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This report is prepared by Nedgroup Investments (IOM) Limited the Investment Manager of Nedgroup Investments MultiFunds Plc.

The purpose of the report is to provide shareholders in the Nedgroup Investments MultiFunds and their advisers, with a review of the funds' performance since inception. The report is structured as follows:

PART ONE: MARKET REVIEW

This section provides a market review, which looks at the performance of global asset classes over the last quarter, and puts this into perspective relative to longer-term performance. The aim of this review is to provide a context in which the performance of Nedgroup Investments MultiFunds can be assessed.

PART TWO: NEDGROUP INVESTMENTS MULTIFUNDS' PERFORMANCE

This section provides an overview of the performance of the Nedgroup Investments MultiFunds since its launch on 19 August 2011 under the UCITS IV structure. The Income MultiFund was launched on 26 January 2012.

PART THREE: MARKET OUTLOOK

In this section we highlight our current views on the market over the medium term and how these views are implemented within the MultiFunds.

PART FOUR: UNDERLYING PORTFOLIO MANAGER PERFORMANCE

This section shows the performance of the underlying managers.

PART FIVE: FUND FOCUS

In this section we highlight a fund held in the MultiFunds.





PART ONE: MARKET REVIEW

Performance over period to 31st March 2026

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Asset Class	Indicator	3 months	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Equities	MSCI All Country World Index	-3.2%	20.0%	16.6%	9.5%	7.4%
Property	FTSE EPRA/NA REIT Dev Property Index	1.3%	10.1%	7.9%	2.8%	2.5%
Bonds	Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index	-0.2%	3.5%	4.1%	0.8%	1.4%
Cash	US 3-month deposits	0.9%	4.0%	4.7%	3.5%	1.6%
Inflation	US CPI (one month in arrears)	1.3%	3.3%	3.1%	4.5%	2.2%

Source Bloomberg, Nedgroup Investments
Returns for periods longer than 12 months are annualised.

Economic and market commentary

The first quarter of 2026 was shaped overwhelmingly by rising geopolitical risk, with the escalation of conflict involving Iran fundamentally altering the market backdrop as the period progressed. Early optimism gave way to sharp cross-asset volatility, as energy markets repriced and inflation expectations rose.

The quarter began constructively. Strong economic data through January and February supported risk assets, with both US and European equities reaching record highs. However, tensions in the Middle East were already building beneath the surface. In January, oil prices began to move higher amid speculation around potential US action, following increasingly confrontational rhetoric from President Trump towards Iran. By the end of the month, Brent crude had recorded its largest monthly increase in four years.

These concerns intensified in February, culminating in direct strikes at the end of the month. The immediate market response was a sharp surge in oil prices, with Brent recording its largest daily jump since 2022. As expectations for a swift resolution faded, energy prices continued to climb through March, ultimately registering their largest quarterly increase since the Gulf War in 1990. Futures markets also reflected growing expectations of a prolonged disruption.

Rising oil prices reignited concerns around inflation and growth, triggering a broad-based sell-off across risk assets. Global equities fell sharply during March, with US and European markets experiencing their steepest monthly declines in over a year. Beyond the headline indices, technology stocks were particularly weak. Software companies came under pressure as the release of new AI tools intensified debate around future earnings sustainability, resulting in the sector's largest quarterly decline since the global financial crisis.

Fixed income markets were similarly affected. Inflation expectations moved sharply higher, prompting investors to reassess the outlook for central bank policy. In the US, markets largely priced out the prospect of rate cuts for 2026, while in Europe expectations shifted decisively towards further tightening. Government bond yields rose materially over the quarter, with both US Treasury yields and German Bund yields reaching levels not seen for over a decade.

Trade policy also contributed to market uncertainty early in the quarter. Renewed tariff threats from President Trump emerged as he sought to orchestrate a deal involving US control of Greenland, briefly unsettling European assets. These concerns eased after indications that a negotiating framework was being discussed. Later in the quarter, a Supreme Court ruling overturned the legal basis for a portion of previously imposed tariffs, only for these to be partially reinstated under alternative legislation, prolonging uncertainty around the global trade environment.

Japan stood out as a relative area of resilience. Political developments early in the quarter led to initial weakness in government bonds, as expectations for fiscal easing intensified ahead of elections. Equity markets responded more positively, with Japanese stocks advancing following a decisive electoral outcome for PM Takaichi and remaining one of the few major markets to post gains over the quarter despite the global sell-off.





As the quarter closed, markets were left grappling with the implications of higher energy prices, tighter financial conditions and elevated geopolitical risk. While periods of heightened volatility such as this can be uncomfortable, they also serve as a reminder of the importance of diversification and a long-term perspective when navigating uncertain environments.

Given this backdrop, equities were mixed over the quarter, with the global index down by -3.2%, with Japan (+2.9%) and the UK (+4.0%) leading the way, whilst the US (-4.9%) lagged. In terms of equity styles, value stocks (+1.3%) outperformed growth (-7.6%), and small-cap stocks (+1.2%) outperformed large caps (-2.6%). There was wide variation in sector performance, with Energy (+33.8%) by far the strongest sector, while Consumer Discretionary (-10.8%) and Communication Services (-7.8%) lagged significantly.

Fixed income markets were broadly negative as yields rose. Looking at the details, global government bonds (-0.1%) finished the quarter slightly below water, but outperformed Investment Grade Credit (-0.5%), Global High Yield (-0.6%) and global emerging market debt (-1.1%).

