

# Melville Douglas Balanced Fund Limited

## USD Balanced Class

Fund information update at 31 March 2022

### What is the fund's objective?

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

### What does the fund invest in?

The Class Fund invests in a well-diversified portfolio comprising quoted global equities, global fixed income securities including government and corporate bonds and money market instruments 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
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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 fund is aligned to investors who require a real return on their capital over time. The fund is suited to investors with a moderate risk profile.

### Income

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

### General fund information

<b>Manager(s)</b>	Bernard Drottschie
<b>Size (NAV)</b>	\$ 11.86 million
<b>Peer group</b>	EAA Fund USD Flexible Allocation
<b>Benchmark</b>	MSCI ACWI NR 50% US Cash 50%
<b>Section 65</b>	Not Approved
	<b>Class C</b>
<b>Launch</b>	16 May 2003
<b>ISIN number</b>	JE00B504TG57
<b>SEDOL code</b>	B504TG5
<b>Bloomberg</b>	MDBLBLC JY
	<b>Minimum investment requirements -</b>
New business	Open
Initial	\$ 2,500
Subsequent	\$ 1,000

### What are the costs to invest in this fund?

#### Maximum charges

	Class C
<b>Initial fee (manager)</b>	0.000%
<b>Initial fee (adviser)</b>	3.000%
<b>Annual fee (manager)</b>	0.950%
<b>Annual fee (adviser)</b>	0.000%
<b>Performance fee</b>	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 March 2022

	Class C
<b>Based on period from:</b>	01/04/2019
<b>Total Expense</b>	1.43%
<b>Transaction Costs</b>	0.02%
<b>Total Investment Charge</b>	1.44%
<b>1 Year Total Expense</b>	1.40%

**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.

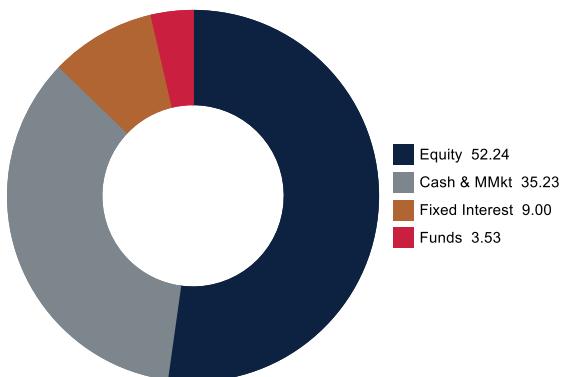
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Monthly update at 31 March 2022

### Holdings

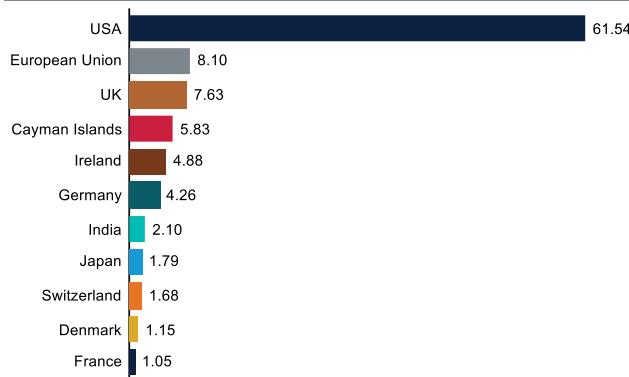
#### Asset class (%)



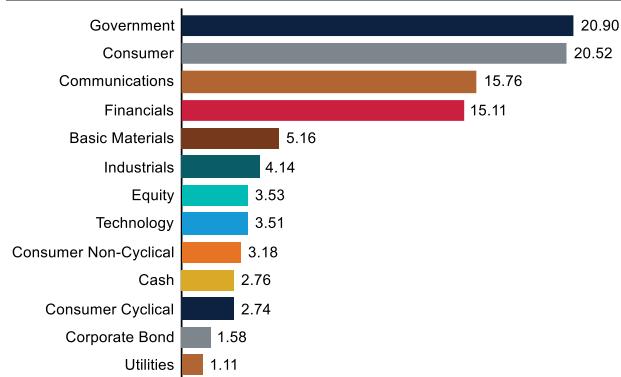
#### Top holdings (%)

Melville Douglas SFL Global Impact	3.53
Microsoft Corp	3.51
US TSY Note/Bond 0.125% 30/06/2022	3.37
US TSY Bill 0% 25/08/2022	3.36
Anthem Inc	2.82
UnitedHealth Group Inc	2.81
Alphabet Inc A	2.70
US TSY Note/Bond 0.125% 31/07/2022	2.52
Amphenol Corp	2.41
BAT International Finance plc 3.25% 07/06/2022	2.33

#### Country (%)



#### Category (%)



### Performance and Income

Class C Launch: 16 May 2003

Benchmark: MSCI ACWI NR (MSCI World NR from launch to 30/04/20) 50%; US Cash 50%

Peer group: EAA Fund USD Flexible Allocation

Returns (%)	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	7yrs	10yrs
<b>Class C</b>					
Class	-0.24	5.22	5.90	4.27	4.52
Benchmark	4.32	7.84	7.08	5.97	6.11
Peer group	0.93	5.28	4.36	2.93	3.07

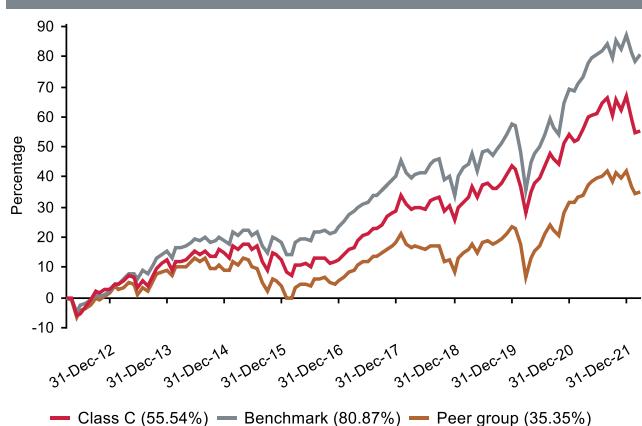
Returns (%) shown are cumulative for all periods shorter than or equal to 1 year and annualised for all periods greater than 1 year.

