

# NEDGROUP INVESTMENTS BALANCED MULTIFUND CLASS C

June 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 DATE:** 19 August 2011  
**Class C USD:** 08 November 2013  
Morgan Stanley Global Brands

**MARKET VALUE OF FUND:** USD 203.6m

**PRICES (as at 28 June 2024)**  
USD CLASS C: USD 13.1002  
GBP CLASS C: GBP 14.8851

**ANNUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEE CLASS C:** 0.5% p.a.

**ON-GOING CHARGES (as at 28 June 2024)?**  
USD Class C: 1.21%  
GBP Class C: 1.25%

**MINIMUM INVESTMENT CLASS C**  
USD 1,500 / GBP 1,000

**DEALING:** Daily

**NOTICE PERIODS**  
Subscriptions: T-1 4pm  
Redemptions: T-1 4pm

**SETTLEMENT PERIODS**  
Subscriptions: T+3  
Redemptions: T+3

**ISIN / SEDOL / BLOOMBERG**

CLASS C USD: IE00B9CBCV86 / B9CBCV8 / NIMBLCG ID Equity  
CLASS C GBP: IE00B83TLZ10 / B83TLZ1 / NIMBLCU 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 C USD monthly returns and cumulative growth of \$1,000

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

SINCE FUND INCEPTION (April 2015)	FUND USD %	USD PEER GROUP %	USD Cash		FUND GBP %	GBP PEER GROUP %	GBP Cash	
			+1%	+3%			+1%	+3%
3 Months	1.5%	0.9%	1.6%	2.1%	1.4%	0.8%	1.5%	2.0%
6 Months	2.5%	3.5%	3.1%	4.1%	2.7%	3.7%	3.1%	4.1%
1 Year	7.0%	8.2%	6.4%	8.4%	6.9%	7.9%	6.3%	8.3%
YTD	2.5%	3.5%	3.1%	4.1%	2.7%	3.7%	3.1%	4.1%
3 Years (ann.)	-0.1%	-0.7%	4.4%	6.5%	0.4%	-0.3%	4.2%	6.2%
5 Years (ann.)	2.7%	2.6%	3.3%	5.4%	2.1%	1.9%	3.0%	5.0%
Since inception (ann.)	3.1%	2.3%	2.9%	4.9%	3.6%	2.7%	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	8.2%	9.2%	6.2%	8.3%	5.6%	6.3%	5.9%	8.0%
2022	-12.8%	-13.9%	3.3%	5.4%	-9.8%	-11.3%	3.0%	5.1%
2021	9.4%	4.6%	1.0%	3.0%	9.4%	4.6%	1.0%	3.0%
2020	3.3%	7.6%	1.5%	3.5%	1.0%	5.6%	1.2%	3.2%
2019	14.7%	11.8%	3.2%	5.2%	11.8%	8.9%	1.7%	3.7%
2018	-3.7%	-5.4%	3.3%	5.3%	-2.8%	-4.5%	1.6%	3.6%

Class C performance net of fees as of 28 June 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.

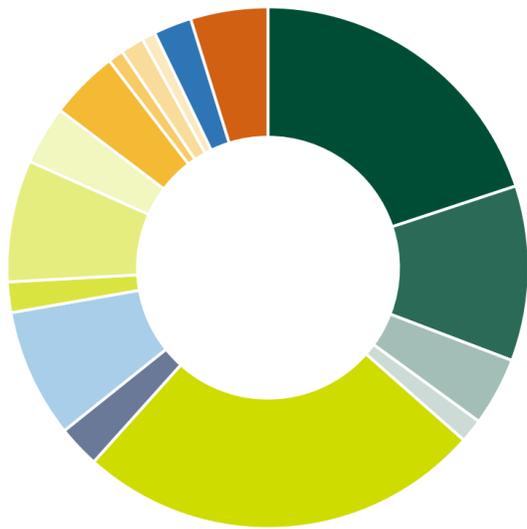
2) The on-going fee is a measure of the actual expenses incurred in the management of the Classes of the Sub-Fund. The on-going fee shown is expressed as a percentage of the monthly average value of the portfolio calculated over a 12-month period as at the date shown. The current on-going fee cannot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



