# NEDGROUP INVESTMENTS BALANCED MULTIFUND CLASS A

# February 2024 Marketing Communication



# SYNTHETIC RISK REWARD INDICATOR



Equity and property investments are volatile by nature and subject to potential capital loss. For credit and income instruments, while unlikely, capital loss may also occur due to an event like the default of an issuer. For full details of risks, please refer to the risk section in the Prospectus and KIID.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR: Cash +1% to +3% over a minimum 3 years (USD: 3M SOFR / GBP: 3M SONIA)\*\*

APPROPRIATE TERM: Minimum 3 years

MORNINGSTAR CATEGORY: 50/50 average of the Morningstar Moderate Allocation USD and Morningstar Cautious Allocation USD

INVESTMENT MANAGER: Nedgroup Investments (IOM) Limited; licensed by the Isle of Man Financial Services Authority.

An Isle of Man based fund manager providing investment management services to assets in excess of USD 5bn.

FUND LEGAL STRUCTURE: Irish OEIC UCITSDOMICILE OF FUND: IrelandINCEPTION DATE: 19 August 2011Class A USD: 19 August 2011Class B USD: 01 September 2011Class B GBP: 15 March 2012

MARKET VALUE OF FUND: PRICES (as at 29 February 2024) USD CLASS A: USD 1.5303 USD CLASS B: USD 14.6634 GBP CLASS A: GBP 12.0289 GBP CLASS B: GBP 14.207

ANNUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE CLASS A: 1.40% p.a. ANNUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE CLASS B: 1.00% p.a.

# FUND OBJECTIVE

The Balanced MultiFund aims to provide moderate levels of growth with moderate levels of risk and volatility over the medium to longer-term.

The Sub-Fund is actively managed and is not managed in reference to any benchmark. It is managed by reference to a performance target which is to outperform USD 3M SOFR +1% to 3% over a minimum three years.

# SUITABILITY & RISK AND REWARD

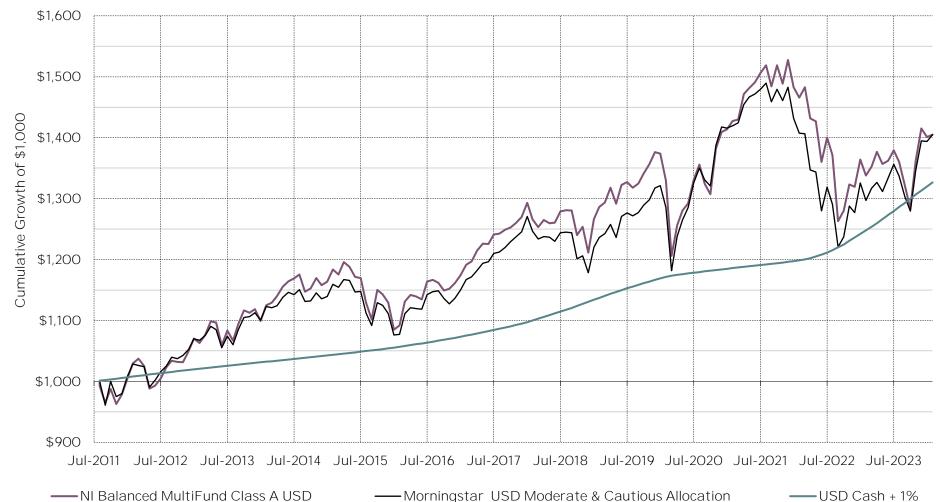
The Balanced MultiFund is suitable for clients with an investment time horizon of a minimum 3 years. Investing in the fund involves a risk to capital in order to achieve the desired return.

To achieve the investment objective, the portfolio invests across a range of asset classes within a strategic and tactical asset allocation framework designed to maximise diversification benefits. An absolute and relative valuation-based approach underpins this framework, resulting in a multilayered process to facilitate disciplined decision-making and risk management.

Portfolio construction combines exposures to active fund managers, who are expected to outperform their defined benchmarks and passive investment vehicles which provide low cost access to markets. This blend of active and passive funds is used to create a competitively priced investment solution.

