

# Quarterly Report: Nedgroup Investments Select Global Equity Fund of Funds

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#### Domestic asset class returns (ZAR)



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#### Global asset class returns (USD)



#### **SA Equity**

0.0% Q2 2021

had a poor June (-6.5%)

Q2 2021
Smaller SA Inc. counters demonstrated resilience, but the resources sector

**25.1%** 1 year

**8.1%** 3 years

12.3% LT average

#### SA Property

12.1% Q2 2021

SA property was the top performer in Q2, with counters like Vukile and Sirius leading the charge 25.2% 1 year

**-8.9%** 3 years

11.2% LT average

#### **Global Equity**

7.5% Q2 2021

Growth stocks outperformed, tech rebounded and the EU benefited from strong corporate earnings 39.9% 1 year

15.1% 3 years

8.7% LT average

#### **Global Property**

9.4% Q2 2021

Property markets globally continue to recover, as investors become more confident of its outlook **34.9%** 1 year

**7.4%** 3 years

6.7% LT average

#### SA Bond

6.9% Q2 2021

The longer-end of the curve outperformed, suggesting the pricing in of a rate hiking cycle

13.7% 1 year

9.2% 3 years

7.0% LT average

#### SA Cash



The MPC unanimously decided to keep rates unchanged at 3.5% at the May meeting 3.5% 1 year

**5.4%** 3 years

5.9% LT average

#### **Global Bond**

1.3% Q2 2021

The US 10-year yield fell on the back of many countries' - incl. the US – inflation exceeding expectations 2.6% 1 year

4.2% 3 years

4.6% LT average

#### **US Cash**

0.0% Q2 2021

The US Fed and other central banks are taking a slightly more hawkish stance on rates

**0.2**% 1 year

**1.5%** 3 years

4.3% LT average



#### Exchange rates (Rand spot rate and quarterly change)



#### US Dollar R14.28



The rand strengthened by more than 5% to the US dollar in May, reaching its best level since 2019 at the start of June. The demand for SA's mining commodities, resulting in the last two quarters being of the largest current account surpluses in our economic history, was one of the key drivers of rand strength.



#### British Pound R19.73



A number of the domestically focused areas fell back sharply in June, partly due to concerns around the impact of the covid-19 delta variant on the UK's reopening plans. Retailers and travel and leisure sectors in particular performed poorly as the UK government delayed the date to further lift social distancing laws.



#### Euro R16.93



In Europe, the vaccine rollout has gathered pace, and a more sustained reopening of economies is on track for the second half of the year. The flash Markit eurozone composite PMI rose to 59.2 in June, its highest level since June 2006. Eurozone inflation was estimated at 1.9% in June, down from 2.0% in May.

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#### Domestic performance drivers



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#### Global performance drivers





#### Highlights

- The Constitutional Court found former president Zuma guilty of contempt of court and issued a sentence of 15 months imprisonment. While the rule of law features prominently in the words of the ruling, their consequences perhaps speak even louder.
- Reforms took centre stage in June and appear to be gaining momentum.
   Government confirmed that Takatso, a consortium of private investors, will be the preferred equity partner for embattled air carrier, South African Airways. Transnet will unbundle the ports business to establish a new, independent Transnet National Ports Authority and the electricity self-generation limit will be increased to 100MW from 1MW previously.



#### Low points

- With the delta variant of covid-19 spreading rapidly in South Africa, the severity of the third wave prompted a move to Alert Level 4 restrictions for two weeks, to be reassessed in early July. While the global recovery is providing cyclical tailwinds, stricter lockdowns are an unfortunate setback.
- The BER consumer confidence index fell this quarter, after recording four consecutive positive quarters. This survey reflects "very depressed consumer confidence levels" and also highlights the divergence of the impact of covid-19 on the different income groups within South Africa.



#### **Highlights**

- At the end of the quarter, vaccination rates were close to 50% in the United States and Europe, and over 60% in the United Kingdom. New, more contagious covid-19 variants are spreading, but the existing vaccines seem effective against these variants.
- The European Commission signed off on the first of the national recovery plans which will receive funding from the €800 billion Next Generation EU fund. Spain and Portugal were the first countries to have their spending plans approved.