In the real assets space, global real estate (+0.9%) and global infrastructure (+7.6%) diverged, with both outperforming equity markets. Finally, Commodities (+24.4%) had a very strong quarter with Oil (+79.8%) being a clear stand out, whilst Agriculture (+8.0%), Gold (+7.1%) and Industrial Metals (4.6%) were also positive.

PART TWO: MULTIFUNDS' PERFORMANCE

All performance figures are as at 31st March 2026

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Growth MultiFund

PERIOD	FUND USD %	Performance Indicator	FUND GBP %	Performance Indicator
		SOFR 3 Month +4%		Sonia 3 Month +4%
3 months	-2.6%	1.9%	-1.5%	1.9%
1 year	11.0%	8.1%	9.5%	8.1%
3 years (annualised)	9.0%	8.9%	7.5%	8.8%
10 years (annualised)	6.4%	6.5%	6.4%	5.9%
Since inception* (annualised)	6.3%	5.7%	6.5%	5.5%

Balanced MultiFund

PERIOD	FUND USD %	Performance Indicator	FUND GBP %	Performance Indicator
		SOFR 3 Month +2%		Sonia 3 Month +2%
3 months	-2.1%	1.4%	-1.4%	1.4%
1 year	8.6%	6.0%	7.6%	6.0%
3 years (annualised)	6.5%	6.8%	5.4%	6.7%
10 years (annualised)	4.0%	4.4%	3.6%	3.9%
Since inception* (annualised)	4.0%	3.7%	3.9%	3.5%

Income MultiFund Accumulating





PERIOD	FUND USD %	Performance Indicator SOFR 3 Month	FUND GBP %	Performance Indicator Sonia 3 Month
3 months	-0.2%	0.9%	-0.2%	0.9%
1 year	6.6%	4.0%	6.5%	3.9%
3 years (annualised)	4.4%	4.7%	4.2%	4.6%
10 years (annualised)	2.7%	2.4%	2.0%	1.9%
Since inception* (annualised)	2.9%	1.7%	2.7%	1.4%

C Class performance with returns prior their inception dates backfilled using class A returns adjusted for fees.

*Inception dates: NIM Growth USD C: 30/12/2014, NIM Growth GBP C: 06/03/2013,
NIM Balanced USD C: 08/11/2013, NIM Balanced GBP C: 06/03/2013
NIM Income USD C Acc: 01/09/2015, NIM Income GBP C Acc: 08/04/2013

Inception date for NIM Growth and Balanced USD A is 19 August 2011 (Valuation date 18 August 2011) / for NIM Income USD A Acc is 12 April 2012
Inception date for NIM Growth and Balanced GBP A is 19 August 2011 (Valuation date 18 August 2011) / for NIM Income GBP A Acc is 26 January 2012

Source Bloomberg, Nedgroup Investments

PORTFOLIO REVIEW AND CHANGES

Growth


The first quarter of 2025 saw the Growth MultiFund fall by -2.5% in the US Dollar share classes and by -1.4% in the GBP share classes.

Within equities, performance over the quarter reflected pronounced dispersion across styles and regions, as markets navigated a complex and evolving macroeconomic and geopolitical backdrop. Among our global equity managers, our quality-oriented, defensive strategies lagged. Fundsmith Equity Fund (-12.9%) and Nedgroup Global Equity Fund (-11.8%) were weighed down by their meaningful exposure to healthcare, which underperformed in a market increasingly focused on cyclical and deflation-exposed sectors. In contrast, GQG Partners Global Equity was a clear standout (+7.7%), benefiting from its flexible, valuation-aware approach, while Dodge & Cox Global Stock Fund (-1.1%) also proved relatively resilient. Both strategies were supported by their value-oriented positioning and overweights to energy and materials, which benefited from sharply higher oil prices amid escalating geopolitical tensions.

Regionally, our exposure to US large caps via the iShares Core S&P 500 ETF declined (-4.4%) as technology and software stocks came under pressure. Investors increasingly scrutinised the scale of AI-related capital expenditure and questioned the durability of software business models following the release of new AI tools. In contrast, the broader market benefited from a shift away from mega-cap leadership, with the iShares S&P Small Cap 600 ETF delivering a positive return (+3.4%), supported by its greater exposure to economically sensitive sectors. Elsewhere, Waverton European Capital Growth delivered a modest gain (+0.8%) despite European equities being weighed down by a sharp increase in gas prices, which raised concerns around the region's growth outlook. Lazard Strategic Japanese Equity (+1.1%) benefited from strong domestic momentum following Prime Minister Takaichi's resounding election victory and rising expectations for further growth-boosting fiscal stimulus. Across emerging markets, returns were comparatively resilient despite a volatile backdrop. TT Emerging Markets Equity (+3.0%) and Merlin Fidelis Emerging Market Equities (+4.5%) benefited from continued strength in Asian technology supply chains earlier in the quarter, while Coeli Frontier Markets Equity (+0.3%) contributed modestly, supported by its focus on high-quality, domestically driven businesses.