# FUND PERFORMANCE<sup>1</sup>

Past Performance is not indicative of future performance and does not predict future returns



### ON-GOING CHARGES (as at 29 February 2024)<sup>2</sup>

USD Class A: 2.11%	GBP
USD Class B: 1.71%	GBP

GBP Class A: 2.15% GBP Class B: 1.75%

USD 202.2m

# MINIMUM INVESTMENT CLASS A

USD 1,500 / GBP 1,000 MINIMUM INVESTMENT CLASS B USD 250,000 / GBP 150,000

**DEALING: Daily** 

### NOTICE PERIODS

Subscriptions: T-1 4pm Redemptions: T-1 4pm

#### SETTLEMENT PERIODS

Subscriptions: T+3 Redemptions: T+3

#### ISIN / SEDOL / BLOOMBERG

CLASS A USD: IEOOB5SHBV53 / B5SHBV5 / NIMBLAU ID Equity CLASS B USD: IEOOB3NHHD07 / B3NHHD0 / NIMBLBU ID Equity CLASS A GBP: IEOOB57XK066 / B57XK06 / NIMBLAG ID Equity CLASS B GBP: IEOOB41F9717 / B41F971 / NIMBLBG ID Equity

### MINIMUM DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

Please note: Differences may exist due to rounding

# CUMULATIVE AND ANNUALISED PERFORMANCE, % CHANGE NET OF FEES <sup>1</sup>

SINCE FUND INCEPTION	FUND USD	USD PEER GROUP	USD Cash		FUND GBP	GBP PEER GROUP	GBP Cash	
(19 August 2011)	%	%	+1%	+3%	%	%	+1%	+3%
3 Months	3.1%	4.4%	1.6%	2.1%	3.1%	4.3%	1.5%	2.0%
6 Months	3.3%	5.1%	3.2%	4.2%	3.2%	4.9%	3.1%	4.1%
1 Year	5.0%	8.3%	6.3%	8.4%	3.0%	6.0%	6.1%	8.2%
YTD	-0.7%	0.7%	1.1%	1.4%	-0.5%	1.1%	1.0%	1.4%
3 Years (ann.)	-0.5%	-0.3%	3.8%	5.9%	0.2%	0.2%	3.6%	5.6%
5 Years (ann.)	1.8%	2.6%	3.1%	5.2%	1.4%	2.2%	2.7%	4.7%
10 Years (ann.)	2.2%	2.3%	2.5%	4.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.1%	4.1%
Since inception (ann.)	2.7%	2.7%	2.3%	4.3%	2.7%	2.7%	2.0%	4.0%

# DISCRETE YEAR PERFORMANCE, % CHANGE NET OF FEES<sup>1</sup>

PERIOD	FUND USD	USD PEER GROUP	USD Cash		FUND GBP	GBP PEER GROUP	GBP Cash	
	%	%	+1%	+3%	%	%	+1%	+3%
2023	7.3%	9.2%	6.2%	8.3%	4.6%	6.3%	5.9%	8.0%
2022	-13.6%	-13.9%	3.3%	5.4%	-10.6%	-11.3%	3.0%	5.1%
2021	8.4%	4.6%	1.0%	3.0%	8.5%	4.6%	1.0%	3.0%
2020	2.4%	7.6%	1.5%	3.5%	0.1%	5.6%	1.2%	3.2%
2019	13.6%	11.8%	3.2%	5.2%	10.7%	8.9%	1.7%	3.7%
2018	-4.6%	-5.4%	3.3%	5.3%	-3.6%	-4.5%	1.6%	3.6%

Class A performance net of fees as of 29 February 2024. \* Since inception annualised.

USD peer group is a 50/50 average of the Morningstar Moderate Allocation USD and Morningstar Cautious Allocation USD. The GBP is simulated performance based on the same competitor universe and returns are used as for the USD data, although a 65% hedge to sterling is applied net of fees, as per the fund's GBP share class. Past performance is not a guide to future returns.

For full details on fees and charges, please see the Prospectus and Supplement.

\*\*Cash performance indicators calculated using USD and GBP LIBID 3 month figures to 31st January 2022. From 1st February transitioned to using 3mo SOFR for USD and 3mo SONIA for GBP.