Category	Percentage	Sub-Category	Percentage
<b>Equity</b>	<b>36.5%</b>	<b>Real Assets</b>	<b>16.4%</b>
Global Equity	19.9%	Property	7.6%
North American Equity	10.9%	Renewables	3.6%
Global Emerging Market Equity	4.2%	Infrastructure	4.3%
Japan Equity	1.5%	Commodities	1.0%
<b>Fixed Income</b>	<b>37.6%</b>	<b>Alternative Strategies</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
Government Bonds	25.1%	Private Equity	1.5%
Investment Grade Corporates	2.6%	Asset Backed Lending	0.8%
Strategic Bonds	8.0%	Energy Efficiency & Storage	2.4%
Emerging Market Debt	1.9%		
		<b>Cash</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
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## FULL PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS

<b>EQUITY</b>	<b>36.5%</b>
iShares Core S&P 500 ETF	7.9%
Morgan Stanley Global Brands	5.7%
Fundsmith Equity Fund	5.4%
Nedgroup Global Equity Fund	5.2%
TT Emerging Markets Equity Fund	4.2%
iShares S&P Small Cap 600 UCITS ETF	3.0%
Dodge & Cox Global Stock Fund	2.5%
iShares Core MSCI Japan IMI ETF	1.5%
iShares Edge MSCI World Value Factor ETF	1.1%
<b>FIXED INCOME</b>	<b>37.6%</b>
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 3-7yrs UCITS ETF	8.8%
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 7-10yrs UCITS ETF	8.6%
Nedgroup Global Strategic Bond Fund	8.0%
iShares \$ TIPS UCITS ETF	4.1%
PIMCO Global IG Credit	2.6%
iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1-3YR UCITS ETF	2.2%
Colchester Local Emerging Markets Debt	1.9%
iShares Core UK Gilts USD H	1.5%
<b>REAL ASSETS</b>	<b>16.4%</b>
Nedgroup Global Property Fund	3.0%
ATLAS Global Infrastructure	2.5%
Target Healthcare REIT	2.0%
3i Infrastructure Plc	1.8%
Greencoat UK Wind	1.2%
The Renewables Infrastructure Group	1.1%
Impact Healthcare REIT	1.0%
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%
<b>ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
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%
<b>CASH</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
	<b>100.0%</b>

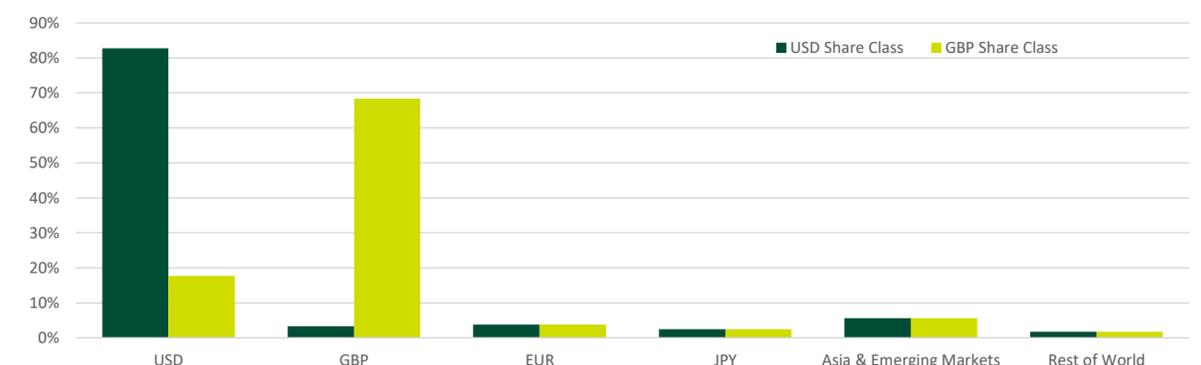
## EQUITY - TOP 10 HOLDINGS<sup>1</sup>

Microsoft	5.2%
Alphabet	2.2%
Amazon	2.0%
Meta Platforms	1.7%
Apple	1.6%
Novo Nordisk	1.5%
Nvidia	1.4%
Intercontinental Exchange	1.3%
Automatic Data Processing	1.3%
L'Oreal	1.1%
	<b>19.5%</b>

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

AAA	68.9%
AA	6.8%
A	5.9%
BBB	12.6%
< BBB	5.8%
	<b>100.0%</b>
Yield To Maturity	5.08%
Average Weighted Maturity (in years)	6.44
Average Modified Duration (in years)	5.50

## 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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JUNE 2024



## MARKET COMMENTARY

The second quarter of 2024 was relatively strong for most assets, characterized by a reassessment of inflation and interest rate expectations, shifting central bank policies, and notable geopolitical and political developments.

