

Melville Douglas Select Fund Limited

Global Equity Class

Fund information update at 31 October 2022

What is the fund's objective?

The objective of the Class Fund is to provide long-term capital growth.

What does the fund invest in?

The Class Fund invests primarily in quoted global equities, which will maximise investment returns in USD.

What possible risks are associated with this fund?

The risk rating seen below 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.

Risk rating				
Conservative	Moderately conservative	Moderate	Moderately aggressive	Aggressive

What is the suggested investment period for this fund?

Minimum period					
1 Month	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	7 Years

Who should consider investing in this fund?

Due to the higher risk profile of equities relative to bonds and cash, the fund is only suitable for persons prepared to bear substantial losses and volatility on their invested capital. Investors should be prepared to hold the fund for a period in excess of five years. Typically, the fund would form part of a wider wealth management strategy.

Income

Distribution Income available for distribution attributable to the Class Fund shall be accumulated and not distributed to Shareholders.

General fund information

Manager(s) Justin Maloney and Derinia Mathura
Size (NAV) \$ 796.25 million
Peer group EAA Fund Global Large-Cap Blend Equity
Benchmark MSCI ACWI NR USD
Section 65 Approved

This Class Fund is approved for sale in South Africa under Section 65 of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act, 2002 (CISCA).

	Class B	Class C
Launch	02 September 2016	09 November 2016
ISIN number	JE00BYD6X79	JE00BYD6Y86
SEDOL code	BYYD6X7	BYYD6Y8
Bloomberg	MDSGESB JY	MDSGESB JY
Minimum investment requirements -		
New business	Open	Open
Initial	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Subsequent	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

What are the costs to invest in this fund?

Maximum charges		
	Class B	Class C
Initial fee (manager)	0.000%	0.000%
Initial fee (adviser)	3.000%	3.000%
Annual fee (manager)	1.700%	1.000%
Annual fee (adviser)	0.500%	0.000%
Performance fee	N/A	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 2022

	Class B	Class C
Based on period from:	01/10/2019	01/10/2019
Total Expense	1.74%	1.04%
Transaction Costs	0.00%	0.00%
Total Investment Charge	1.74%	1.04%
1 Year Total Expense	1.73%	1.03%

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.

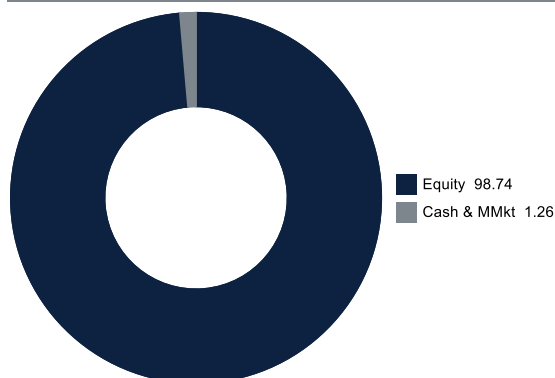
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Monthly update at 31 October 2022

Holdings

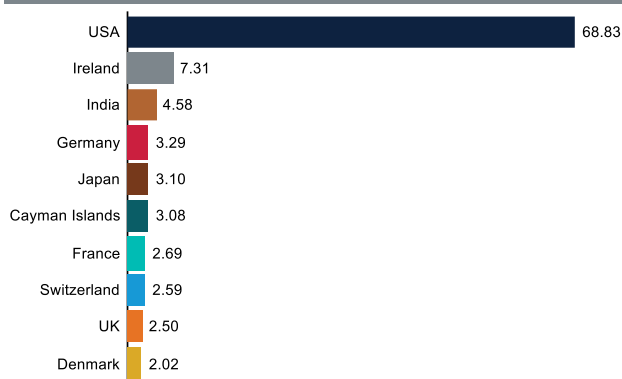
Asset class (%)



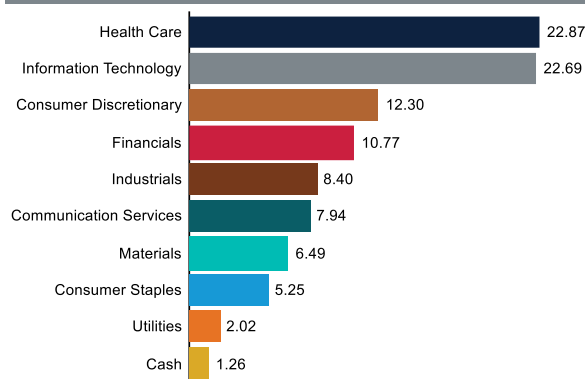
Top holdings (%)