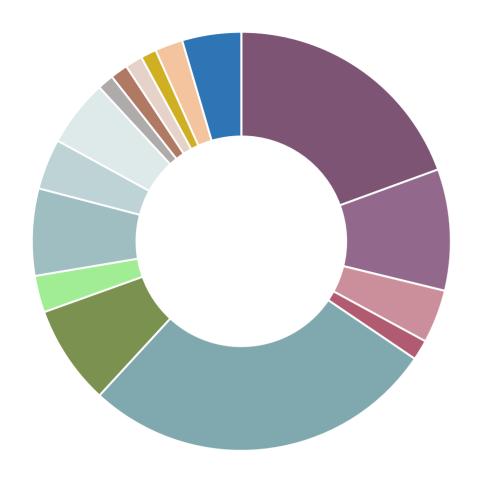
1) The annualised total return is the average return earned by an investment each year over a given time period. Performance is calculated for the portfolio and individual investment performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment, the actual investment date, the date of any reinvestment and dividend withholding tax. Data source Nedgroup Investments (IOM) Limited.

2) The on-going fee is a measure of the actual expenses incurred in the management of the Classes of the Sub-Fund. The on-going fee shown is expressed as a percentage of the monthly average value of the portfolio calculated over a 12-month period as at the date shown. The current on-going fee cannot be used as an indication of future on-going fees. A higher on-going fee does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low on-going fee imply a good return.

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#### ASSET ALLOCATION



Equity	34.5%	Real Assets	17.0%
Global Equity	19.4%	Property	6.7%
North American Equity	9.4%	Renewables	3.9%
Global Emerging Market Equity	4.1%	Infrastructure	5.2%
Japan Equity	1.6%	Commodities	1.2%
Fixed Income	37.9%	Alternative Strategies	6.0%
Government Bonds	27.4%	Private Equity	1.4%
Investment Grade Corporates	7.7%	Asset Backed Lending	1.3%
Strategic Bonds	2.8%	Music Royalties	1.2%
		Energy Efficiency & Storage	2.1%
		Cash	4.6%
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#### FULL PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

EQUITY	34.5%
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF	7.4%
Morgan Stanley Global Brands	5.8%
Fundsmith Equity Fund	5.4%
Nedgroup Global Equity Fund	5.1%
TT Emerging Markets Equity Fund	4.1%
Dodge & Cox Global Stock Fund	2.1%
iShares S&P Small Cap 600 UCITS ETF	2.0%
iShares Core MSCI Japan IMI ETF	1.6%
iShares Edge MSCI World Value Factor ETF	1.1%
FIXED INCOME	37.9%
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 3-7yrs UCITS ETF	7.9%
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 7-10yrs UCITS ETF	7.7%
PIMCO Global IG Credit	6.6%
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1-3YR UCITS ETF	6.2%
iShares \$ TIPS UCITS ETF	4.0%
Nedgroup Global Strategic Bond Fund	2.8%
iShares Core UK Gilts USD H	1.5%
PIMCO Low Duration Global IG Credit	0.6%
Lord Abbett Short Duration Income Fund	0.5%
REAL ASSETS	17.0%
ATLAS Global Infrastructure	3.3%
Nedgroup Global Property Fund	2.2%
Target Healthcare REIT	2.0%
3i Infrastructure Plc	1.9%
Greencoat UK Wind	1.3%
WisdomTree Core Physical Gold ETC	1.2%
The Renewables Infrastructure Group	1.2%
Impact Healthcare REIT	1.0%
BMO Commercial Property Trust	0.8%
John Laing Environmental Assets Group	0.7%
Greencoat Renewables	0.7%
Empiric Student Property	0.6%
ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES	6.0%
GCP Asset Backed Income Fund	1.2%
Hipgnosis Songs Ordinary Shares	1.2%
SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust	0.9%
Oakley Capital Investments	0.8%
Gore Street Energy Storage Fund	0.8%
Princess Private Equity	O.5%
Gresham House Energy Storage Fund	O.5%
KKV Secured Loan Fund C Shares	O.1%
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# EQUITY - TOP 10 HOLDINGS<sup>1</sup>

	19.4%
L'Oreal	1.4%
Novo Nordisk	1.4%
Intercontinental Exchange	1.5%
Thermo Fisher Scientific	1.5%
Apple	1.6%
Amazon	1.6%
Alphabet	1.8%
Philip Morris International	1.9%
Visa	1.9%
Microsoft	4.8%