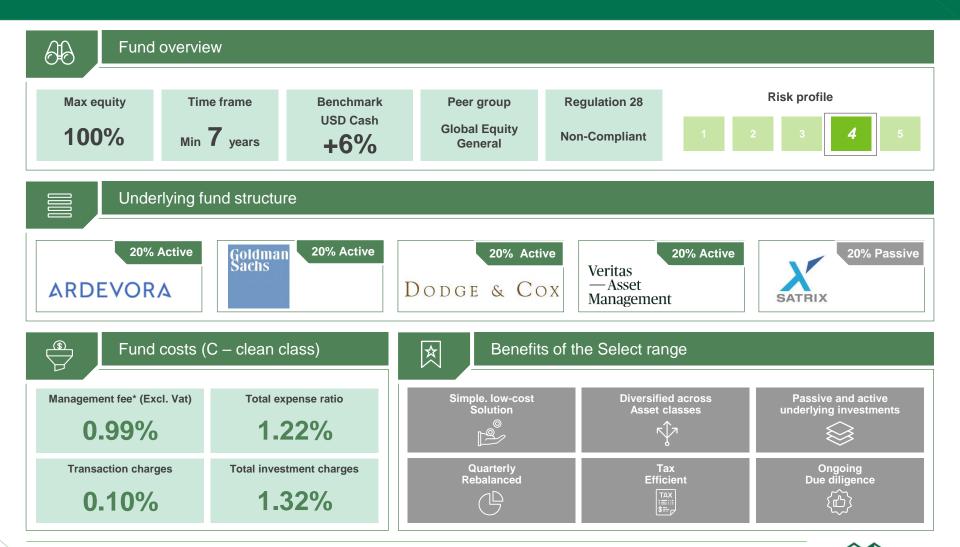


#### Low points

- In late June President Joe Biden also secured a deal on an infrastructure package worth about \$1 trillion to upgrade roads, bridges and broadband networks over the next eight years. The agreement fell short of the \$2.3 trillion infrastructure spending plan announced in March, and did not address the social safety-net spending proposed in April.
- Indian hospitals ran out of beds and life-saving oxygen during a devastating second wave of coronavirus in April and May. This devastating surge in covid-19 cases and fatalities, highlighted the importance of rapid vaccination rollouts.



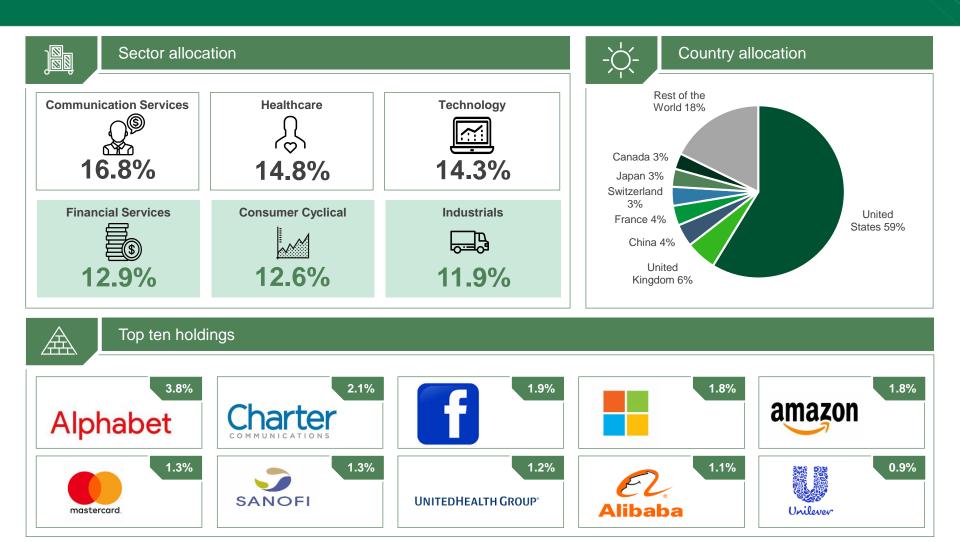
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#### Fund performance (clean class)\*

