

# Melville Douglas Select Fund Limited

## Global Equity 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.

### 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
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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?

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

<b>Manager(s)</b>	Justin Maloney and Prandhana Naidu
<b>Size (NAV)</b>	\$ 926.40 million
<b>Peer group</b>	EAA Fund Global Large-Cap Blend Equity
<b>Benchmark</b>	MSCI ACWI NR USD
<b>Section 65</b>	Approved

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

	<b>Class B</b>	<b>Class C</b>
<b>Launch</b>	02 September 2016	09 November 2016
<b>ISIN number</b>	JE00BYYD6X79	JE00BYYD6Y86
<b>SEDOL code</b>	BYYD6X7	BYYD6Y8
<b>Bloomberg</b>	MDSGESB JY	MDSGESC JY
<b>Minimum investment requirements -</b>		
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

	<b>Class B</b>	<b>Class C</b>
<b>Initial fee (manager)</b>	0.000%	0.000%
<b>Initial fee (adviser)</b>	3.000%	3.000%
<b>Annual fee (manager)</b>	1.700%	1.000%
<b>Annual fee (adviser)</b>	0.000%	0.000%
<b>Performance fee</b>	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 March 2022

	<b>Class B</b>	<b>Class C</b>
<b>Based on period from:</b>	01/04/2019	01/04/2019
<b>Total Expense</b>	1.74%	1.06%
<b>Transaction Costs</b>	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Total Investment Charge</b>	1.74%	1.06%
<b>1 Year Total Expense</b>	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.

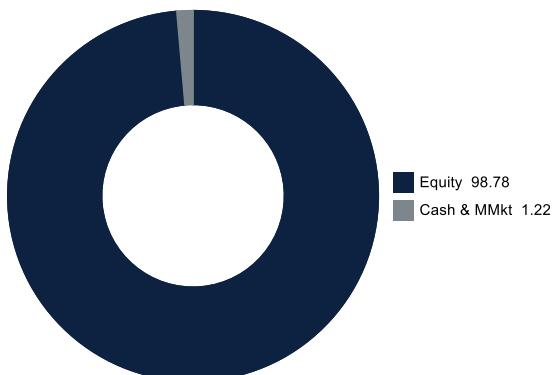
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Monthly update at 31 March 2022

### Holdings

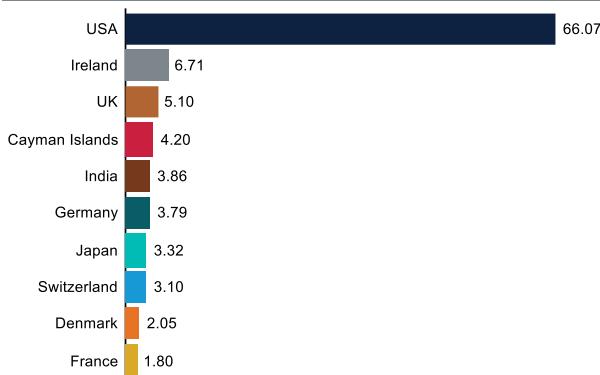
#### Asset class (%)



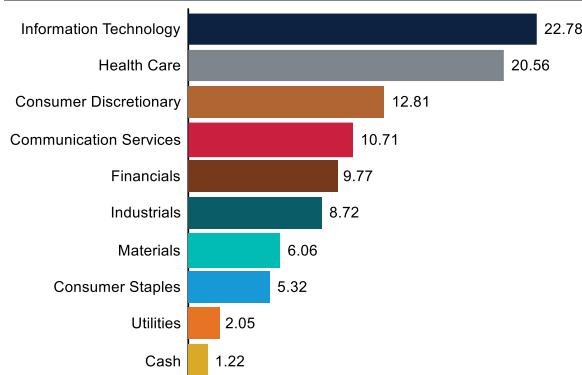
#### Top holdings (%)

Microsoft Corp	6.69
Alphabet Inc A	5.16
Anthem Inc	5.11
UnitedHealth Group Inc	5.10
Amphenol Corp	4.59
Linde plc	4.19
Mastercard Inc A	4.11
Visa Inc A	4.07
Johnson & Johnson	4.04
HDFC Bank Ltd Sp ADR	3.86

#### Country (%)



#### Sector (%)



### Performance and Income

Class B Launch: 02 September 2016

Class C Launch: 09 November 2016

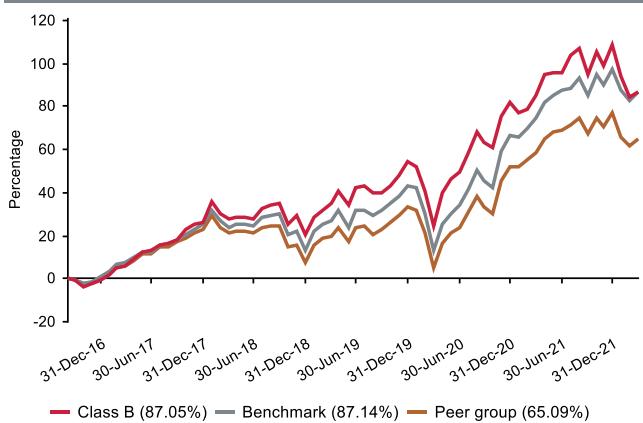
Benchmark: MSCI ACWI NR USD

Peer group: EAA Fund Global Large-Cap Blend Equity

Returns (%)	1yr	2yrs	3yrs	5yrs	Launch
<b>Class B</b>					
Class	0.84	22.64	11.49	12.05	11.90
Benchmark	7.28	28.78	13.75	11.64	11.91
Peer group	4.18	25.15	11.30	9.22	9.57
<b>Class C</b>					
Class	1.54	23.50	12.20	12.61	13.43
Benchmark	7.28	28.78	13.75	11.64	12.74
Peer group	4.18	25.15	11.30	9.22	10.52