In fixed income, returns were muted over the quarter as markets swung between growth concerns and, later, a sharp repricing of inflation risk following the energy shock. US Treasuries proved relatively resilient; as a net energy exporter, the US is more insulated from the spike in energy prices than its European and Asian counterparts. However, as yields rose, our longer-dated exposure via the iShares \$ Treasury Bond 7–10yr ETF declined (-0.1%), while the shorter iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1–3yr ETF was modestly positive (+0.3%). Inflation-linked bonds were little changed, with the iShares \$ TIPS UCITS ETF marginally higher (+0.2%), as rising inflation expectations were offset by higher real yields later in the period. UK government bonds were more challenged, as early optimism around easing inflation reversed sharply amid higher energy prices and a more hawkish Bank of England, with the iShares Core UK Gilts UCITS ETF declining (-1.9%) over the quarter. Our exposure in Emerging market local currency debt via the Colchester Local Markets Bond Fund (-1.8%) reversed earlier gains as a stronger US dollar and elevated geopolitical risk weighed on sentiment. Credit was similarly pressured as spreads widened across both investment grade and high yield. The shorter-duration Lord Abbett Short Duration High Yield Fund proved relatively resilient (-0.5%), while the longer-duration PIMCO Global IG Credit (-0.9%) and Nedgroup Strategic Bond Fund (-0.6%) declined.





Elsewhere, our real asset and alternative strategy holdings delivered a wide range of returns. Within property, our listed global REITs exposure via the Nedgroup Global Property Fund (+1.6%) performed well, while our defensive UK care home exposure also added value, with Target Healthcare REIT rising (+3.9%). Performance was supported by inflation-linked rental income, a long lease profile and resilient operating fundamentals. The portfolio continues to benefit from strong rent collection, healthy rent cover and conservative leverage, while demographic tailwinds underpin demand for modern care facilities. Renewables delivered mixed performance, with longer-term support from energy security considerations offset by rising discount rates. Greencoat Renewables (+6.3%) was a notable outperformer, supported by improving sentiment around capital allocation discipline and its refreshed strategy focused on de-gearing, buybacks and selective growth opportunities in hybridisation and data centres. Foresight Environmental Infrastructure (+6.2%) also performed well, rebounding from a historically wide discount following strong interim results, while Greencoat UK Wind (+1.6%) delivered a modest return. In contrast, The Renewable Infrastructure Group (-4.7%) lagged as markets digested a fall in NAV, driven by lower revenue forecasts, softer near-term power prices, operational impacts and a 50bps increase in discount rates for UK offshore wind. Traditional infrastructure delivered mixed outcomes. Atlas Global Infrastructure (+10.9%) continued to benefit from demand for AI-related infrastructure, while 3i Infrastructure (-10.8%) lagged amid broader market volatility despite announcing the sale of its largest asset, TCR, an airport ground support equipment lessor, at a significant premium to valuation. The transaction reinforces the strength of the underlying portfolio and is expected to support balance-sheet flexibility and future investment activity. Gold continued to provide effective diversification, with the WisdomTree Core Physical Gold ETC (+7.1%) posting strong gains over the quarter, supported by heightened geopolitical tensions, concerns around inflation persistence and safe-haven demand.

Within alternatives, Private equity detracted, with Partners Group (-15.9%) underperforming as valuation adjustments, and a more cautious risk environment weighed on sentiment across private markets. Energy efficiency and storage strategies were mixed. SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust (-17.7%) was a notable detractor, pressured by higher discount rates and softer near-term revenue assumptions, while Gresham House Energy Storage Fund (-7.1%) declined amid ongoing valuation headwinds despite progress across its development pipeline. In contrast, Gore Street Energy Storage Fund delivered a modest positive return (+1.0%), supported by a dividend increase and an expanded asset disposal programme, which improved near-term cash-flow visibility.

In terms of portfolio activity, early in the quarter, we took profits from our exposure to US small caps (via the iShares S&P Small Cap 600 ETF) and Emerging Markets (TT Emerging Markets Equity) following their strong run. We also trimmed our position in Target Healthcare after a strong period of performance. These proceeds were held in cash, modestly increasing our liquidity and giving us flexibility to take advantage of market weakness when it arises. Following a successful research review within emerging markets, we have also begun transitioning our allocation away from TT Emerging Markets Equity into the newly approved Merlin Fidelis Emerging Markets strategy. This fund offers a focused EM portfolio of 50-100 stocks and is built around a disciplined, scenario-based investment process that drives structured position sizing and clear buy and sell decisions. It is managed by a highly experienced, owner managed team, ensuring strong alignment with investors. This approach has translated into a compelling long term track record, with strong upside capture and notable resilience in weaker markets - qualities we value highly given the cyclical and concentrated nature of many emerging market equities. More recently, as renewables recovered, we sold our exposure to The Renewable Infrastructure Group and trimmed Foresight Environmental Infrastructure. We continue to monitor all positions closely to ensure the portfolio remains aligned with our long-term investment objectives.

Balanced

The first quarter of 2025 saw the Balanced MultiFund fall by -2.0% in the US Dollar share classes and by -1.3% in the GBP share classes.

