# **NEDGROUP INVESTMENTS INCOME MULTIFUND - ACCUMULATING CLASS A**

# February 2024

**GENERAL INFORMATION** 

3M SOFR / GBP: 3M SONIA)\*\*

APPROPRIATE TERM: Minimum 3 years

services to assets in excess of USD 5bn.

**DOMICILE OF FUND: Ireland** 

MARKET VALUE OF FUND:

PRICES (as at 29 February 2024) GBP CLASS A: GBP 11.2748

USD CLASS A: USD 11.675

**Class A GBP:** 

Class A USD:

**INCEPTION DATE: 26 January 2012** 

FUND LEGAL STRUCTURE: Irish OEIC UCITS

MORNINGSTAR CATEGORY: Morningstar Global Bonds

licensed by the Isle of Man Financial Services Authority.

26 January 2012

GBP 30.5m

12 April 2012

**INVESTMENT MANAGER:** Nedgroup Investments (IOM) Limited;

Marketing Communication

## Nedgroup Investments MultiFunds Plc

## SYNTHETIC RISK REWARD INDICATOR





Typically lower reward

Typically higher rewards

Higher risk

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.

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR: Cash over a minimum 3 years (USD:

## FUND OBJECTIVE

The Income MultiFund aims to provide a low risk, low volatility investment option 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 over a minimum three years.

## SUITABILITY & RISK AND REWARD

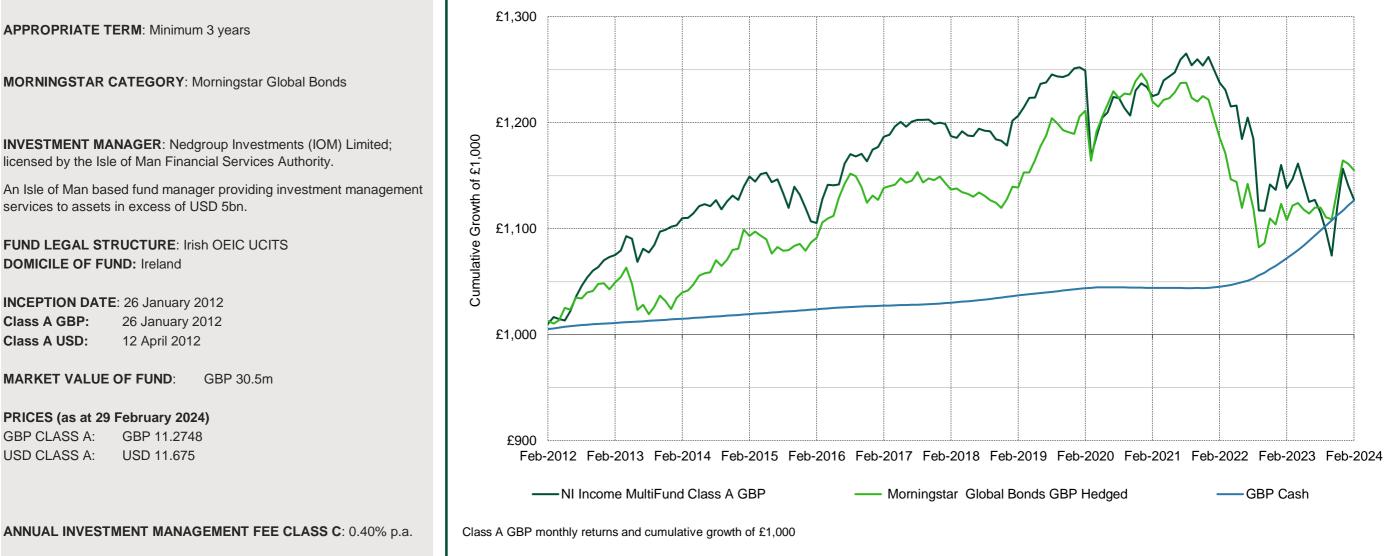
The Income MultiFund is suitable for clients with an investment time horizon of a minimum 3 years. Investing in the fund involves a risk to capital in order to achieve the desired return.

