

# Melville Douglas Global Growth Fund Ltd

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



Minimum Disclosure Document as at 30 November 2020

### Investment Growth\*\*\*



### Trailing Returns

	1 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Melville Douglas GGL USD Global Growth A	6.4	11.7	14.7	9.1	8.7	6.2
Melville Douglas GGL USD Global Growth B	6.4	11.1	14.2	8.6		
Melville Douglas GGL USD Global Growth C	6.4	11.9	15.0	9.1		
65% MSCI ACWI NR, 35% JPM Global Agg (unhedged)	8.8	9.9	12.3	8.0	8.1	6.5
EAA Fund USD Flexible Allocation	6.4	3.7	5.5	3.0	4.0	2.8

### Risk Matrix \*

	Class A	Benchmark	Cat Avg
Information Ratio (arith)	0.4		-1.5
Std Dev	11.7	13.0	10.1
Sharpe Ratio **	0.7	0.5	0.2

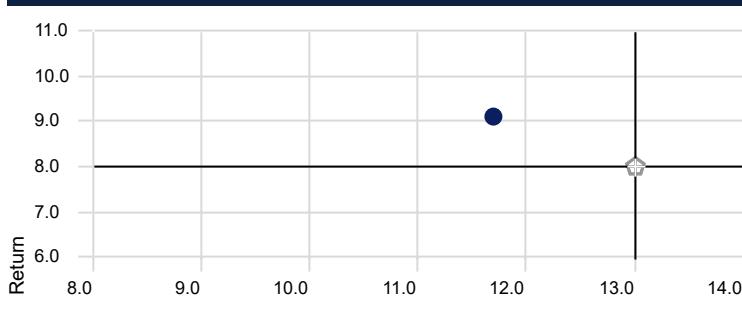
### Highest and lowest 12 month rolling return since inception

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
2020	-0.5	-4.6	-7.9	8.5	3.3	1.7	4.6	3.7	-1.9	-1.2	6.4		
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
2015	-1.1	3.2	-0.7	1.6	0.2	-1.7	0.9	-4.1	-2.4	5.0	-0.5	-1.2	-1.2

### Risk-Reward \*



● Melville Douglas GGL USD Global Growth A

◆ 65% MSCI ACWI NR, 35% JPM Global Agg (unhedged)

Not to be distributed outside of Jersey and South Africa

LOW MEDIUM HIGH

\* 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 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>	15 December 2020
<b>Compliance No.</b>	L6N548

### Fund Costs- 12 months

Fee Class	Management Fee*	TER	TC	TIC
Class A	1.15%	1.21%	0.01%	1.23%
Class B	1.65%	1.71%	0.01%	1.73%
Class C	0.95%	1.01%	0.01%	1.03%

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

### 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- 36 months

Fee Class	Management Fee*	TER	TC	TIC
Class A	1.15%	1.23%	0.01%	1.25%
Class B	1.65%	1.72%	0.01%	1.74%
Class C	0.95%	1.07%	0.01%	1.09%

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).

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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

### Quarterly Commentary

#### Fund Review

Over the quarter, the fund returned 6.5% compared to a benchmark return of 6.2%. This was despite an underweight position in global equities. Global risk assets continued to forge ahead with global equities ending the quarter up + 8%. The equity component has contributed positively, partly due to a positive contribution from stock selection, but also due to style effect. Growth/Quality has outperformed Value significantly this year. The fixed income exposure contributed positively in absolute terms, and recent additions to investment grade credit and high-yield credit have added to performance.

#### Overview

##### Volatility sets in as growth momentum rolls over

2020 has truly been a roller coaster ride and has tested the nerves of even the most experienced and sanguine of investors. After one of the sharpest and swiftest market sell-offs and severest and deepest recessions in history, global equity markets, as defined by the FTSE All World TR Index, have rebounded by more than 50% from their lows seen in March leading the index to be in positive territory on a year to date basis. Indeed, very unusual, but a function of the sheer magnitude of fiscal and monetary policy stimulus measures implemented to stave off what could have been a much more prolonged and painful recession. However, not all markets have recovered with the UK FTSE All Share TR disappointingly still nearly -20% year to date whilst investment markets also lost some steam towards the end of the third quarter as certain forward-looking growth indicators in the services sectors (predominantly hospitality and tourism) trended lower in regions that experienced an increase in coronavirus infections. A resurgence of infection rates led to economic headwinds as the re-introduction of social distancing measures were implemented in these regions. Furthermore, risks to additional fiscal policy support have increased in the US as the House Democrats and White House couldn't agree on the terms of additional income support for individuals and small businesses that were negatively affected by the lockdown measures. This has raised concerns about an abrupt slowdown in consumer spending which will make the prospects of a full recovery even more distant.

#### Outlook

The abrupt change in direction in investment markets is a reminder of just how fragile and dependent financial markets have become on stimulus measures as well as the outlook for COVID-19 infections, but it also highlights the importance of being patient and selective when making investment decisions as growth in the future will likely be more constrained in a world with bloated balance sheets and a change in consumer behaviour given COVID-19. The combination of elevated valuations across all asset classes (a function of low interest rates), uncertainty surrounding the up-coming US presidential elections, prospects of a hard Brexit, and a slowdown in growth momentum due to a pick-up in infections and the removal of fiscal support are sure to provide a fair dose of volatility in the near term. Volatility does however provide investment opportunities, and investors will do well to stay the course and focus on the fundamentals which have been improving as the global economic recovery takes hold (even though it may be bumpy at times) and not be swayed by the short term noise which can be overwhelming. Our investment approach, irrespective of the environment, is to focus on fundamentals while assessing the risks that we are being presented with, and to not be influenced by daily market movements or momentum. We will continue to ensure that portfolios are adequately diversified to navigate through what could be a more volatile period ahead of us as the year draws to a close.

We have recently made use of volatility in investment markets to tactically increase the equity exposure to Neutral from a one notch underweight position previously. The change in allocation was primarily driven by our belief that following recent central bank comments interest rates will be held low for a prolonged period and continue to provide an underpin to valuations while the economic recovery takes hold. Following its latest meeting the US Fed has indicated that they expect interest rates to remain unchanged until 2023 and signalled that the tolerance to inflation has become more balanced, given their "new" 2% average inflation targeting objective accompanied by maximum employment. This view is very much supported by central banks globally. The outlook for earnings growth has also improved in line with economic fundamentals, with an expectation of a strong rebound over the next year. Although we don't expect future returns to be in line with the expected recovery in earnings given the already strong recovery in share prices, we would expect the asset class to outperform both cash and fixed income securities over the next year. Government and corporate bonds have been, and still are, very much supported by the aggressive buying from developed market central banks, which has in turn resulted in much lower market interest rates and strong growth in liquidity as measured by money supply. These measures will probably continue for a while longer and has served its purpose in providing companies access to liquidity as well as lowering the cost of funding to record low levels. Although these events bode well for borrowers, that is not necessarily the case for bond investors who will be receiving unusually low to negative absolute and real yields on their capital. We are comfortable to maintain a maximum underweight position to developed markets bonds. In addition, volatility this year has afforded us an opportunity to cautiously accumulate Credit and High Yield in the fixed income strategies to enhance returns.

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.