FIXED INCOME - CREDIT QUALITY <sup>2</sup>					
AAA	77.3%				
AA	4.3%				
А	5.5%				
BBB	10.5%				
< BBB	2.5%				
Yield To Maturity 4.33%					
Average Weight	6.25				

Average Modified Duration (in years)

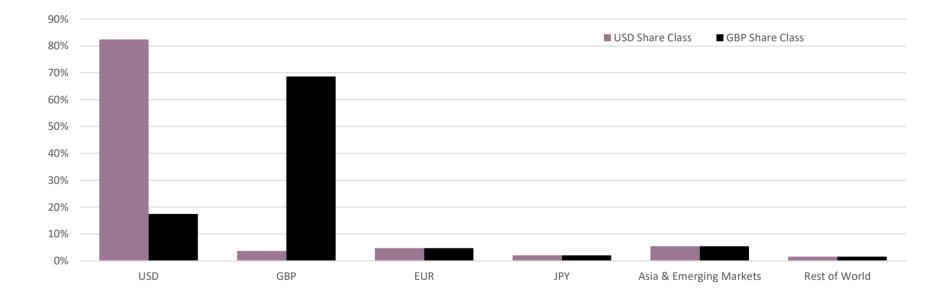
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CURRENCY

CASH	4.6%
	100.0%

<sup>1</sup> Based on Equity component look through

<sup>2</sup> Based on Fixed Income component look through



### **KEY RISKS**

- The Fund could lose money if a counterparty with which the Fund trades becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations, or as a result of failure or delay in operational processes or the failure of a third party provider.

- Shares can lose value rapidly, and typically involve higher risks than bonds or money market instruments. The value of your investment may fall as a result.

- The Fund invests in other funds (including exchange traded funds and investment trusts/companies), which may introduce more risky assets, derivative usage and other risks, as well as contributing to a higher level of ongoing charges.

- The Fund may use derivatives with the aim of reducing risk or managing the portfolio more efficiently. However this introduces other risks, in particular, that a derivative counterparty may not meet its contractual obligations.

- If the Fund holds assets in currencies other than the base currency of the Fund or you invest in a share class of a different currency to the Fund (unless 'hedged'), the value of your investment may be impacted by changes in exchange rates.

- Securities within the Fund could become hard to value or to sell at a desired time and price, especially in extreme market conditions when asset prices may be falling, increasing the risk of investment losses.

- The value of an investment and the income from it can fall as well as rise and you may not get back the amount originally invested.

- Tax assumptions and reliefs depend upon an investor's particular circumstances and may be subject to change.



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### MARKET COMMENTARY

February was a strong month for risk assets, with several major equity indices reaching record highs where continued excitement around artificial intelligence (AI) played a significant role in steering market dynamics. The "Magnificent 7", a group of technology and Al-related stocks, posted their best performance in 9 months and among them, Nvidia stood out, surging by 28.6% following strong underlying earnings growth. The month was not without it challenges though, particularly in the commercial real estate and regional banking sector which came under scrutiny at the beginning of the month. Concerns surfaced within New York Community Bancorp after they reported losses on January 31 that were driven by expected loan losses in commercial real estate. Although seemingly isolated at present, it has raised the prospect that the full impact of higher interest rates may be yet to materialise, particularly given the substantial debt that needs refinancing over 2024 and 2025. Despite these concerns leading to a degree of volatility, investors remained glass-half-full, after a promising jobs report revealed strong payroll growth in the current month, as well as positive upward revisions in the two previous months, allowing them to revel in the prospect of broader economic resilience. Of course, with one eye squarely focused on growth dynamics, the other invariably latched onto the latest developments within the inflationary landscape. It was here where investors broke poise slightly, as a hotter-than-expected reading forced some to rethink their projected path for interest rate cuts. The result having negative implications for the bond market, where climbing yields led to some capital loss.

In terms of market returns, global equities (4.7%) were positive in February however there was a large variation across regions. Japan (+5.5%) and the US (+5.3%) were by far the best performing areas as both regions saw their primary stock indices reach all-time record highs. The UK (+0.7%) finished the month in positive territory, but with returns far more muted in comparison. In terms of equity styles, growth stocks (+6.0%) outperformed value (+2.6%), and small-cap stocks (+3.3%) lagged large caps (+4.7%). This was reflected in sector performance, with Consumer discretionary (+7.9%) and Information Technology (+6.2%) the strongest two sectors, whilst Utilities (-0.4%) lagged significantly.