Microsoft Corp	5.88
Elevance Health Inc	5.55
UnitedHealth Group Inc	5.27
Amphenol Corp	4.87
Boston Scientific Corp	4.67
Johnson & Johnson	4.63
HDFC Bank Ltd Sp ADR	4.58
Linde plc	4.55
Visa Inc A	4.43
Mastercard Inc A	4.40

Country (%)



Sector (%)



Performance and Income

Class B Launch: 02 September 2016

Class C Launch: 09 November 2016

Benchmark: MSCI ACWI NR USD

Peer group: EAA Fund Global Large-Cap Blend Equity

Returns (%)	1yr	2yrs	3yrs	5yrs	Launch
Class B					
Class	-23.73	-1.29	3.09	5.06	7.60
Benchmark	-19.96	4.82	4.85	5.24	7.49
Peer group	-22.06	2.41	2.61	2.76	5.29
Class C					
Class	-23.19	-0.59	3.81	5.63	8.87
Benchmark	-19.96	4.82	4.85	5.24	8.07
Peer group	-22.06	2.41	2.61	2.76	5.98

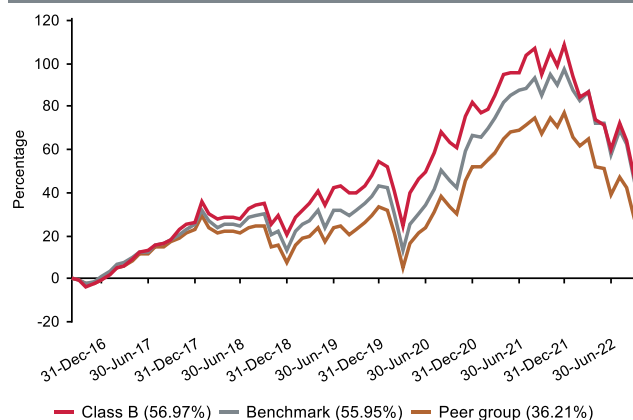
Returns (%) shown are cumulative for all periods shorter than or equal to 1 year and annualised for all periods greater than 1 year.

Statistics (%)	1yr	2yrs	3yrs	5yrs	Launch
Class B					
Positive Months	4	14	21	37	49
Max Gain	5.40	29.77	68.11	73.38	121.66
Max Drawdown	-28.76	-28.76	-28.76	-28.76	-34.16
Highest	14.69	49.17	49.17	49.17	49.17
Lowest	-23.73	-23.73	-23.73	-23.73	-23.73
Class C					
Highest	15.49	50.21	50.21	50.21	50.21
Lowest	-23.19	-23.19	-23.19	-23.19	-23.19

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



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Quarterly update at 30 September 2022

Who are the investment managers?



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.



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.

Melville Douglas Investment Management (Pty) Ltd, FSP 595, an authorised Financial Services Provider under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act 2002, manage the investments of the fund. 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.

Fund review

It was another challenging quarter for global equity markets which saw a material contraction in the fund's net asset value. There was nowhere to hide for investors amidst the carnage with all sectors taking pain. The Consumer Discretionary sector fared well on a relative basis as resilience in the food services names like Starbucks helped to offset the weakness in consumer durables and apparel. The online advertising stocks such as Alphabet and Meta Platforms struggled as a weak macro and slowing consumer spending has led to marketing budgets being cut. Regionally the US was the best performing market for quarter.

The fund managed to marginally outperform the MSCI All Country World index as a result of our stock selection. We saw some evidence of a rebound in growth stocks over the quarter. Key contributors to the fund's performance included Starbucks (which saw a rally as they upgraded long term targets) and HDFC (which delivered solid earnings results indicating still attractive growth in the Indian banking market). Shares of the ecommerce giant Amazon saw strength as they reported an acceleration in ecommerce volumes and showed some signs that they are reaching an inflection point on costs. The fund was hurt by its exposure to Chinese tech stocks which saw a sell-off in line with the broader market on macro concerns as we continue to see lockdowns and a struggling property market in China.