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

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> GBP Class A: 1.77% USD Class A: 1.77%

ANNUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE CLASS C: 0.40% p.a.

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



### MINIMUM INVESTMENT CLASS A

GBP 1,000 / USD 1,500

**DEALING:** Daily

**NOTICE PERIODS** 

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

#### SETTLEMENT PERIODS

Subscriptions: T+3 Redemptions: T+3

#### **DISTRIBUTION YIELD OF DISTRIBUTING CLASS:**

Class A Dist: 3.55%

Based on last four quarterly distributions as a percentage of current share price. Last dividend 29 December 2023

#### **ISIN / SEDOL / BLOOMBERG**

Class A Acc GBP: IE00B5LK1C25 / B5LK1C2 / NIMIGAA ID Equity Class A Acc USD: IE00B4Q8PM21 / B4Q8PM2 / NIMIUAA ID Equity

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SINCE FUND INCEPTION	FUND GBP	GBP PEER GROUP	GBP Cash	FUND USD	USD PEER GROUP	USD Cash
(26 January 2012)	%	%	%	%	%	%
3 Months	0.7%	1.7%	0.4%	0.8%	2.1%	0.43%
6 Months	1.1%	3.2%	1.3%	1.3%	3.2%	1.31%
1 Year	-0.9%	4.3%	2.6%	-0.5%	5.0%	2.64%
YTD	-2.5%	-0.8%	5.1%	-2.5%	-0.8%	5.29%
3 Years (ann.)	-2.7%	-1.8%	0.9%	-2.3%	-1.4%	0.90%
5 Years (ann.)	-1.3%	0.3%	2.6%	-0.6%	0.9%	2.79%
10 Years (ann.)	0.2%	1.1%	1.0%	0.7%	1.4%	1.5%
Since inception (ann.)	1.0%	1.2%	1.7%	1.2%	1.4%	2.12%

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

PERIOD	FUND GBP	GBP PEER GROUP	GBP Cash	FUND USD	USD PEER GROUP	USD Cash
	%	%	+1%	%	%	+1%
2023	1.8%	5.5%	4.9%	2.4%	6.6%	5.2%
2022	-9.9%	-9.6%	2.0%	-9.3%	-9.5%	2.3%
2021	2.0%	-2.0%	0.0%	2.1%	-1.3%	0.0%
2020	-1.1%	4.8%	0.2%	0.1%	5.0%	0.5%
2019	6.2%	5.4%	0.7%	7.8%	7.0%	2.2%
2018	-1.8%	-1.9%	0.6%	-0.5%	0.2%	2.2%

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

GBP Peer Group is Morningstar Global Bonds - GBP Hedged. USD Peer Group is Morningstar Global Bonds - USD Hedged. Both are net of fees.

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

\*\*Cash peformance 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.

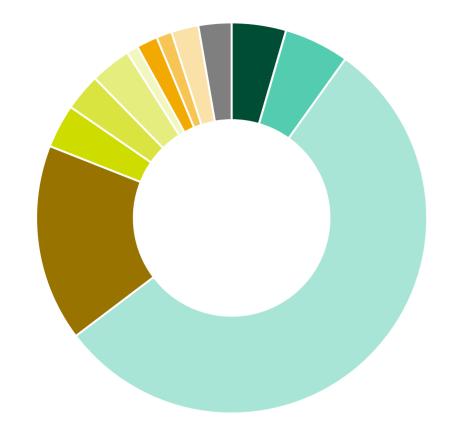
1) The annualised total return is the average return earned by an investment each year over a given time period. Performance is calculated for the portfolio and individual investment performance may differ as a result of initial fees, the actual investment, the actual investment date, the date of any 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.

