

Melville Douglas STANLIB Global Equity Feeder Fund

Fund information update at 31 March 2020

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 will invest solely of participatory interests of the Melville Douglas Select Global Equity Fund. This is 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 331.39 million
Classification Global - Equity - General
Benchmark MSCI AC World Net
Regulation 28 Does not apply

	Class A	Class B1
Launch	07 November 2016	07 November 2016
ISIN number	ZAE000227823	ZAE000227815
JSE code	MDGEA	MDGB1
Minimum investment requirements -		
Lump sum	R 10,000	R 10,000
Monthly	R 500	R 500

What are the costs to invest in this fund?

Maximum charges including VAT

	Class A	Class B1
Initial fee (manager)	0.000%	0.000%
Initial fee (adviser)	3.450%	3.450%
Annual fee (manager)	2.070%	1.495%
Annual fee (adviser)	0.575%	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 31 December 2019

	Class A	Class B1
Based on period from:	01/01/2017	01/01/2017
Total Expense	2.56%	1.96%
Transaction Costs	0.05%	0.05%
Total Investment Charge	2.61%	2.01%
1 Year Total Expense	2.19%	1.57%

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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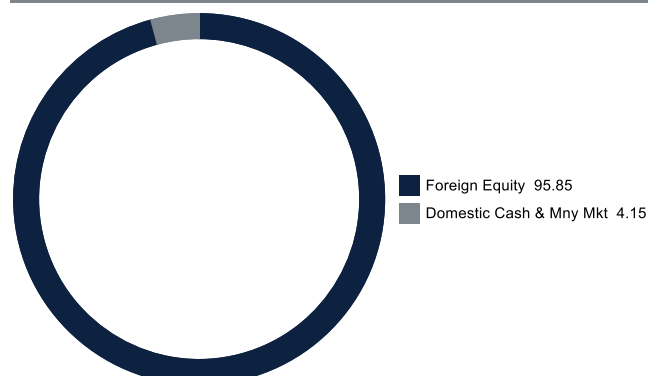
Monthly update at 31 March 2020

Holdings

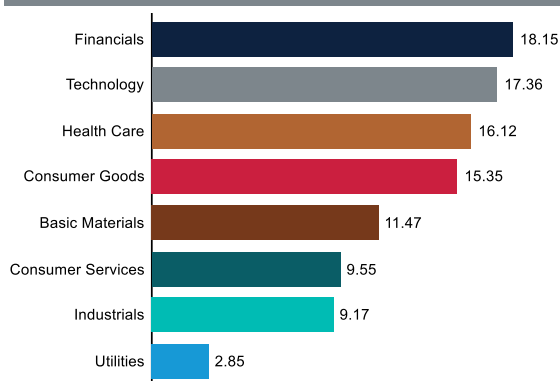
Holdings (%)

Melville Douglas SFL Global Equity X	95.85
Domestic Cash	4.15

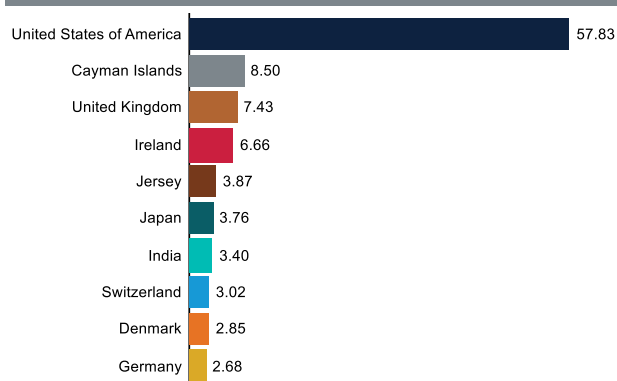
Asset allocation (look through) (%)



Equity allocation (Industry) (look through) (%)



Country allocation (look through) (%)



Performance and Income

Class A Launch: 07 November 2016

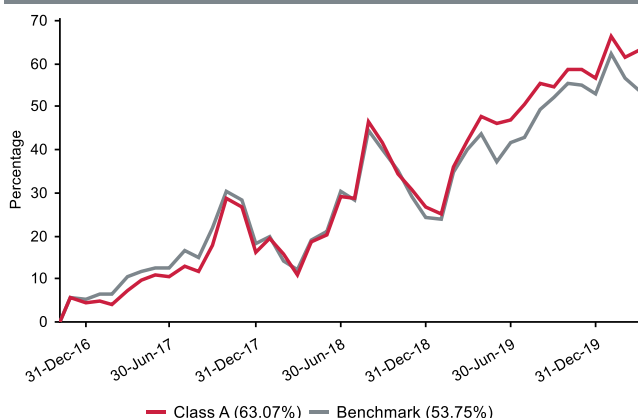
Class B1 Launch: 07 November 2016

Benchmark: MSCI AC World Net

Returns (%)	YTD	1yr	2yrs	3yrs	Launch
Class A					
Class	4.06	14.63	21.33	14.99	15.48
Rank/Out of	19/69	14/62	8/54	6/50	9/46
Sector Average	0.15	8.11	13.93	8.74	10.68
Benchmark	0.43	9.91	17.15	11.68	13.50
Class B1					
Class	4.22	15.35	22.06	15.69	16.17