Market overview

The outlook for interest rates has been the key driver of equity markets this year. We have seen a high degree of volatility centred around news flow and datapoints related to the inflation and interest rate outlook. Hawkish commentary from the Fed and an updated dot plot that signals more material rate hikes to come this year have seen equity markets tumble. There is growing concern that the actions by the Fed will result in a hard landing. Furthermore, there are increasingly more headlines on potential downside risks to earnings estimates. We have seen unmatched strength in the US dollar which should see US companies that have high international exposure, having their earnings impacted by negative FX translation. Sentiment has not been helped by escalating tensions in Russia's war with Ukraine.

Looking ahead

We hope for the best but prepare for the worst as the situation remains fluid. We have seen how quickly things can change over the past nine months. Ingrained in our investment process is to check the hatches are securely battened down ahead of the storm clouds.

Our fundamental analysis ensures objectivity amidst the whipsawing news and views of the day. We assess how resilient the fund's holdings will be during a downturn. You cannot generate long term compound returns if you are wiped when the business cycle hits a speed bump. In a recessionary environment, companies with strong balance sheets have low bankruptcy risk and can continue to invest in maintaining their competitive edge and in new growth opportunities. Our investment process is focused on finding these high-quality companies, quality being defined by a defensible economic moat, strong balance sheet, high return on capital employed and healthy cash flow generation. It is not enough to just identify these companies. We regularly test that this quality still holds true, particularly when there is a risk of a more challenging environment to come.

Our confidence in the balance sheet strength of our holdings not only ensures the long-term value of our clients' savings us protected through the business cycles, but also provides confidence to take advantage of short-term market sell-offs.

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	Q3 2022	Q2 2022	Change
Cash & MMkt	1.73	2.35	-0.63
Equity	98.27	97.65	0.63

The portfolio adhered to its portfolio objective over the quarter.

Fund classes

Class	Type	Price (\$)	Units	NAV (\$)
B	Retail	14.89	3,747,474.56	55,810,917.96
C	Retail	15.76	1,942,678.58	30,612,930.00

All data as at 30 September 2022.

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

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Important information at 31 October 2022

Disclosures

Collective Investment Funds (CIF) 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. CIF are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending.

The Global Equity Class is a class fund of the Melville Douglas Select Fund Limited (the Fund). The Fund is an 'umbrella fund' and an open-ended investment fund company registered by way of continuation in Jersey under a certificate of continuance dated 31 March 2003 with limited liability under the Law as a no par value company. The Fund is regulated as a Collective Investment Fund by the Jersey Financial Services Commission. The manager of the Fund is STANLIB Fund Managers Jersey Limited (the Manager). The Manager is 100% owned by STANLIB Limited, which is wholly owned by Liberty Holdings Limited. Liberty is a full member of the Association for Savings and Investments of South Africa (ASISA). 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 the class fund. A schedule of fees and charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the Manager. The custodian/trustee of the Fund is Apex Financial Services (Corporate) Limited (the Custodian). The Fund, the Manager and the Custodian are regulated by the Jersey Financial Services Commission.

The investments of this class fund are managed, on behalf of the Manager, by Melville Douglas Investment Management (Pty) Ltd (the Investment Manager), an authorised financial services provider (FSP), FSP No. 595, under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act (FAIS), Act No. 37 of 2002. The Investment Manager, pursuant to a distribution agreement made between it and the Manager, acts as distributor to the class fund in South Africa.

STANLIB Collective Investments (RF) (Pty) Limited is the appointed Fund's representative in the RSA, by the Manager, in respect of the Fund. The RSA Representative is responsible for assisting the Fund with compliance with RSA regulatory requirements in respect of certain Classes to be marketed to investors in the RSA.

Prices are calculated and published on each working day, these prices are available on the Manager's website (www.stanlib.com). This portfolio is valued at 23h59 (GMT). Forward pricing is used. Investments and repurchases will receive the price of the next day if received prior to 14h30 (GMT). Settlement must be made in the relevant class fund's base currency.

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.

All return figures quoted are in USD, as at 31 October 2022, based on data sourced from Morningstar.

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.

Fund performance figures are calculated for the relevant class of the Fund, 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. Fund performance figures account for all costs that contribute to the calculation of the cost ratios quoted, all fund returns quoted are therefore 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 all periods of 1 year or longer, where blank 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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