The quarter began with challenges as growing evidence of sticky inflation caused investors to rethink the prevailing “soft landing” narrative, with a “no landing” scenario gaining traction. Major equity markets, which started the month at new all-time highs, quickly declined following a series of strong U.S. economic data releases, including a robust jobs report and hotter-than-expected inflation figures. These data points led markets to reduce the anticipated number of rate cuts this year. Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell acknowledged that it might take longer to achieve the inflation target, reinforcing expectations of prolonged higher interest rates. Additionally, geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, marked by Iran’s retaliatory air strikes on Israel, temporarily spiked oil prices, though prices soon fell back as further escalation did not materialize.

In May, markets regained some footing as dovish central bank rhetoric and softer economic data provided relief. Fed Chair Powell set a more reassuring tone by downplaying the likelihood of rate hikes and announcing a slowdown in the pace of quantitative tightening. A slowdown in U.S. job growth and inflation readings that met expectations eased concerns of an overheating economy, keeping the door open for potential rate cuts.

By June, the focus had shifted more decisively towards rate cuts. The ECB delivered its first rate cut since the pandemic, lowering the deposit rate by 25bps to 3.75%, and the Bank of Canada also initiated its first rate cut of this cycle. While the Federal Reserve did not cut rates, the May CPI release showed the slowest monthly core CPI growth since August 2021, solidifying expectations for future rate cuts. Political developments also came to the fore, particularly with the European Parliamentary elections and the announcement of a snap legislative election in France, which led to a notable selloff in French assets and a significant widening of the Franco-German 10-year spread; however, the impact further afield was more muted.

Given this backdrop, equities were well supported, with the global index up by +3.4%, led by Emerging Markets (+6.2%) and Asia ex Japan (+7.9%). UK (+3.6%) and US (+3.9%) equities also performed well, while Europe ex UK (+0.9%) lagged, given the prevailing political uncertainty. In terms of equity styles, growth stocks (+6.3%) outperformed value (-0.4%), and small-cap stocks (-1.4%) underperformed large caps (+3.4%). There was a wide variation in sector performance, with Information Technology (+11.4%) and Communication Services (+8.2%) being the strongest two sectors, while Materials (-3.1%) and Real Estate (-3.8%) lagged significantly.

Fixed income markets were more mixed, with elevated income levels helping to offset capital losses given slightly higher yields. Looking at the details, global government bonds (+0.1%) and global investment-grade credit (+0.3%) finished the quarter flat, lagging behind the riskier areas as the strong rally in equities helped spreads to tighten. This was seen in global emerging market debt (+0.4%) and especially global high yield (+1.5%).

In the real assets space, global real estate (-2.1%) finished the quarter in the red, while global infrastructure (+2.6%) posted a respectable return. Commodities were strong over the quarter with industrial metals (+9.8%) and gold (+4.9%) rallying, the latter being well supported by central bank purchases of bullion.

## PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The second quarter of 2024 saw the Balanced MultiFund rise by +1.4% in the US Dollar share class, and +1.3% in the GBP share class.

Within equities, our tilt towards the US via the iShares Core S&P 500 (+4.2%) proved beneficial during the quarter, driven by exposure to AI-related companies and a strong earnings season for US tech firms. This concentrated performance in the US tech sector caused the Nedgroup Global Equity Fund (-2.0%) to lag due to its underweight position there. In contrast, our holding in TT Emerging Markets (+6.0%) performed well, supported by Chinese authorities’ efforts to bolster the real estate sector and strong gains from AI-exposed stocks in Taiwan.

Fixed income positions were relatively subdued over the quarter as investors anticipated a more gradual cycle of rate cuts. With yields rising, the more rate-sensitive, longer-duration iShares Treasury Bond 7-10yr ETF (+0.2%) underperformed the shorter-duration iShares Treasury Bond 1-3yr ETF (+1.0%). This trend also extended to our credit funds, which benefited from better economic data and tightening spreads. Specifically, the short-maturity Lord Abbett Short Duration Income Fund (+1.3%) and PIMCO Low Duration Global IG Credit (+0.9%) led the way, followed by the longer-dated PIMCO Global IG Credit (+0.5%) and Nedgroup Global Strategic Bond Fund (+0.8%).