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Income

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The portfolio's small holding in high dividend-paying UK stocks, via the iShares FTSE UK Dividend Plus ETF (+1.1%) was supported by its commodity tilt. Elsewhere, our real asset and alternative strategy holdings delivered a wide range of returns. Within property, our listed global REITs exposure via the Nedgroup Global Property Fund (+1.6%) performed well, while our defensive UK care home exposure also added value, with Target Healthcare REIT rising (+3.9%). Performance was supported by inflation-linked rental income, a long lease profile and resilient operating fundamentals. The portfolio continues to benefit from strong rent collection, healthy rent cover and conservative leverage, while demographic tailwinds underpin demand for modern care facilities. Renewables delivered mixed performance, with longer-term support from energy security considerations offset by rising discount rates. Greencoat Renewables (+6.3%) was a notable outperformer, supported by improving sentiment around capital allocation discipline and its refreshed strategy focused on de-gearing, buybacks and selective growth opportunities in hybridisation and data centres. Foresight Environmental Infrastructure (+6.2%) also performed well, rebounding from a historically wide discount following strong interim results, while Greencoat UK Wind (+1.6%) delivered a modest return. In contrast, The Renewable Infrastructure Group (-4.7%) lagged as markets digested a fall in NAV, driven by lower revenue forecasts, softer near-term power prices, operational impacts and a 50bps increase in discount rates for UK offshore wind. Traditional infrastructure delivered mixed outcomes. Atlas Global Infrastructure (+10.9%) continued to benefit from demand for AI-related infrastructure, while 3i Infrastructure (-10.8%) lagged amid broader market volatility despite announcing the sale of its largest asset, TCR, an airport ground support equipment lessor, at a significant premium to valuation. The transaction reinforces the strength of the underlying portfolio and is expected to support balance-sheet flexibility and future investment activity. Gold continued to provide effective diversification, with the WisdomTree Core Physical Gold ETC (+7.1%) posting strong gains over the quarter, supported by heightened geopolitical tensions, concerns around inflation persistence and safe-haven demand.

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PART THREE: MARKET OUTLOOK

Donald Trump's return to the White House last year signalled a major shift in U.S. policy, with significant geopolitical ramifications. While uncertainty remains high, his "America First" approach is set to continue to drive significant changes in both foreign and domestic policy.

- **Russia-Ukraine Conflict:** With the war at a stalemate and resources stretched, Trump is expected to continue to push for a ceasefire between Putin and Zelensky. However, any agreement is unlikely to resolve the deeper tensions, leaving the situation fragile and unpredictable.
- **US/Israel-Iran War:** Despite the announcement of the ceasefire, the conflict remains finely balanced and highly complex, warranting a degree of caution. Volatility is likely to remain high as Trump continues his "shock and awe" approach to foreign policy.
- **U.S. International Relations:** Tensions between the U.S. and other global powers are expected to persist, with diplomatic relationships remaining strained.
- **Economic growth to remain close to trend:** Economic resilience will be tested amidst the uncertain policy backdrop, most notably in the US. However, continued investment in AI capability is likely to remain supportive. With technology advancing at such speed, it seems inevitable that this will lead to significant productivity improvements over time. That said, the ultimate winners and losers will hinge on a complex mix of evolving factors - many of which may only become clear after 2026.
- **Earnings growth will remain robust** and continue to broaden out from the largest companies in the US, and towards more cyclical sectors and economies.



- **Activity levels in China are likely to be improved** by recent policy support. We expect continued government stimulus/support over the course of the next 12 months, with policy makers squarely focused on achieving their growth targets.
- **Inflation is likely to take time to return to central bank targets**. This reflects ongoing geopolitical tensions, including the US conflict with Iran, as well as the inflationary implications of recent US trade and migration policies. Developments in the Middle East add clear upside risks, particularly via energy prices and potential supply-chain disruption. However, we see these factors as increasing the likelihood of inflation volatility, rather than signalling a permanent structural shift to a much higher inflation regime.
- We anticipate a degree of policy divergence among major central banks. Tail risks around inflation are tilted to the upside, due to the near-term pressure on commodity prices.

Asset Class Assumptions:

- Investors will be rewarded for taking risk, but patience and diversification will be required given elevated uncertainty, volatility, and current headwinds.
- Equities should outperform fixed income (but it is finely balanced), with an expectation of single digit returns over the course of the next 12 months. Earnings growth is expected to slow from near term highs
- Meaningful fiscal stimulus, elevated trade uncertainty and geopolitical developments are likely to disrupt the inflationary landscape and central bank policy / forward guidance, therefore we should continue to expect volatility across all asset classes.
- A balanced approach is appropriate in equities. While big tech should remain well-supported due to strong earnings, we are optimistic about cyclicals over the medium term as earnings broaden.
- We remain constructive on Emerging markets, but it will be important to be selective, with some countries set to gain from a Trump presidency and others set to lose. China will clearly face the brunt of Trumps policies which could weigh on already depleted sentiment, however a continuation of recent policy support from the Chinese government could act as a catalyst for a rerating.
- Fixed income markets should underperform equities over a 12-month period however, the attractive income offered by fixed income provides a strong base for returns. Credit is expected to outperform government bonds due to their higher carry.
- Real assets will provide positive returns and an attractive income stream (where available) over the coming 12 months. Real Assets are expected to outperform fixed income markets over the period. Benefitting from in some cases inflation-linked cash flows.
- Selective commercial property segments and the broader infrastructure sectors will benefit from underlying structural tailwinds.
- Property and infrastructure to provide some insulation to portfolios against elevated inflation.
- Renewable energy to offer some insulation from inflationary pressure given the linkage to energy prices.
- Selective Alternative Strategies to provide positive diversification to portfolios and the potential for attractive income streams.

