

# NEDGROUP INVESTMENTS BALANCED MULTIFUND CLASS A

## May 2024

Marketing Communication



### Nedgroup Investments MultiFunds Plc

#### 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 UCITS

**DOMICILE OF FUND:** Ireland

**INCEPTION DATES:** 19 August 2011

**Class A USD:** 19 August 2011 **Class A GBP:** 19 August 2011

**Class B USD:** 01 September 2011 **Class B GBP:** 15 March 2012

**MARKET VALUE OF FUND:** USD 202.5m

**PRICES (as at 31 May 2024)**

USD CLASS A: USD 1.558

USD CLASS B: USD 14.4368

GBP CLASS A: GBP 12.2105

GBP CLASS B: GBP 14.4368

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

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

**ON-GOING CHARGES (as at 31 May 2024)<sup>2</sup>**

USD Class A: 2.11% GBP Class A: 2.15%

USD Class B: 1.71% GBP Class B: 1.75%

**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: IE00B5SHBV53 / B5SHBV5 / NIMBLAU ID Equity

CLASS B USD: IE00B3NHHD07 / B3NHHD0 / NIMBLBU ID Equity

CLASS A GBP: IE00B57XK066 / B57XK06 / NIMBLAG ID Equity

CLASS B GBP: IE00B41F9717 / B41F971 / NIMBLBG ID Equity

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#### 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

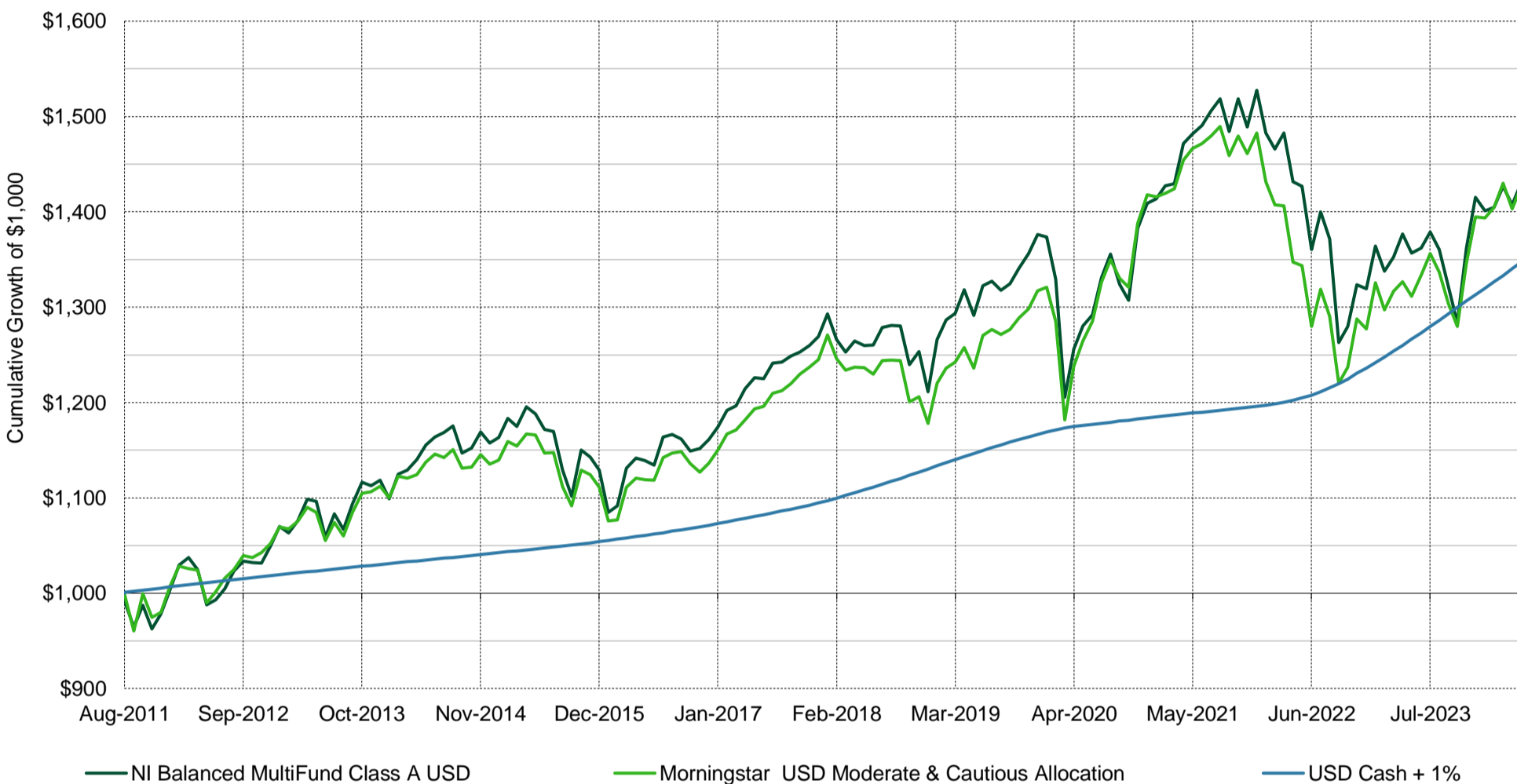
The Balanced MultiFund is suitable for clients with an investment time horizon of a minimum 3 years. Investing in the fund involves a risk to capital in order to achieve the desired return.