Elsewhere, there was a wide range of performances within our real assets and alternative strategy holdings. Within property, our listed global REITs holding, Nedgroup Global Property Fund (-1.1%) and BMO Commercial Property Trust (-1.1%), experienced slight declines, reflecting higher interest rates. Our more defensive holdings in UK care homes displayed mixed results. Impact Healthcare REIT (+4.4%) performed well, driven by an increase in its valuation and inflation-linked rent reviews. In contrast, Target Healthcare REIT (-5.2%) lagged despite selling four care homes at a modest premium, with the proceeds used to reduce its interest costs. Empiric Student Property (-2.1%) also struggled, though the company expects full occupancy for the upcoming 2024/25 academic year, supported by strong rental

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## PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY (continued)

projections. Within infrastructure, our renewable energy holdings showed varied results. Greencoat Renewables (+3.8%) displayed strength after the Board decided to launch a €25 million share buyback program, reflecting their confidence in the outlook, current discount to NAV, and the robustness of the company's cash generation. In contrast, Greencoat UK Wind (-3.4%), John Laing Environmental Assets Group (-4.8%), and The Renewable Infrastructure Group (-3.6%) ended lower as their valuations were hurt by lower power prices and less favourable wind conditions. Traditional infrastructure holdings remained stable, with 3i Infrastructure (0.0%) demonstrating resilience. Lastly, our investment in gold via WisdomTree Core Physical Gold ETC (+4.9%) continued to rally amidst geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

The alternatives were more varied than the other asset classes, but overall, they were accretive to performance. Our asset-backed lending position, GCP Asset Backed Income Fund (+32.6%), saw substantial gains as it continued to announce returns of capital as part of its wind-down strategy. Our private equity holdings also demonstrated strong returns, with Oakley Capital Investments (+8.9%) and Princess Private Equity (+9.0%) both posting notable gains, reflecting the strength and resilience of their underlying holdings. Hipgnosis Songs Fund (+48.5%) surged impressively amid an intensified bidding war, highlighting the quality of its song catalogues. We have now exited this position, anticipating limited further upside following Blackstone's final bid. Returns for our energy efficiency holdings were mixed. Gore Street Energy Storage Fund (+1.5%) lagged, while SDCL Energy Efficiency (+15.4%) soared after selling its UK onsite solar portfolio at a 4.5% premium, aimed at reducing short-term debt. The standout performer was Gresham House Energy Storage Fund (+68.3%), which surged after securing fixed price contracts for fourteen projects with a subsidiary of Octopus Energy, the UK's largest electricity provider.

In terms of portfolio activity during the quarter, we capitalised on the continued strong rally in gold by booking gains and rebalancing our exposure back to target levels. Recognising opportunities amidst market weakness, we increased our allocation to equities, particularly bolstering our value position through the Dodge & Cox Global Stock Fund. We also increased our holdings in US small-cap equities, where valuations appear more attractive, and the US consumer remains fundamentally strong. With rising yields impacting bond markets, we took advantage of weakness in longer-dated government bonds by adding to the iShares \$ Treasury Bond 7-10YR ETF. Concurrently, we trimmed our exposure to the iShares \$ Treasury Bond 1-3YR ETF, thereby increasing the portfolio's overall duration. Within our investment trust holdings, we opportunistically added to Gresham House Energy Storage Fund, and we opted to exit our position in the Hipgnosis Songs Fund entirely, as we see limited further upside now that Blackstone's bid is final. 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 of the Fund (the Sub-Funds) are generally medium to long-term investments and the Investment Manager does not guarantee the performance of an investor's investment and even if forecasts about the expected future performance are included the investor will carry the investment and market risk, which includes the possibility of losing capital.

The views expressed herein are those of the Investment Manager/Sub-Investment Manager at the time and are subject to change. The price of shares may go down as well as up and the price will depend on fluctuations in financial markets outside of the control of the Investment Manager. Costs may increase or decrease as a result of currency and exchange rate fluctuations. If the currency of a Sub-Fund is different to the currency of the country in which the investor is resident, the return may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

Income may fluctuate in accordance with market conditions and taxation arrangements. As a result an investor may not get back the amount invested. Past performance is not indicative of future performance and does not predict future returns. The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares. The Sub-Funds invest in portfolios of other collective investment schemes that levy their own charges, which could result in a higher fee structure. Fees are outlined in the relevant Sub-Fund supplement available from the Investment Manager's website.

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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