PART FOUR: UNDERLYING PORTFOLIO MANAGER PERFORMANCE

The Nedgroup Investments MultiFunds' investment philosophy is one that seeks to invest in specialist underlying portfolio managers who are most appropriate for the achievement of each risk profiled MultiFunds' investment objective. A combination of externally appointed fund managers is used. The table below shows the performance of the underlying managers used within the Growth, Balanced and Income MultiFunds as at the 31st March 2026.

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	Month to Date	3 months	6 Months	Year to Date	1 Year	3 Years Ann	5 Years Ann	7 Years Ann
Global Funds - USD								
Fundsmith Equity Fund	-10.93%	-12.87%	-10.19%	-12.87%	-2.85%	3.16%	1.88%	-
Relative to MSCI ACWI	-3.75%	-9.67%	-10.17%	-9.67%	-22.86%	-13.42%	-7.61%	
Realitive to MSCI ACWI Quality	-2.52%	-9.86%	-11.65%	-9.86%	-21.63%	-14.56%	-8.39%	
GQG Partners Global Equity	-3.32%	7.66%	7.09%	7.66%	5.82%	15.17%	10.29%	-
Relative to MSCI ACWI	3.86%	10.86%	7.10%	10.86%	-14.19%	-1.41%	0.80%	
Realitive to MSCI ACWI Quality	5.09%	10.67%	5.62%	10.67%	-12.96%	-2.55%	0.01%	
Nedgroup Global Equity Fund	-8.82%	-11.75%	-9.93%	-11.75%	-4.61%	5.79%	3.34%	-
Relative to MSCI ACWI	-1.64%	-8.55%	-9.92%	-8.55%	-24.62%	-10.79%	-6.14%	
Realitive to MSCI ACWI Quality	-0.41%	-8.74%	-11.40%	-8.74%	-23.39%	-11.93%	-6.93%	
Dodge & Cox Global Stock Fund	-6.96%	-1.11%	2.75%	-1.11%	16.21%	13.98%	9.48%	-
Relative to MSCI ACWI	0.23%	2.09%	2.76%	2.09%	-3.80%	-2.60%	-0.01%	
Realitive to MSCI ACWI Value	-0.13%	-2.42%	-2.39%	-2.42%	-2.37%	-1.55%	-0.49%	
TT Emerging Markets Equity Fund	-14.33%	3.01%	19.34%	3.01%	53.78%	21.52%	4.90%	-
Relative to MSCI ACWI	-7.15%	6.21%	19.35%	6.21%	33.77%	4.94%	-4.59%	
Relative to MSCI Emerging Market	-1.27%	3.17%	14.78%	3.17%	24.23%	6.68%	1.21%	
Merlin Fidelis Emerging Market Equities	-9.44%	4.53%	11.30%	4.53%	-	-	-	-
Relative to MSCI ACWI	-2.26%	7.73%	11.31%	7.73%				
Relative to MSCI Emerging Market	3.62%	4.69%	6.74%	4.69%				
Regional Funds - USD								
iShares Edge MSCI World Value	-7.76%	2.51%	12.81%	2.51%	34.81%	19.68%	11.50%	-
Relative to MSCI ACWI	-0.58%	5.71%	12.83%	5.71%	14.80%	3.10%	2.01%	
Relative to MSCI World Value Enhanced	0.00%	-0.60%	-0.06%	-0.60%	0.17%	0.16%	0.08%	
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF	-5.00%	-4.39%	-1.91%	-4.39%	17.51%	18.00%	11.76%	-
Relative to MSCI ACWI	2.18%	-1.19%	-1.90%	-1.19%	-2.50%	1.42%	2.27%	
Relative to S&P 500 Index	0.01%	0.03%	0.06%	0.03%	0.15%	0.18%	0.18%	
iShares S&P 500 Equally Weighted	-6.67%	-1.25%	1.39%	-1.25%	12.10%	11.31%	-	-
Relative to MSCI ACWI	0.51%	1.95%	1.40%	1.95%	-7.91%			
Relative to S&P 500 Index	-1.66%	3.17%	3.36%	3.17%	-5.26%			
iShares S&P Small Cap 600 UCITS ETF	-4.07%	2.86%	4.46%	2.86%	18.57%	8.61%	2.77%	-
Relative to MSCI ACWI	3.11%	6.06%	4.48%	6.06%	-1.44%	-7.97%	-6.72%	
Relative to S&P 600 Index	-0.01%	-0.65%	-0.81%	-0.65%	-1.93%	-1.91%	-1.72%	
iShares FTSE UK Dividend Plus	-8.93%	1.13%	11.16%	1.13%	31.04%	19.46%	11.39%	-
Relative to MSCI ACWI	-1.75%	4.33%	11.18%	4.33%	11.03%	2.87%	1.90%	
Relative to FTSE UK Dividend Index	0.02%	0.09%	0.27%	0.09%	-0.13%	-0.73%	-0.61%	
iShares Nasdaq 100 UCITS ETF	-4.85%	-5.91%	-3.68%	-5.91%	23.49%	22.08%	13.04%	-
Relative to MSCI ACWI	2.33%	-2.71%	-3.66%	-2.71%	3.48%	5.50%	3.56%	
Relative to NASDAQ Index	-0.01%	-0.04%	-0.09%	-0.04%	-0.24%	-0.23%	-0.21%	
Artemis UK Select Fund	-12.25%	-7.92%	-2.93%	-7.92%	21.78%	-	-	-
Relative to MSCI ACWI	-5.06%	-4.71%	-2.92%	-4.71%				
Relative to FTSE All Share	-3.37%	-7.64%	-8.28%	-7.64%				
Coeli Frontier Markets Equity	-7.99%	0.32%	8.43%	0.32%	36.14%	28.40%	16.40%	-
Relative to MSCI ACWI	-0.80%	3.52%	8.45%	3.52%	16.13%	11.82%	6.91%	
Relative to MSCI Frontier Markets	0.74%	-1.71%	-0.86%	-1.71%	3.34%	13.22%	10.30%	
Lazard Strategic Japanese Equity	-11.67%	1.11%	2.07%	1.11%	19.72%	16.98%	9.14%	-
Relative to MSCI ACWI	-4.49%	4.31%	2.08%	4.31%	-0.29%	0.40%	-0.35%	
Relative to TOPIX	0.31%	-0.80%	-2.70%	-0.80%	-7.15%	0.91%	2.09%	
Waverton European Capital Growth	-10.25%	0.82%	7.16%	0.82%	21.71%	17.70%	11.92%	-
Relative to MSCI ACWI	-3.07%	4.02%	7.17%	4.02%	1.70%	1.12%	2.44%	
MSCI Europe ex-UK	0.23%	4.80%	5.53%	4.80%	4.37%	5.43%	4.15%	

