

# NEDGROUP INVESTMENTS BALANCED MULTIFUND CLASS A

## July 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 209.8m

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

USD CLASS A: USD 1.6102

USD CLASS B: USD 14.8783

GBP CLASS A: GBP 12.5755

GBP CLASS B: GBP 14.8783

**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 July 2024)<sup>2</sup>**

USD Class A: 2.1% GBP Class A: 2.14%

USD Class B: 1.7% GBP Class B: 1.74%

**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

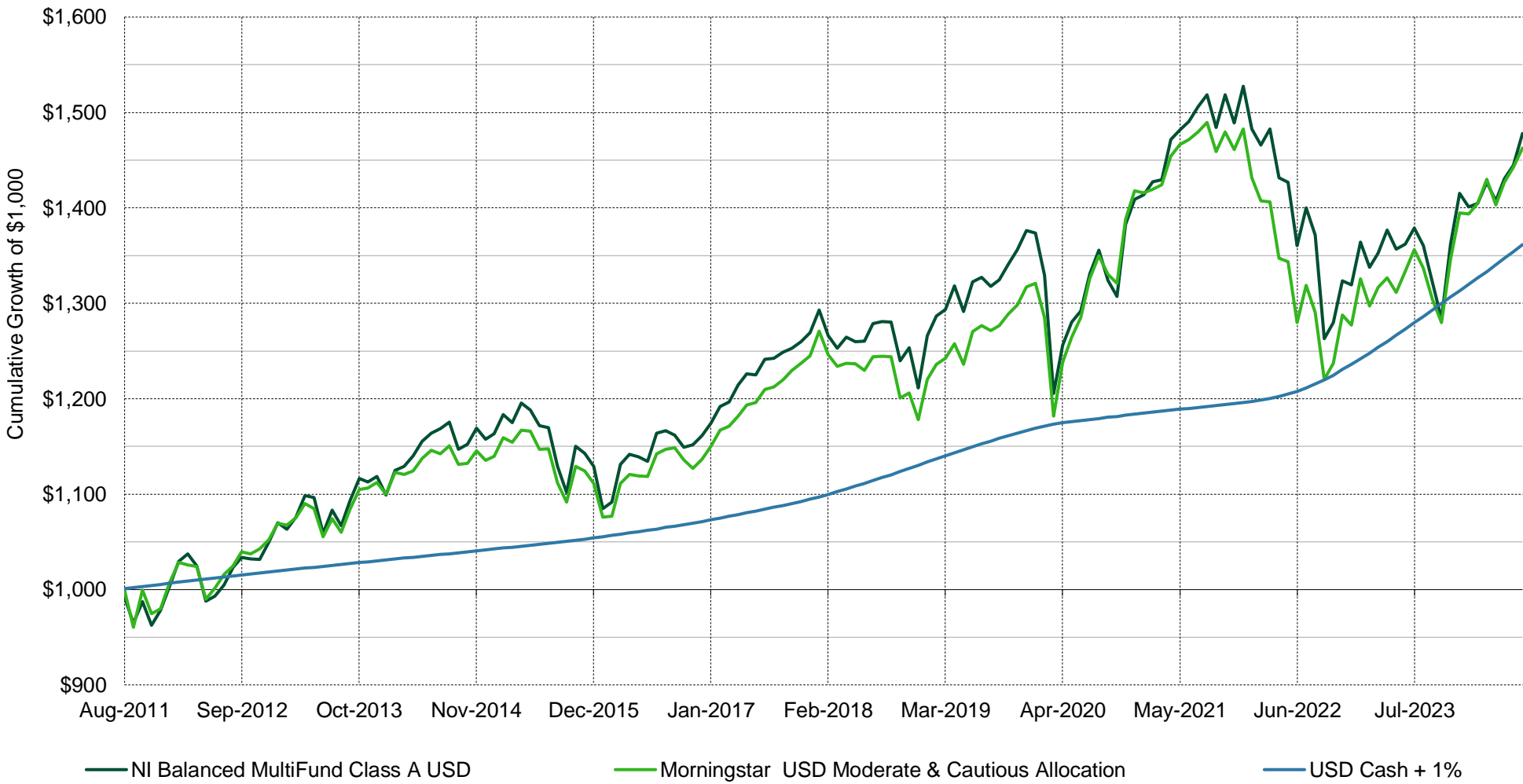
The Balanced MultiFund is suitable for clients with an investment time horizon of a minimum 3 years. Investing in the fund involves a risk to capital in order to achieve the desired return.