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



Class A USD monthly returns and cumulative growth of \$1,000

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

SINCE FUND INCEPTION (19 August 2011)	FUND USD	USD PEER GROUP	USD Cash		FUND GBP	GBP PEER GROUP	GBP Cash	
	%	%	+1%	+3%	%	%	+1%	+3%
3 Months	1.8%	1.6%	1.6%	2.1%	1.5%	1.2%	1.5%	2.0%
6 Months	5.0%	6.0%	3.1%	4.2%	4.7%	5.5%	3.1%	4.1%
1 Year	5.4%	8.8%	6.4%	8.5%	4.1%	7.2%	6.3%	8.4%
YTD	1.1%	2.3%	2.6%	3.5%	1.0%	2.3%	2.6%	3.4%
3 Years (ann.)	-1.2%	-0.9%	4.3%	6.3%	-0.4%	-0.3%	4.0%	6.1%
5 Years (ann.)	2.1%	2.9%	3.3%	5.3%	1.3%	2.1%	2.9%	4.9%
10 Years (ann.)	2.2%	2.3%	2.7%	4.7%	2.5%	2.6%	2.2%	4.2%
Since inception (ann.)	2.8%	2.8%	2.4%	4.4%	2.8%	2.8%	2.0%	4.1%

#### 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 31 May 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.

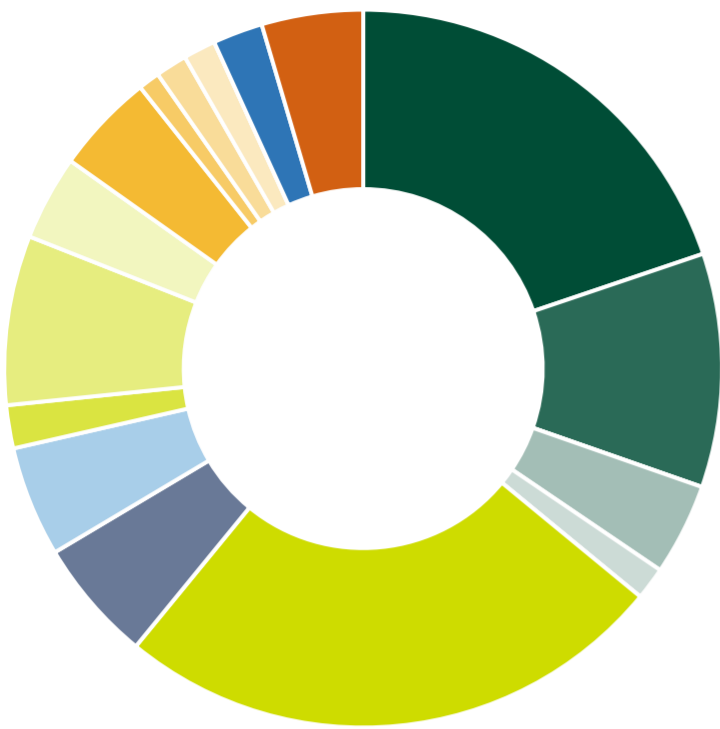
2) The on-going fee is a measure of the actual expenses incurred in the management of the Classes of the Sub-Fund. The on-going fee shown is expressed as a percentage of the monthly average value of the portfolio calculated over a 12-month period as at the date shown. The current on-going fee cannot 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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## May 2024



### ASSET ALLOCATION



Equity	36.0%	Real Assets	16.9%
Global Equity	19.8%	Property	7.6%
North American Equity	10.5%	Renewables	3.8%
Global Emerging Market Equity	4.1%	Infrastructure	4.5%
Japan Equity	1.5%	Commodities	1.0%
Fixed Income	37.4%	Alternative Strategies	5.1%
Government Bonds	25.0%	Private Equity	1.4%
Investment Grade Corporates	5.5%	Asset Backed Lending	1.5%
Strategic Bonds	5.0%	Music Royalties	0.0%
Emerging Market Debt	1.9%	Energy Efficiency & Storage	2.3%
		Cash	4.6%
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### FULL PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