Source Bloomberg, Nedgroup Investments





	Month to Date	3 months	6 Months	Year to Date	1 Year	3 Years Ann	5 Years Ann	7 Years Ann
Global Funds - USD								
Lord Abbett Short Duration High Yield	-1.38%	-0.47%	0.67%	-0.47%	6.78%	8.60%	5.11%	-
Relative to Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index	0.39%	-0.31%	0.04%	-0.31%	3.29%	4.53%		
Relative to ICE BofA 1-3yr BB US High Yield	-0.98%	-0.65%	-1.10%	-0.65%	0.85%	1.74%		

	Month to Date	3 months	6 Months	Year to Date	1 Year	3 Years Ann	5 Years Ann	7 Years Ann
Global Investment Grade - USD								
PIMCO Low Duration Global IG Credit	-1.73%	-0.58%	0.66%	-0.58%	3.72%	5.36%	2.29%	-
Relative to Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	0.05%	-0.43%	0.03%	-0.43%	0.23%	1.29%	1.48%	
Relative to Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit 1-5 Years Index	-0.63%	-0.56%	-0.47%	-0.56%	-0.81%	-0.14%	-0.11%	
Lord Abbett Short Duration Income Fund	-0.63%	0.24%	1.61%	0.24%	4.98%	5.32%	2.74%	-
Relative to Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	1.15%	0.39%	0.98%	0.39%	1.49%	1.25%	1.93%	
Relative to Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit 1-5 Years Index	0.47%	0.26%	0.47%	0.26%	0.45%	-0.19%	0.35%	
PIMCO Global IG Credit	-2.75%	-0.92%	0.31%	-0.92%	4.38%	5.54%	0.83%	-
Relative to Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	-0.98%	-0.77%	-0.32%	-0.77%	0.89%	1.47%	0.02%	
Relative to Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit Index	-0.70%	-0.44%	-0.14%	-0.44%	-0.23%	0.44%	-0.11%	
Nedgroup Strategic Bond Fund	-2.01%	-0.58%	0.41%	-0.58%	5.27%	-	-	-
Relative to Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	-0.23%	-0.43%	-0.22%	-0.43%	1.78%			
Relative to Bloomberg Global Aggregate Credit Index	0.04%	-0.10%	-0.04%	-0.10%	0.66%			

	Month to Date	3 months	6 Months	Year to Date	1 Year	3 Years Ann	5 Years Ann	7 Years Ann
Government Bonds - USD								
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1-3YR UCITS ETF	-0.47%	0.26%	1.42%	0.26%	3.78%	4.05%	1.82%	-
Relative to Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	1.30%	0.42%	0.79%	0.42%	0.29%	-0.03%	1.01%	
Relative to ICE BofA 1-3 Year US Treasury Index	-0.04%	-0.03%	0.01%	-0.03%	0.03%	0.00%	-0.04%	
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 3-7YR UCITS ETF	-1.50%	-0.02%	1.10%	-0.02%	4.14%	3.59%	0.62%	-
Relative to Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	0.28%	0.13%	0.47%	0.13%	0.65%	-0.48%	-0.20%	
Relative to ICE BofA 3-7 Year US Treasury Index	-0.02%	-0.02%	0.01%	-0.02%	0.03%	0.00%	-0.04%	
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 7-10yr ETF	-2.32%	-0.11%	-1.22%	-0.11%	-0.15%	-1.35%	-3.34%	-
Relative to Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	-0.55%	0.05%	-1.85%	0.05%	-3.64%	-5.42%	-4.15%	
Relative to ICE BofA 7-10 Year US Treasury Index	-0.01%	-0.01%	-2.05%	-0.01%	-4.19%	-3.73%	-2.83%	
iShares \$ TIPS UCITS ETF	-1.44%	0.21%	0.30%	0.21%	2.80%	3.01%	1.27%	-
Relative to Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	0.33%	0.36%	-0.33%	0.36%	-0.68%	-1.06%	0.46%	
Relative to Bloomberg US Govt Inflation-Linked Index	0.00%	-0.01%	-0.01%	-0.01%	-0.02%	-0.03%	-0.05%	
iShares Core UK Gilts UCITS ETF	-3.99%	-1.90%	-0.89%	-1.90%	-1.59%	-2.75%	-	-
Relative to Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	-2.21%	-1.74%	-1.52%	-1.74%	-5.07%			
The Colchester Local Markets Bond Fund	-5.81%	-1.76%	1.47%	-1.76%	16.02%	7.76%	3.85%	-
Relative to Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index	-4.03%	-1.61%	0.84%	-1.61%	12.53%	3.69%	3.04%	
Relative to Bloomberg Emerging Market Government Bond LC Index	-2.05%	-0.20%	1.57%	-0.20%	11.04%	3.62%	2.26%	

