however remain selective and vigilant in their approach given elevated debt levels and less favourable valuations. We will continue to invest in quality securities with strong balance sheets, proven business models and secular growth drivers which will ultimately result in sustainable and predictable growth in profitability.

We have been consistently adding to risk assets such as global equities at a measured pace following news of the development of successful high efficacy vaccines. We acknowledge that valuations are not cheap by historical standards but would expect an improvement in the outlook for corporate earnings to continue to support returns in the year ahead. The earnings recovery cycle (pre-crisis levels) for the MSCI All Country World Index is expected to be completed towards the end of 2021, implying 25% growth in earnings per share over the next 12 months. Furthermore, many companies will reinstate the payment of dividends after one of the most challenging years in history which will provide an additional underpin for patient investors. Equity returns have been very concentrated during 2020 and outside of the US, China and a handful of mega large information technology and other growth shares, returns have been disappointing, especially for those companies that have been severely affected by the pandemic. Going forward we expect the dispersion of returns from equities to broaden as the global economic recovery becomes more widespread with the support from policy makers. We will continue to invest in companies with strong balance sheets and secular growth drivers which will ultimately result in sustainable and predictable growth in profitability.

Long dated government bonds stand to lose the most from a sustained global economic recovery and as such we remain underweight fixed income securities. We do not expect interest to be raised anytime soon but do believe that significant downside risks persist for holders of longer dated government bonds. Two thirds of all developed market government bonds are yielding negative yield-to-maturities, meaning that investors are guaranteed of earning negative returns if these bonds are held to maturity. In the US, different to Europe and Japan long dated (10 year) bonds are at least trading at positive income yields, but these yields are still well below long term inflation expectations. Not only are the starting yields unattractive, duration risk (capital risk) has also become extreme with a 1% upward parallel shift in the yield curve resulting in capital losses in excess of 8% for many long dated developed market bonds.

We have been selectively and opportunistically increasing exposure to investment and non-investment grade short dated bonds. This has and will continue to bolster returns, but at current spreads, we are not looking to add aggressively to credit. Although our positioning supports short dated bonds, we have been taking advantage of the modest sell-off in government bonds towards the end of 2020 which has resulted in the steepening of the yield curve, to extent duration. Cash weightings have been reduced and remain tactical in nature, ready to be and will be deployed as further investment opportunities arise.

**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.**