Fixed income markets were also mixed, with higher quality government bonds underperforming the lower quality credit space. The higher-than-expected inflation reading pushed back market expectations for rate cuts and forced bond yields to rise, meaning that the Global Aggregate bond index fell -0.7% over the month. Strong macro data dominated the narrative on the credit side however, meaning that the risker Global High Yield (0.5%) was positive over February.

In the real assets space, both global real estate (-0.4%) and global infrastructure (+0.0%) underperformed, reflecting their sensitivity to rising interest rate expectations. Commodities displayed mixed performance over the month, such that whilst the broad index was negative (-1.5%), there was significant divergence within the index. Picking out the highlights, Crude Oil (+2.9%) rose sharply on the back of developments in the middle east, whereas Agriculture (-4.4%) finished the month in negative territory.

## PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The end of February saw the Balanced MultiFund closing the month with gains of around +0.2% for the US dollar share classes and +0.5% for the GBP share classes.

Within equities, TT Emerging Markets Equity Fund (+5.3%) performed well, benefiting from the strength within emerging markets as sentiment improved in China due to speculation that the authorities bought a notable amount of domestic shares in recent weeks. Our holding in Fundsmith Equity (+3.5%) also performed well, driven by strong stock selection within communication services, benefiting from AI, as well as healthcare stocks. Contrarily, Morgan Stanley Global Brands (+1.7%) lagged, given its sector exposure to the more defensive, longer duration areas of the market.

Fixed income positions were soft on the month, with the shorter-duration iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1-3yr ETF (-0.4%) faring better than the longer-duration iShares \$ Treasury Bond 7-10yr ETF (-1.8%) given increased pressures from rising yields as investors dialled back the chance of rate cuts. A similar picture was also seen in investment-grade credit, with the shorter dated holdings, Lord Abbett Short Duration Income Fund (-0.2%) and



PIMCO Low Duration Global IG Credit (-0.3%), outperforming the longer maturity PIMCO Global IG Credit (-0.9%) and our more recent core holding in Nedgroup Global Strategic Bond Fund (-0.9%).

Elsewhere, there was a wide range of performances within our real asset and alternative strategy holdings. Within property, our listed global REITs holding, Nedgroup Global Property Fund (-0.1%), outperformed its benchmark, while Balanced Commercial Property (+3.2%) continued to rise following a further sale of one of its office holdings, reshaping the portfolio away from structurally challenged areas to ones supported by growth, such as to industrial & logistics and retail warehousing. Conversely, our more defensive holdings in UK care homes, Impact Healthcare REIT (-3.4%), and Target Healthcare REIT (-5.5%), lagged. Within renewables, The Renewable Infrastructure Group (-4.3%) and Greencoat UK Wind (-3.0%) ended the month lower as NAV releases disappointed on the back of lower power prices and generation falling below budget due to low wind resources. Greencoat Renewables (+0.9%) and JLEN Environmental Asset Group (+6.5%) managed to buck this negative trend. Our traditional infrastructure holdings diverged with Atlas Global Infrastructure (-2.0%) falling behind 3i Infrastructure (+1.4%). Finally, our position in Gold (-0.3%), via WisdomTree Core Physical Gold ETC, fell due to a combination of rising bond yields and US dollar strength.

Within alternatives, our private equity holdings, Oakley Capital Investments (+2.1%) and Princess Private Equity (+0.8%) followed equity markets higher, whilst in song royalties, Hipgnosis Songs Fund (-9.4%) continued to disappoint. Our energy efficiency holdings saw a rebound from last month's weakness, with SDCL Energy Efficiency (+19.5%) and Gresham House Energy Storage Fund (+8.6%) standing out following news that their capacity markets auction cleared at a higher price than expected.

In terms of portfolio activity, we added to equities by initiating a new position in US small caps, given the strong fundamentals in the region and attractive pricing point. This was financed by cash, which we deem less attractive due to our anticipation of rate cuts this year. Finally, we rebalanced some of our positions back to target to ensure alignment with our long-term investment goals.

### NEDGROUP INVESTMENTS MULTIFUNDS PLC **BALANCED MULTIFUND**



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