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	5.0%	4.2%	1.5%	2.0%	4.0%	3.2%	1.5%	2.0%
6 Months	5.5%	5.0%	3.1%	4.1%	5.0%	4.5%	3.1%	4.1%
1 Year	7.2%	7.8%	6.4%	8.5%	6.9%	7.4%	6.3%	8.4%
YTD	4.4%	4.9%	3.7%	4.9%	4.0%	4.5%	3.6%	4.8%
3 Years (ann.)	-0.6%	-0.4%	4.6%	6.6%	-0.2%	-0.1%	4.3%	6.4%
5 Years (ann.)	2.2%	2.8%	3.4%	5.4%	1.2%	1.7%	3.1%	5.1%
10 Years (ann.)	2.4%	2.5%	2.8%	4.8%	2.7%	2.8%	2.3%	4.3%
Since inception (ann.)	3.1%	3.0%	2.4%	4.4%	3.0%	2.9%	2.1%	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 July 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.

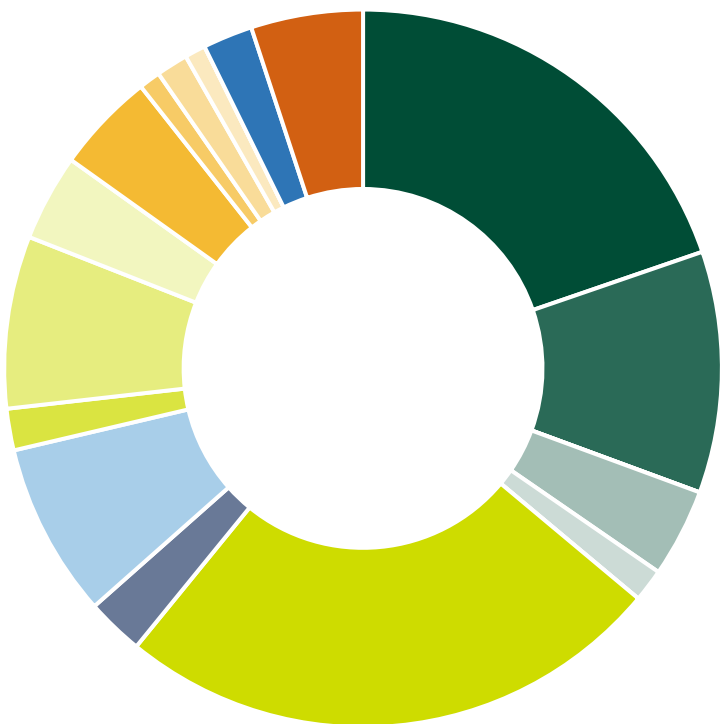
2) The on-going fee is a measure of the actual expenses incurred in the management of the Classes of the Sub-Fund. The on-going fee shown is expressed as a percentage of the monthly average value of the portfolio calculated over a 12-month period as at the date shown. The current on-going fee cannot 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	36.1%	Real Assets	17.1%
Global Equity	19.7%	Property	7.8%
North American Equity	10.9%	Renewables	3.9%
Global Emerging Market Equity	4.0%	Infrastructure	4.5%
Japan Equity	1.5%	Commodities	1.0%
Fixed Income	37.1%	Alternative Strategies	4.6%
Government Bonds	24.8%	Private Equity	1.4%
Investment Grade Corporates	2.6%	Asset Backed Lending	0.9%
Strategic Bonds	7.9%	Energy Efficiency & Storage	2.2%
Emerging Market Debt	1.9%		
		Cash	5.0%
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### FULL PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

EQUITY	36.1%
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF	7.7%
Morgan Stanley Global Brands	5.7%
Nedgroup Global Equity Fund	5.2%
Fundsmith Equity Fund	5.2%
TT Emerging Markets Equity Fund	4.0%
iShares S&P Small Cap 600 UCITS ETF	3.2%
Dodge & Cox Global Stock Fund	2.5%
iShares Core MSCI Japan IMI ETF	1.5%
iShares Edge MSCI World Value Factor ETF	1.1%
FIXED INCOME	37.1%
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 3-7yrs UCITS ETF	8.7%
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 7-10yrs UCITS ETF	8.5%
Nedgroup Global Strategic Bond Fund	7.9%
iShares \$ TIPS UCITS ETF	4.0%
PIMCO Global IG Credit	2.6%
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1-3YR UCITS ETF	2.1%
Colchester Local Emerging Markets Debt	1.9%
iShares Core UK Gilts USD H	1.5%
REAL ASSETS	17.1%
Nedgroup Global Property Fund	3.1%
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	1.0%
WisdomTree Core Physical Gold ETC	1.0%
BMO Commercial Property Trust	0.9%
Greencoat Renewables	0.7%
John Laing Environmental Assets Group	0.7%
Empiric Student Property	0.7%
ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES	4.6%
SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust	0.9%
Oakley Capital Investments	0.9%
GCP Asset Backed Income Fund	0.8%
Gore Street Energy Storage Fund	0.7%
Gresham House Energy Storage Fund	0.7%
Princess Private Equity	0.6%
KKV Secured Loan Fund C Shares	0.1%
CASH	5.0%
	100.0%