# NEDGROUP INVESTMENTS INCOME MULTIFUND February 2024



ASSET ALLOCATION



Equity	4.5% Real Assets	11.0%
<ul> <li>UK Equity</li> </ul>	4.5% Property	3.6%
	Renewables	3.1%
	Infrastructure	3.4%
	Commodities	1.0%

Fixed Income	76.5%	Alternative Strategies	5.3%
Government Bonds	54.8%	Asset Backed Lending	1.7%
Investment Grade Corporates	5.4%	Music Royalties	1.3%
<ul> <li>Strategic Bonds</li> </ul>	16.3%	Energy Efficiency & Storage	2.3%

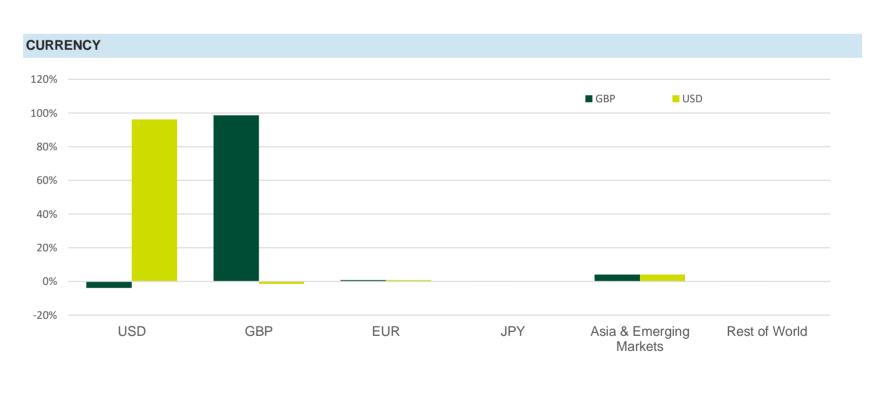
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FULL PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

PIMCO Global IG Credit	5.4%
ISHARES CORE UK GILTS	2.5%
REAL ASSETS	11.0%
Atlas Global Infrastructure GBP Unhedged	2.3%
Target Healthcare REIT	1.7%
3i Infrastructure Plc	1.1%
Greencoat UK Wind	1.0%
WisdomTree Core Physical Gold ETC	1.0%
The Renewables Infrastructure Group	0.9%
Impact Healthcare REIT	0.8%
BMO Commercial Property Trust	0.7%
John Laing Environmental Assets Group	0.6%
Greencoat Renewables	0.5%
Empiric Student Property	0.5%
ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES	5.3%
GCP Asset Backed Income Fund	1.6%
Hipgnosis Songs Ordinary Shares	1.3%
SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust	0.9%
Gore Street Energy Storage Fund	0.8%
Gresham House Energy Storage Fund	0.5%
KKV Secured Loan Fund C Shares	0.1%
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CASH	2.7%
	100.0%

### FIXED INCOME - CREDIT QUALITY<sup>1</sup>

AAA	75.7%
AA	6.6%
A	5.5%
BBB	8.8%
< BBB	3.4%
	100.0%
Yield To Maturity	4.20%
	E 70
Average Weighted Maturity (in years)	5.76



#### **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.

<sup>1</sup> Based on Fixed Income component look through

## NEDGROUP INVESTMENTS INCOME MULTIFUND FEBRUARY 2024



February was a strong month for risk assets, with several major equity indices reaching record highs where continued excitement around artificial intelligence (AI) plaved a significant role in steering market dynamics. The "Magnificent 7", a group of technology and AIrelated 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 Income MultiFund close the month down around -1.1% for both the GBP share classes and US dollar share classes.

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 longer maturity PIMCO Global IG Credit (-0.9%) and our more recent core holding in Nedgroup Global Strategic Bond Fund (-0.9%) experiencing declines.

The portfolio's small holding in high dividend paying UK stocks via the iShares UK Dividend ETF (-2.7%) underperformed due to its high exposure to cyclical stocks. Elsewhere, there was a wide range of performances within our real asset and alternative strategy holdings. Within property, 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.

Finally, in terms of portfolio activity, we rebalanced some of our positions back to target to ensure alignment with our long-term investment goals.



## NEDGROUP INVESTMENTS INCOME MULTIFUND **FEBRUARY 2024**



PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY (continued)

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