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



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

Statistics (%)	1yr	2yrs	3yrs	5yrs	Launch
<b>Class B</b>					
Positive Months	8	17	24	42	47
Max Gain	12.70	68.11	68.11	97.41	121.66
Max Drawdown	-11.82	-11.82	-19.35	-19.35	-34.16
Highest	39.17	49.17	49.17	49.17	49.17
Lowest	0.84	-0.67	-7.86	-7.86	-7.86
<b>Class C</b>					
Highest	40.14	50.21	50.21	50.21	50.21
Lowest	1.54	-0.14	-7.40	-7.40	-7.40

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

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## Global Equity Class

Quarterly update at 31 March 2022

### Who are the investment managers?



**Justin Maloney**  
BSc (Hons), CFA, Chartered FCSI  
Fund Manager



**Prandhana Naidu**  
BBusSci (Hons) degree in Finance, CFA  
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.

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

The fund NAV was impacted by weak global equity markets as investors de-risked in response to the Ukraine conflict and a more hawkish Federal Reserve. Performance lagged the MSCI All Country World index in the first quarter of 2022. This was partly a result of not holding energy stocks, which performed well amidst the surge in oil prices. There was also a de-rating of quality-growth stock valuations amidst a higher interest rate outlook. In addition, Meta Platforms shares fell sharply on concerns about competition from short-form video (e.g., TikTok), privacy changes to Apple's operating system, higher costs, and supply chain and inflation hitting advertisers' budgets.

LVMH, the world's largest luxury goods company, was purchased for the fund. Luxury goods support people's identities, which are perceived to be sufficiently important that price is no object (within reason). Hence, LVMH typically has pricing power amidst a higher inflation backdrop.

### Market overview

Navigating global stock markets this year has been akin to skiing down a Winter Olympics moguls slope. There have been bumps with every twist and turn. Namely, a growth-to-value investment style rotation, stagflation worries, and a European war. Investors abhor all this uncertainty and duly marked down share prices.

The outlier amidst the sell-off has been energy. For equity investors the sector is feast or famine, and little in between. The MSCI All Country Energy sector index (which includes the oil majors, drillers and oil service companies) surged over +20% during the quarter as oil prices broke through \$120 per barrel. Brent crude was trading below \$20 per barrel two years ago. As the oil industry has a poor track record of generating consistent returns above the cost capital and pinpointing cyclical tops and bottoms is not our forte, we have little direct exposure to commodity producers. The tortoise-and-the-hare benefit of owning steady compounders will outweigh near-term FOMO. Another macroeconomic headwind is the cost-of-living squeeze that will reduce demand for products and services as consumers tighten their purse-strings. In addition, higher interest rates lowers the present value of cash flows in future years. Because quality-growth stocks tend to trade on higher price-to-earnings ratios than the broader market, they were disproportionately sold off when the Federal Reserve became more hawkish. As these are also the type of companies the fund seeks to invest in, performance lagged benchmark indices during the quarter.

### Looking ahead

The silver-lining of the market sell-off is that it has provided compelling entry points for selected high-quality investments. For example, Nike's share price is down -20% year-to-date but the business continues to report robust sales momentum and pricing power. This well-managed, innovative business is boosting profit margins by skipping the middle-man and increasingly selling products that consumers want via direct digital channels.

Another example is Microsoft. The software giant reported +20% year-on-year sales growth in the fourth quarter, driven by robust demand for its cloud computing services where it is a Big Three player alongside Amazon and Google. Cloud computing penetration sits at only 27%, providing a long runway for growth. The share price sell-off has lowered Microsoft's valuation back to pre-pandemic levels even though its business mix has structurally shifted to a sustainably higher plain of profitability and growth. It justifies its place as one of the fund's largest holdings.

During these bouts of volatility our tried-and-tested investment philosophy provides objectivity. Rather than seeking to catch every macroeconomic and geopolitical wind-shift, the fund holds a diversified portfolio of quality compounders that can deliver competitive inflation-plus returns without undue risk. Our mantra is to identify great business models operating in sustainably better than average growth markets, monitor their economic moat, avoid excess valuations and hold one's nerve through periodic bouts of investor nervousness. It is a long game.

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	1.22	1.47	-0.25
Equity	98.78	98.53	0.25

The portfolio adhered to its portfolio objective over the quarter.

### Fund classes

Class	Type	Price (\$)	Units	NAV (\$)
B	Retail	18.71	3,619,337.58	67,700,117.91
C	Retail	19.72	1,813,117.30	35,758,685.04

All data as at 31 March 2022.

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

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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 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](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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Trail fees are paid inclusive of VAT meaning, where a South African adviser is registered for VAT, the VAT levied is included in the fee payable to the adviser out of the fund's annual management charge. Initial fees are also paid inclusive of VAT.

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