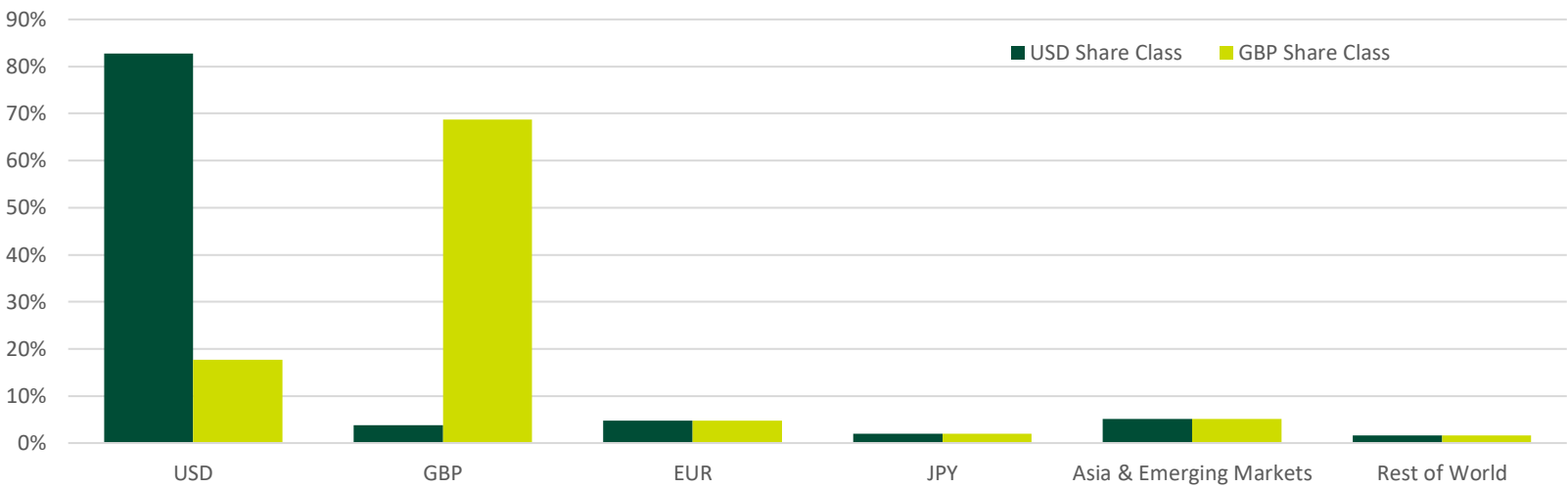
### EQUITY - TOP 10 HOLDINGS<sup>1</sup>

Microsoft	4.6%
Alphabet	2.0%
Amazon	1.8%
Apple	1.6%
Meta Platforms	1.6%
Intercontinental Exchange	1.4%
Novo Nordisk	1.4%
Automatic Data Processing	1.4%
Nvidia	1.3%
Philip Morris International	1.2%
	18.3%

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

AAA	69.6%
AA	7.3%
A	5.3%
BBB	12.5%
< BBB	5.2%
	100.0%
Yield To Maturity	4.73%
Average Weighted Maturity (in years)	6.60
Average Modified Duration (in years)	5.39

### 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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## MARKET COMMENTARY

July got off to a very strong start marked by a cross-asset rally that saw the S&P 500 climb in 10 out of the first 11 sessions (hitting an all-time high mid-month) and treasury yields fall sharply, helping to buoy fixed income markets. To some extent performance was driven by the “bad news for the economy, is good news for markets” narrative, as softer economic data fuelled expectations that the Federal Reserve would cut rates by September. The key data points being the June ISM manufacturing and services indices which signalled that the economy was slowing, and the unemployment rate which increased to 4.1%, the highest since November 2021. The rate cut expectations were further bolstered by the July’s CPI report, which revealed the weakest monthly core CPI since January 2021 and now, following several favourable inflation reports, appeared to be converging towards targeted range. This led investors to significantly raise their expectations of rate cuts for the year, with a meaningful probability being placed on 3 rates cuts by year end. Furthermore, by month’s end, investors fully anticipated a rate cut by September, and Fed Chair Powell confirmed that a rate reduction could be considered as early as the next meeting. Amidst the economic surprises, some disappointing earnings from big tech cast a shadow on the otherwise strong rally. The Magnificent 7 hit a peak on mid-July, but a sharp selloff ensued, dragging the index into correction territory, and ending the month over 10% below its peak.