Q2'21 return

2.9%

Peer group average: 3.2%

1yr annualised return

17.2%

Peer group average: 14.5%

3yr annualised return

18.3%

Peer group average: 14.1%

5yr annualised return

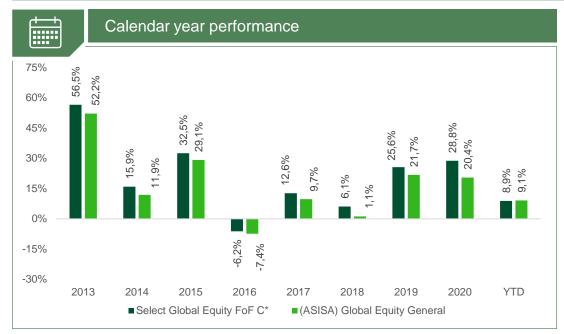
16.0%

Peer group average: 12.2%

7yr annualised return

15.8%

Peer group average: 12.2%







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#### Risk measures since inception\*

Rolling 7yr return

100%

Hit rate: outperforming peer group average

Volatility

15.5%

Global equity market (ZAR): 15.1%

Max drawdown

-15.6%

Global equity market (ZAR): -15.0%

Sharpe ratio

0.9

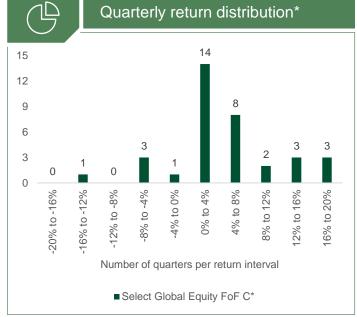
Global equity market (ZAR): 0.9

% Positive months

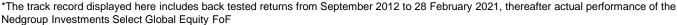
64%

Global equity market (ZAR): 63%





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#### Underlying fund performance (ZAR)

Key	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	YTD
Dodge & Cox Global Stock	3,3%	16,3%	9,7%	32,5%	63,9%	17,6%
Goldman Sachs Global Millennials	-5,7%	15,0%	9,2%	26,9%	32,4%	9,6%
Nedgroup Investments Global Equity (Ardevora)**	-5,8%	11,1%	5,3%	24,3%	20,4%	8,8%
Nedgroup Investments Global Equity (Veritas)	-9,5%	10,0%	4,8%	23,0%	18,1%	6,7%
Satrix World Equity Tracker	-13,2%	10,0%	1,5%	20,4%	11,4%	4,5%



#### Positive contributors this quarter

- The Dodge & Cox Global Stock fund has been the top performer this year with its strong stock selection in the Energy sector and its overweight to Financials being the top contributors. Occidental Petroleum, Ovintiv, and Suncor Energy were among the top performers in the Energy sector, while Capital One Financial and Wells Fargo were the top performers in the Finacials sector.
- Alphabet, Facebook and Charter Communications, the fund's three largest positions, delivered performance of more than double that of the MSCI World Index this quarter.
- The fund's overweight to the Healthcare sector delivered mixed results this quarter, as different pockets of this market are reacting differently to the current market conditions. Illumina, Cochlear and CVS Health delivered good results.



#### **Detractors this quarter**

- The fund's exposure to the Consumer Discretionary sector detracted from performance as this sector lagged the rest of the market, with Alibaba being one of the largest underperformers.
- American multinational health care company Baxter International and American multinational medical devices and health care company - Abbott Laboratories delivered poor performance this quarter.
- Canadian Pacific Railway, the first stock outside of the fund's top 10, had a poor quarter relative to the benchmark, detracting from performance.



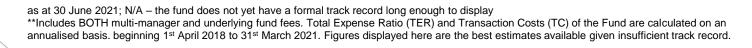
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	Performance across classes					
	B2 Class (lisp)	C Class (clean)	C1 Class (product)	Peer group	SA inflation	
Quarter	N/A	2.9%	2.8%	3,2%	2,3%	
1 year	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,5%	6,0%	
3 year	N/A	N/A	N/A	14,1%	4,2%	
5 year	N/A	N/A	N/A	12,2%	4,5%	

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#### Costs across classes

	Management fee* (excl. Vat)	Financial planner	Total expense ratio	Transaction Charges	Total investment charges
B2 class (lisp)	0.84%	N/a	1,05%	0.10%	1.15%
C class (clean)	0.99%	N/a	1,22%	0.10%	1.32%
C1 class (product)	1.14%	N/a	1,39%	0.10%	1.49%





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