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	Launch
Class A				
Positive Months	8	14	20	22
Max Gain	17.04	50.30	55.26	74.80
Max Drawdown	-2.93	-14.58	-14.58	-22.06
Highest	33.13	33.13	33.13	33.13
Lowest	6.14	3.17	3.17	3.17
Class B1				
Highest	33.95	33.95	33.95	33.95
Lowest	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 A	Class B1
28 June 2019	0.00	0.00
31 December 2019	0.00	0.00
In last 12 months	0.00	0.00
In 2019	0.00	0.00

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Quarterly update at 31 March 2020

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, CWM
Fund Manager

Justin joined Melville Douglas in 2014 and has over 24 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 charterholder
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 Coronavirus pandemic and the recession-incurring restrictions to combat its rapid spread transformed the investment backdrop from benign to malignant. Over the quarter the fund's A-class, B1-class Funds were up +4.06%, and +4.22% respectively. Over the same period the MSCI All Country World index was up +0.43%.

No sectors and very few stocks were spared losses amidst one of the worst quarters on record for global equities. The fund benefited from steering clear of energy, which was the weakest sector as oil prices hit decade lows. The relative gains from this positioning were partially offset by heavy falls in financial holdings (particularly Banco Santander, HDFC Bank and Prudential) given the sector's sensitivity to capital markets, interest rates and bad debts. Stock selection was strongest within the communications services (Tencent) and information technology (Microsoft and Keyence) sectors. Reflecting the near-term winners and losers, it was a mixed picture within consumer discretionary. "Stay-at-home" beneficiary Amazon.com mitigated the "away-from-home" quick service restaurant exposure (Yum Brands and Starbucks).

Market overview

The speed of events has made the prior quarter, when the fund returned over +10% in dollar terms, seem like another world. Today, much of the populous are isolated at home, a global recession is a certainty, and last year's stunning equity market gains have been erased in a flash.

Amidst all the market chaos the combination of a robust investment process and a strong team of in-house global sector analysts has enabled the fund to exploit opportunities thrown up by the shakeout. Hence, the quarter saw more holdings changes than usual. The fund exited several financial and consumer discretionary stocks where prior assumptions were no longer tenable amidst a completely different investment environment. The proceeds from these sales were redeployed into several new ideas that had been on our radar for months or even years, awaiting a compelling entry point.

An example is Alibaba, which was reintroduced to the fund after a two-year absence. Subsequent information eased our prior corporate governance concerns over the restructuring of its fintech business in 2018. The company owns two of China's largest e-commerce platforms (Taobao and Tmall) which collect fees from merchants for advertising and completing transactions. A virtuous circle whereby more consumers attract more merchants, and more merchants attract more consumers, has enabled Alibaba to establish a market position larger than all other e-commerce players in China put together. As well as benefiting from robust e-commerce growth, the company has broadened its addressable market to include cloud computing, payments and digital media in China.

Looking ahead

Policy makers have acted quickly on an unprecedented scale to counteract the hit resulting from government-imposed lockdowns to "flatten the curve". Unfortunately, it will not be enough to avert a sharp rise in unemployment. The greater the job losses, the lower the chances of a "V" shaped snapback in demand once the virus is eventually defeated by a vaccine, effective treatment or herd immunity. The overall market is cheap relative to cash and bonds, but not enough of a bargain relative to historical average valuations to warrant aggressively upping exposure to equities at this stage. A lengthy recession scenario has not been fully discounted, and the macro data will likely become far worse before improving. Over the longer term, given our quality focus and having re-examined all our stock-specific investment theses, we have a high level of confidence in the sustainability of the companies held in the fund, and in their underlying earnings power to deliver superior compound returns to shareholders who are prepared to stay the course.

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 2020	Q4 2019	Change
Domestic Cash & Mny Mkt	4.15	8.52	-4.37
Foreign Equity	95.85	88.74	7.12
Foreign Funds	0.00	2.74	-2.74

The portfolio adhered to its portfolio objective over the quarter.

Fund classes

Class	Type	Price (cpu)	Units	NAV (Rand)
A	Retail	163.07	25,861,848.22	42,173,847.85
B1	Retail	166.42	72,428,188.12	120,532,164.34

All data as at 31 March 2020.

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 2020.

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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