In terms of market returns, global equities (+1.2%) were positive in July overall, however there was a degree of variation across regions. The UK (+2.5%) and US (+1.2%) were the strongest areas, whilst Japan (-1.0%) lagged as the stronger yen put pressure on Japanese exporters. In terms of equity styles, growth stocks (-0.9%) underperformed value (+4.4%), and small-cap stocks (+5.8%) surpassed large caps (+1.2%), driven by a pronounced style rotation away from the Magnificent-7. This was also reflected in sector performance, with Utilities (+6.3%) and Real Estate (+6.3%) the top performing sectors, whilst IT (-2.1%) and Communication Services (-2.8%) lagged significantly.

Fixed income markets were positive over the month, with little to separate higher-quality (more interest rate sensitive) government bonds and credit. 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 +1.9% over the month. Such data also helped support credit spreads, with both global investment grade (+2.2%) and high yield (+2.0%) gaining over the period.

In the real assets space, both global real estate (+5.7%) and global infrastructure (+4.3%) were well bid however commodities (-4.0%) lagged overall, despite a degree of variation within the index which saw Gold (+4.1%) rise, and Oil (-2.9%), Agriculture (-4.8%) and Industrial metals (-6.8%) fall.

## PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The end of July saw the Balanced MultiFund closing the month with gains of around +2.4% for the US dollar share classes and +1.8% for the GBP share classes, the difference reflecting dollar weakness over the period.

Within Equities, our allocation to US small caps via the iShares S&P Small Cap 600 UCITS ETF was our stand-out holding, gaining +10.1% due to increased expectations of rate cuts. The rotation away from the Magnificent 7 stocks also boosted the relative performance of our quality-focused funds, Nedgroup Global Equity (+4.4%) and Morgan Stanley Global Brands (+3.1%). In contrast, our allocation to TT Global Emerging Markets underperformed (-1.8%), reflecting weakness in China as poor economic data dampened sentiment.

Fixed income positions were all positive for the month, as yields fell due to softer inflation and labour market data from the US, reinforcing expectations of rate cuts. This led the more sensitive longer-maturity iShares \$ Treasury Bond 7-10YR ETF (+2.1%) to outperform the shorter-maturity iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1-3YR ETF (+1.0%). In credit, PIMCO Low Duration Global IG Credit (+2.2%) and Nedgroup Global Strategic Bond Fund (+2.1%) were further boosted by tightening spreads. Additionally, our exposure to emerging market local currency bonds via the Colchester Local Markets Bond Fund (+2.5%) benefited from the weakness in the US dollar.

Elsewhere, our real asset and alternative strategy holdings showed a wide range of performances, with the majority benefiting from the anticipation of rate cuts. Property investments, particularly sensitive to yield changes, led to our listed global REITs holding, Nedgroup Global Property Fund (+5.0%), closing the month higher. Balanced Commercial Property (+9.9%) was significantly boosted by the successful sale of two additional office assets, which will be used to repay its revolving credit facility. Additionally, they announced the securing of four new leases at St Christopher’s Place, aiming to capitalise on strong fundamentals and growing demand in the food and beverage sector. Renewable energy holdings were also in high demand. Greencoat UK Wind (+10.4%) delivered strong results due to robust cash generation, resulting in solid dividend cover. Other renewable energy assets also performed well, with JLEN Environmental Assets Group (+10.4%), The Renewable Infrastructure Group (+9.2%), and Greencoat Renewables (+4.4%) benefiting from the lower yields observed over the month. Traditional infrastructure players like 3i Infrastructure (+9.1%) and Atlas Global Infrastructure (+7.7%) kept pace with the broader market rally. Finally, Gold, represented by WisdomTree Core Physical Gold ETC (+3.9%), saw gains supported by dollar weakness.

Within our alternatives, the asset-backed lending position, GCP Asset Backed Income Fund (+11.1%), continued to perform well, announcing successful loan repayments as part of its wind-down strategy. Our private equity holdings showed divergent performances, with Oakley Capital Investments gaining (+2.3%) while Princess Private Equity declined (-3.7%). Finally, returns for our

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### PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY (continued)

energy efficiency holdings were lower, with SDCL Energy Efficiency (-0.4%), Gore Street Energy Storage Fund (-3.9%), and Gresham House Energy Storage Fund (-7.0%).

In terms of portfolio activity, we trimmed cash in favour of the Muzinich Short Duration High Yield Fund. We believe that an allocation to US short duration high yield presents a good opportunity given the improved default rate in the US while still providing an attractive yield.

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

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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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