Please note: Cumulative returns are to the month end of the respective date, e.g. 1 year return: From 31/03/2025 to 31/03/2026





	Month to Date	3 months	6 Months	Year to Date	1 Year	3 Years Ann	5 Years Ann	7 Years Ann
Global Funds - USD								
Nedgroup Global Property Fund	-9.31%	1.59%	2.02%	1.59%	9.75%	6.61%	1.93%	-
Relative to 50% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Index + 50% S&P Global Infrastructure (USD)	-2.58%	-2.85%	-3.30%	-2.85%	-8.10%	-4.74%	-4.70%	
Relative to FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index - USD	-0.46%	0.29%	1.22%	0.29%	-0.35%	-1.25%	-0.89%	
Real Estate - Direct - GBP								
Target Healthcare REIT	-6.37%	3.91%	6.40%	3.91%	15.49%	20.35%	4.13%	-
Relative to 50% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Index + 50% S&P Global Infrastructure (GBP)	-1.36%	-2.40%	-0.86%	-2.40%	0.40%	11.49%	-3.42%	
Relative to FTSE EPRA/NAREIT UK Index	9.93%	12.69%	10.32%	12.69%	16.69%	20.94%	8.11%	
Renewables - GBP								
Greencoat UK Wind	2.10%	1.56%	-8.50%	1.56%	-0.67%	-7.56%	1.30%	-
Relative to 50% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Index + 50% S&P Global Infrastructure (GBP)	7.11%	-4.76%	-15.76%	-4.76%	-15.76%	-16.41%	-6.25%	
Relative to GBP LIBID 4 Month + 4%	1.44%	-0.35%	-12.36%	-0.35%	-8.70%	-16.34%	-6.24%	
Greencoat Renewables	4.66%	6.28%	1.27%	6.28%	9.47%	-6.40%	-2.29%	-
Relative to 50% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Index + 50% S&P Global Infrastructure (GBP)	9.66%	-0.03%	-5.99%	-0.03%	-5.62%	-15.25%	-9.84%	
Relative to GBP LIBID 4 Month + 4%	3.99%	4.37%	-2.59%	4.37%	1.44%	-15.18%	-9.84%	
Foresight Environmental Infrastructure	-2.99%	6.18%	2.68%	6.18%	5.43%	-9.27%	-2.10%	-
Relative to 50% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Index + 50% S&P Global Infrastructure (GBP)	2.02%	-0.13%	-4.58%	-0.13%	-9.66%	-18.12%	-9.65%	
Relative to GBP LIBID 4 Month + 4%	-3.65%	4.28%	-1.18%	4.28%	-2.60%	-18.05%	-9.64%	
The Renewable Infrastructure Group	-4.60%	-4.67%	-12.92%	-4.67%	-6.41%	-13.13%	-5.74%	-
Relative to 50% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Index + 50% S&P Global Infrastructure (GBP)	0.40%	-10.98%	-20.18%	-10.98%	-21.50%	-21.98%	-13.29%	
Relative to GBP LIBID 3 Month + 4%	-5.27%	-6.58%	-16.78%	-6.58%	-14.44%	-21.91%	-13.28%	
Indirect Infrastructure - USD Unhedged								
ATLAS Global Infrastructure	-4.23%	10.86%	16.17%	10.86%	34.70%	12.94%	10.81%	-
Relative to 50% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Index + 50% S&P Global Infrastructure (USD)	2.50%	6.41%	10.84%	6.41%	16.86%	1.59%	4.18%	
Relative to S&P Global Infrastructure - USD	-0.10%	2.75%	5.67%	2.75%	8.85%	-2.24%	-0.32%	
Direct Infrastructure - GBP								
3i Infrastructure	-7.36%	-10.83%	-5.98%	-10.83%	8.63%	5.96%	6.01%	-
Relative to 50% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Index + 50% S&P Global Infrastructure (GBP)	-2.35%	-17.14%	-13.24%	-17.14%	-6.47%	-2.89%	-1.54%	
Relative to S&P Global Infrastructure - GBP	-5.00%	-20.87%	-18.50%	-20.87%	-14.28%	-6.64%	-6.09%	
Commodities - USD								
WisdomTree Core Physical Gold ETC	-11.87%	7.08%	20.10%	7.08%	47.64%	32.45%	21.89%	-
Relative to 50% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global Index + 50% S&P Global Infrastructure (USD)	-5.14%	2.63%	14.78%	2.63%	29.79%	21.10%		
Relative to LBMA Gold Price	-0.12%	1.57%	-0.37%	1.57%	-0.29%	-0.08%		
	Month to Date	3 months	6 Months	Year to Date	1 Year	3 Years Ann	5 Years Ann	7 Years Ann
Private Equity - GBP								
Partners Group	-9.22%	-15.90%	-11.70%	-15.90%	-4.20%	5.03%	0.20%	-
Relative to 50% MSCI ACWI + 50% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index	-5.62%	-15.21%	-13.10%	-15.21%	-14.64%	-3.97%	-5.32%	
Relative to GBP LIBID 4 Month + 4%	-9.88%	-17.81%	-15.56%	-17.81%	-12.23%	-3.76%	-7.35%	
Energy Efficiency - GBP								
SDCL Energy Efficiency Income Trust	-12.03%	-17.70%	-21.39%	-17.70%	-1.96%	-11.82%	-10.52%	-
Relative to 50% MSCI ACWI + 50% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index	-8.43%	-17.01%	-22.79%	-17.01%	-12.40%	-20.82%	-16.04%	
Relative to GBP LIBID 4 Month + 4%	-12.70%	-19.61%	-25.25%	-19.61%	-9.99%	-20.61%	-18.07%	
Gore Street Energy Storage Fund	6.81%	0.97%	11.89%	0.97%	1.29%	-11.44%	-6.00%	-
Relative to 50% MSCI ACWI + 50% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index	10.41%	1.66%	10.49%	1.66%	-9.15%	-20.44%	-11.51%	
Relative to GBP LIBID 4 Month + 4%	6.14%	-0.94%	8.03%	-0.94%	-6.74%	-20.23%	-13.54%	
Gresham House Energy Storage Fund	-1.15%	-7.10%	7.78%	-7.10%	14.46%	-20.92%	-5.84%	-
Relative to 50% MSCI ACWI + 50% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index	2.44%	-6.41%	6.38%	-6.41%	4.02%	-29.92%	-11.36%	
Relative to GBP LIBID 3 Month + 4%	-1.82%	-9.01%	3.92%	-9.01%	6.43%	-29.71%	-13.39%	