EQUITY	36.0%
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF	7.5%
Morgan Stanley Global Brands	5.6%
Fundsmith Equity Fund	5.4%
Nedgroup Global Equity Fund	5.2%
TT Emerging Markets Equity Fund	4.1%
iShares S&P Small Cap 600 UCITS ETF	3.0%
Dodge & Cox Global Stock Fund	2.6%
iShares Core MSCI Japan IMI ETF	1.5%
iShares Edge MSCI World Value Factor ETF	1.1%
FIXED INCOME	37.4%
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 3-7yrs UCITS ETF	8.8%
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 7-10yrs UCITS ETF	8.5%
PIMCO Global IG Credit	5.0%
Nedgroup Global Strategic Bond Fund	5.0%
iShares \$ TIPS UCITS ETF	4.1%
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1-3YR UCITS ETF	2.2%
Colchester Local Emerging Markets Debt	1.9%
iShares Core UK Gilts USD H	1.5%
Lord Abbett Short Duration Income Fund	0.3%
PIMCO Low Duration Global IG Credit	0.2%
REAL ASSETS	16.9%
Nedgroup Global Property Fund	3.0%
ATLAS Global Infrastructure	2.6%
Target Healthcare REIT	2.1%
3i Infrastructure Plc	1.9%
Greencoat UK Wind	1.3%
The Renewables Infrastructure Group	1.2%
Impact Healthcare REIT	1.1%
WisdomTree Core Physical Gold ETC	1.0%
BMO Commercial Property Trust	0.8%
Greencoat Renewables	0.7%
Empiric Student Property	0.6%
John Laing Environmental Assets Group	0.6%
ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES	5.1%
GCP Asset Backed Income Fund	1.4%
SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust	0.9%
Oakley Capital Investments	0.9%
Gore Street Energy Storage Fund	0.8%
Princess Private Equity	0.6%
Gresham House Energy Storage Fund	0.6%
KKV Secured Loan Fund C Shares	0.1%
CASH	4.6%
	100.0%

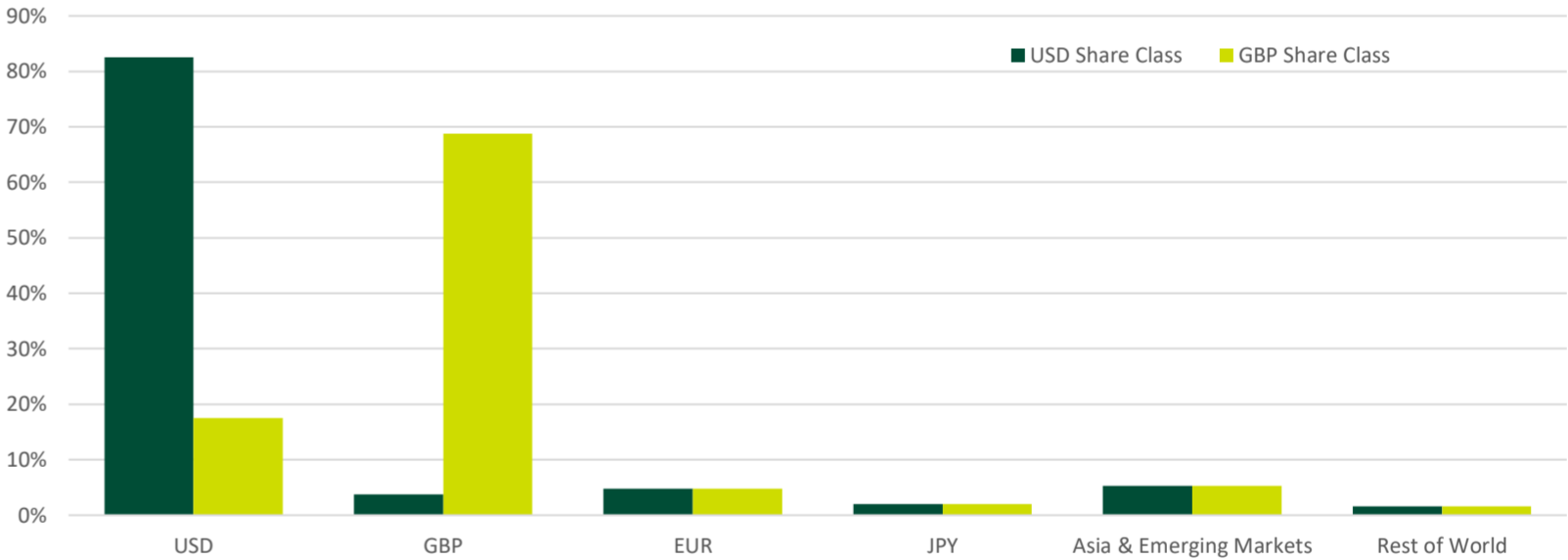
### EQUITY - TOP 10 HOLDINGS<sup>1</sup>