Statistics (%)	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	7yrs	10yrs
<b>Class C</b>					
Positive Months	8	24	42	56	78
Max Gain	7.08	30.46	42.98	55.39	77.06
Max Drawdown	-7.46	-11.07	-11.07	-11.07	-11.07
Highest	18.74	21.84	21.84	21.84	21.84
Lowest	-0.24	-4.16	-4.16	-8.13	-8.13

Highest - this reflects the highest 12 month return during the period.

Lowest - this reflects the lowest 12 month return during the period.

#### Cumulative performance (%) over 10 Years



Quarterly update at 31 March 2022

### Who are the investment managers?



#### Bernard Drotchie

BCom (Hons), CFA, CFP  
Chief Investment Officer

Bernard joined Melville Douglas in 2002 as a portfolio manager and analyst, prior to which he worked for Absa Asset Management. He is the lead manager on the Melville Douglas Global Growth Fund (USD) and co-manages the Melville Douglas Balanced Fund (USD) and the Melville Douglas Income Funds. He holds a BCom (Hons) degree in Econometrics, is a CFA® Charterholder and a Certified Financial Planner™ professional.

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

Over the quarter, the fund returned -6.8% compared to a benchmark return of -3.3%. The underperformance was a result of the equity component's underperformance over the period. In addition, an overweight position in equities resulted in a negative contribution from asset allocation. As markets rebounded at the end of March, we have taken some risk off the table by reducing equity.

### Market overview

Following two years of strong returns from equity markets volatility set in during the first quarter of 2022 as the outlook for inflation, interest rates and global growth has deteriorated. The war in Ukraine coupled with the widespread sanctions imposed on Russia has only added to inflationary and economic growth fears as the price of natural gas and crude oil soared on supply disruption concerns. As expected, global bond yields adjusted higher, as prices fell, with investors starting to price in the reality of higher for longer inflation and a more rapid interest rate tightening cycle. At the same time corporate credit and emerging market sovereign spreads have widened to more 'realistic' levels on growth concerns, leaving yield hungry bond investors with significant losses. Global bonds have experienced their worst drawdown since 2002, falling -12% (peak to trough). That is significant given how low the starting income yields have been over the same period.

After a turbulent start to the year global equity markets gathered some composure to finish the quarter down -5% in USD terms and -2.5% in GBP, with energy the only sector to close the period in positive territory, surging over +20% as oil prices broke through \$120 per barrel. Initially, equity market valuations adjusted to the change in the outlook for interest rates, but this was soon followed by fears of a possible invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces, which sadly became a reality and has resulted in one of the worst humanitarian crises in recent history.

Equity markets did however behave exactly in line with previous episodes of heightened geopolitical tension and have rebounded strongly from their lows after the initial shock and further angst around the potential long-term implications of such an event on world stability and world commodity prices. Although still very early days, history has taught us that the increase in volatility from geopolitical events tends to be short lived.

### Looking ahead

Although it is impossible to predict how long the military conflict and associated sanctions will continue for, a prolonged war would likely inflict significant harm to the global economy through higher inflation, reduced real disposable income for consumers/households and lower profit margins for many companies. This of course is in addition to the dreadful human suffering and loss of life. Europe's economy which is heavily reliant on global trade and manufacturing will be directly exposed to the significant increases in energy costs and will be particularly vulnerable if Putin decides to retaliate by reducing or cutting off energy supply to the region. The latest fall in the German IFO Business Climate Index points to meaningful weakness ahead in Europe.

The cocktail of rising interest rates, elevated inflation and geopolitical uncertainty pose risks to consumer and business confidence, and ultimately the outlook for global growth. The expected growth resilience is very much dependent on households drawing down excess savings to offset the squeeze in after inflation disposable income and firms' willingness to continue filling vacancies in the face of rising uncertainty. But while risks to slower growth are mounting and should be closely monitored, global manufacturing and services leading economic indicators remain robust and are consistent with above trend growth momentum as the effects from Omicron fade.

The pace of monetary tightening and the path for inflation will play an important role in determining returns from risk assets. If history is to be repeated investors should expect lower returns in the immediate future as valuations adjust to an environment of reduced liquidity and higher discount rates (used for valuing cash flows) as central banks "will do what it takes" to fight inflation.

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 2022	Q4 2021	Change
Cash & MMkt	35.23	27.64	7.59
Equity	52.24	57.47	-5.23
Fixed Interest	9.00	11.50	-2.50
Funds	3.53	3.39	0.14

The portfolio adhered to its portfolio objective over the quarter.

#### Fund classes

Class	Type	Price (\$)	Units	NAV (\$)
C	Retail	211.83	55,998.95	11,862,017.28

All data as at 31 March 2022.

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

Important information at 31 March 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 USD Balanced Class is a class fund of the Melville Douglas Balanced 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](http://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 March 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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