PART FIVE: FUND FOCUS

In this section of the report, we cover the underlying funds in slightly more detail in order to assist investors in gaining a better understanding of the underlying funds and the reasons we hold them. In this report we look at the Merlin Fidelis Emerging Markets Equity Fund.

Merlin Fidelis Emerging Markets Equity Fund

The Merlin Fidelis Emerging Markets Equity Fund is a high-conviction, bottom-up emerging markets strategy focused on generating long-term capital growth through a disciplined, scenario-based investment process. Managed by founders Aaron Macksey and Sam Dyson, the fund invests in a diversified portfolio of typically 50–100 stocks, with a strong emphasis on governance, cyclical, and competitive positioning.

The managers target inefficiencies in emerging markets, which they believe remain structurally under-researched and prone to mispricing due to index composition biases and rapidly shifting risk/reward dynamics. Their approach is centred on probabilistic valuation and dynamic capital allocation, enabling them to adjust positioning as investment scenarios evolve. The result is a differentiated portfolio with high active share and a strong focus on avoiding permanent capital loss.

Fund overview

The Merlin Fidelis Emerging Markets Equity Fund is an actively managed, benchmark-agnostic strategy aiming to outperform the MSCI Emerging Markets Index over rolling five-year periods. The portfolio is constructed through bottom-up stock selection and typically holds between 50 and 100 positions, with position sizing driven by changing risk/reward opportunities. The investment approach is centred on identifying mispriced companies where the payoff profile, defined by potential upside versus downside risk, is attractive. The fund is typically fully invested, with low cash levels and moderate turnover, reflecting a long-term investment horizon and a focus on conviction-led positioning.

Process

The investment process at Merlin Fidelis is a disciplined, bottom-up framework built around probabilistic valuation and dynamic portfolio construction.

At the core of the approach is scenario analysis. Rather than relying on a single base case, the managers assign probabilities to a range of future outcomes for each company. This allows them to assess the expected payoff of an investment based on current pricing relative to these potential scenarios.

Idea generation is continuous and competitive, with the team typically monitoring a broad universe of 25–50 stocks at any given time. Ideas are sourced across key themes such as structural profitability, cyclical, capital allocation opportunities and under-researched areas of the market, including small- and mid-cap names. The process is supported by extensive internal research, proprietary resources, and long-standing company engagement.

Stock selection is driven by deep fundamental analysis, incorporating both company-specific and macroeconomic factors within the valuation framework. Importantly, macro views are embedded within bottom-up analysis rather than imposed as top-down constraints, helping to avoid short-term bias.

Portfolio construction is dynamic, with stocks continuously re-ranked based on changes in valuation, fundamentals, and scenario probabilities. Capital is allocated to the most attractive opportunities, with position sizes reflecting conviction and payoff asymmetry. The portfolio remains diversified but highly active, with each holding required to justify its inclusion. Sell discipline is a key differentiator. Positions are exited or reduced when the payoff profile deteriorates, better opportunities emerge, or investment theses fail to materialise. This helps avoid value traps and ensures capital is consistently recycled into higher-conviction ideas.

Execution is opportunistic, with the managers emphasising patience and decisiveness, particularly during periods of market dislocation.

Aaron Macksey and Sam Dyson are highly experienced emerging markets investors, with over two decades of experience across EM and Asia ex-Japan equities. Both previously worked at Maple-Brown Abbott, where they managed institutional portfolios and developed a long-standing working relationship.

They are supported by a small but growing team, including dedicated operational and risk oversight through the firm's governance structure. The business is 100% owned by its principals, with both managers personally invested in the strategy, ensuring strong alignment with clients.





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