Microsoft	3.4%
Alphabet	2.0%
Morgan Stanley Liquidity Funds	1.9%
Amazon	1.9%
L'Oreal	1.7%
Procter & Gamble	1.6%
Meta Platforms	1.6%
Automatic Data Processing	1.5%
Novo Nordisk	1.4%
Apple	1.4%
	18.4%

### FIXED INCOME - CREDIT QUALITY<sup>2</sup>

AAA	71.2%
AA	4.8%
A	6.5%
BBB	12.6%
< BBB	4.9%
	100.0%
Yield To Maturity	5.23%
Average Weighted Maturity (in years)	6.66
Average Modified Duration (in years)	5.47

### CURRENCY



### 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 Equity component look through

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

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MAY 2024



## MARKET COMMENTARY

After a challenging April which saw investor resolve tested amidst sticky inflation, markets managed to regain some of their footing in May, helped by dovish central bank rhetoric and softer economic data. Fed Chair Powell set the tone for the month by pushing back on the potential for rate hikes and announcing a slowing of the pace of quantitative tightening. Not long after, the US jobs report pointed to slower job growth, which helped to appease those concerned the economy was overheating and kept the door open for rate cuts this year. Inflation data also helped support momentum with most readings in line with expectations, providing much needed respite after a number of hotter-than-expected prints; a trend also supported by falling oil prices as geopolitical tensions eased relative to April. That being said, May was not a month absent of pull back as improved growth momentum and accelerating wage data in Europe led some to question whether the ECB will proceed with a rate cut in June; the rate cut seen as a certainty little over a month ago. Furthermore, minutes from the latest Fed meeting also pointed to a willingness of some members to support rate hikes should risks to inflation materialise. Whilst a number of speakers also sounded more hawkish as the month wore on, with Waller uncomfortable supporting easing until we see several more months of good inflation data and Barr emphasising the need to hold rates steady for longer than previously thought.

In terms of market returns, global equities (+3.7%) were positive in May overall, however there was a degree of variation across regions. US (+4.7%) and Europe ex UK (+3.0%) were the strongest areas, with both the S&P 500 and Euro Stoxx 600 reaching all-time highs intra month. On the other hand, Emerging markets (+0.5%) and Japan (+1.2%) lagged after a period of outperformance. In terms of equity styles, growth stocks (+5.1%) outperformed value (+3.0%), and small-cap stocks (+4.0%) surpassed large caps (+3.7%), given relative sensitivity to interest rates. This was also reflected in sector performance, with IT (+8.1%) the top performing sector, whilst Energy (+0.3%) and Consumer Discretionary (+0.5%) lagged significantly.

Fixed income markets were positive over the month, with higher-quality (more interest rate sensitive) government bonds underperforming on a relative basis. Data consistent with a "Soft Landing" scenario brought forward market expectations for rate cuts and pushed bond yields lower, meaning that the Global Aggregate bond index rose +0.9% over the month. Such data also helped support credit spreads, with both global investment grade (+1.4%) and high yield (+1.1%) gaining over the month.

In the real assets space, both global real estate (+3.3%) and global infrastructure (+6.3%) were well bought, with the infrastructure segment faring relatively better given the longer duration nature of the underlying assets. Commodities were also positive in May, with a large degree of variation within the index. Gold (+1.4%) continued its strong run, supported by demand from central

banks whilst Oil (-4.8%) fell back as geopolitical tensions eased.

## PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The end of May saw the Balanced MultiFund closing the month with gains of around +1.7% for the US dollar share classes and +1.1% for the GBP share classes.

Within equities, our more cyclically focused fund performed well, with the Dodge & Cox Global Stock Fund (+4.1%) benefiting from its European exposure, buoyed by the growing anticipation of rate cuts by the ECB. Our recent addition in small caps via the iShares S&P Small Cap 600 UCITS ETF (+5.0%) rallied, as strong US economic data bolstered investor confidence. The Nedgroup Global Equity fund (+3.2%) also did well, with its holdings in industrials contributing the most to performance. Meanwhile, Fundsmith Equity (+1.5%) lagged due to its underweight position in mega-cap tech stocks and overweight position in consumer staple companies.

Fixed income holdings were positive in May. The longer-duration iShares \$ Treasury Bond 7-10yr ETF (+1.6%) outperformed the shorter-duration iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1-3yr UCITS ETF (+0.7%) given falling yields. This also extended to credit, which was further supported by tightening in spreads. Here, the longer-maturity PIMCO Global IG Credit (+1.5%), and Nedgroup Global Strategic Bond Fund (+1.0%) fared marginally better than our shorter-maturity holdings; Lord Abbett Short Duration Income Fund (+1.0%) and PIMCO Low Duration Global IG Credit (+0.9%). Our investment in emerging markets local currency bonds via The Colchester Local Markets Bond Fund (+1.5%) was also positive, driven by the weakness seen in the US dollar.

Elsewhere, there was a wide range of performances within our real asset and alternative strategy holdings. In the risk-on environment, our indirect holding in Property, Nedgroup Global Property Fund, saw growth at +2.9%. Our UK care homes also performed well, with Impact Healthcare (+7.1%) and Target Healthcare (+2.3%) releasing positive updates, showing an increase in their valuations driven by rent reviews linked to inflation. Empiric Student Property (-0.6%) failed to keep up, despite announcing their expectation to be fully occupied in the forthcoming 2024/25 academic year, marking the third consecutive sell-out year. Rental growth is also expected to be strong, with like-for-like average weekly rents projected to increase by over 6%. Within infrastructure, our exposure to renewable energy yielded mixed results. Greencoat UK Wind (+2.5%) and The Renewable Infrastructure Group (+2.0%) saw modest gains. Greencoat Renewables (+3.5%) showed strength after the Board decided to launch a €25m share buyback program, given their confidence in the outlook, current discount to NAV, and the robustness and resilience of the Company's cash generation. Meanwhile, JLEN Environmental Asset Group (-5.3%) ended the month lower, as it reported a weaker Q1 valuation reflecting lower power prices. We remain positive given the attractive above 9%

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### PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY (continued)

dividend yield it offers and the anticipation of some price recovery on asset sales. Traditional infrastructure players like 3i Infrastructure (+1.7%) and Atlas Global Infrastructure (+3.7%) fared well, supported by their European exposure. Finally, gold, represented by WisdomTree Core Physical Gold ETC (+0.6%), saw modest gains, supported by dollar weakness.

Within our alternatives, our asset-backed lending position, GCP Asset Backed Income Fund (+12.1%), rallied after management announced a return of 22.5% of the trust's capital following the repayment of two loans (at 103% of their 31 March 2024 carrying value) as part of its wind-down strategy. This is very welcome news, as it demonstrates the robustness of the portfolio's underlying valuation. Our private equity holdings also performed well, with Oakley Capital Investments (+5.7%) and Princess Private Equity (+4.4%) delivering strong returns. Finally, returns for our energy efficiency holdings were mixed. Gresham House Energy Storage Fund (-3.6%) experienced a decline, while Gore Street Energy Storage Fund (+8.8%) showed growth. SDCL Energy Efficiency (+13.0%) soared after reporting the sale of its UK onsite solar portfolio at a 4.5% premium to its previous valuation, with the proceeds to be used for reducing short-term debt.

In terms of portfolio activity, we completely sold our song royalty holding, Hipgnosis Songs Fund, as we see limited further upside now that Blackstone's bid is final. We increased our holdings in US small-cap equities, where valuations appear more attractive, and the US consumer remains fundamentally strong. Finally, we rebalanced some of our equity and fixed income holdings to ensure alignment with our long-term investment goals.

#### **Nedgroup Investments MultiFunds Plc (the Fund) – disclaimer**

This is a marketing communication. Please refer to the prospectus, the key investor information document (the KIID/PRIIPS KIDS) and the financial statements of Nedgroup Investments MultiFunds PLC (the Fund) before making any final investment decisions.

These documents are available from Nedgroup Investments (IOM) Ltd (the **Investment Manager**) or via the website: [www.nedgroupinvestments.com](http://www.nedgroupinvestments.com)

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The Sub-Funds are valued using the prices of underlying securities prevailing at 11pm Irish time the business day before the dealing date. Prices are published on the Investment Manager's website. A summary of investor rights can be obtained, free of charge at [www.nedgroupinvestments.com](http://www.nedgroupinvestments.com).

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