

Quarterly Report: Nedgroup Investments Select Global Equity Fund of Funds

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as at 30 June 2022

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Domestic asset class returns (ZAR)





15.5%

Q2 2022

Tech-heavy Nasdaq fared

the worst and EU struggled

due to higher inflation and

vulnerability to recession

rising rate trend

Global asset class returns (USD)



SA Equity

SA Bond



The Naspers / Prosus recovery was of the top performers, while resources were the biggest losers

-3.7%

Q2 2022

SA yields were impacted by

the negative global

environment and the rising

domestic inflation backdrop

4.7% 1 year

8.2% 3 years

1.3% 1 year

5.8% 3 years

6.9% LT average

12.3% LT average

SA Property



Weakness was broadbased, but Growthpoint and Redefine were the largest detractors

-9.0% 3 years

0.2% 1 year

11.8% LT average

SA Cash



The repo rate was increased by 75bps to 4.75% this quarter

3.8% 1 year

4.5% 3 years

5.9% LT average

-8.3% -15.3% 1 year Q2 2022

Global Equity

Global Bond

-3.2% 3 years

-15.4% 1 year

6.7% 3 years

10.2% LT average

Global bond market volatility remained elevated and yields 1.6% LT average pushed higher in the global

Global Property



-12.7% 1 year

-0.2% 3 years

Rising rates, inflation pressure and recession fears weighed heavily on REITs, particularly offices and regional malls

5.8% LT average

US Cash

0.4% Q2 2022

US inflation for May surprised to the upside at 8.6% and US Fed hiked rates by 1.25% in the quarter 0.6% 1 year

0.8% 3 years

4.3% LT average



Exchange rates (Rand spot rate and quarterly change)



US Dollar R16.38



The US dollar was the main beneficiary of the current market environment. With talks about a looming recession, investors sought refuge in the safety of the dollar. After a resilient first quarter, the rand depreciated 11.4% to the dollar in the second quarter, with the state of the local economy exacerbated by Eskom power cuts.



British Pound R19.90



The Bank of England (BoE) hiked rates for a fifth time since December 2021 just a day after the US Fed announced their 75bps rate hike in June. Inflation rose to 9.1% in May from 9% in April, consumer confidence has fallen further and the BoE now expect GDP to fall by 0.3% in the second guarter as a whole.



Euro R17.13



The European Central Bank (ECB) confirmed in June that it will raise rates by 0.25% in July, in line with most market participant expectations. High inflation is a major challenge as the ECB expects inflation to remain undesirably high for the next few years at 6.8% in 2022, 3.5% in 2023 and 2.1% in 2024.



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Domestic performance drivers



Global performance drivers





Highlights

- First quarter GDP printed at 1,9%, exceeding market expectations, with the
 economy now back at pre-COVID levels. The expansion was broad based,
 with strong contributions from the manufacturing and trade sector, and
 robust consumer spending as the economy reopened.
- Eskom announced 18 winning bids for renewable projects in Mpumalanga, which will lease land from Eskom and generate an estimated 1800MW of energy to be wheeled across the grid. While this will not alleviate the immediate energy crisis, it is illustrative of the energy reforms slowly being enacted. It was also constructive to note that the first two private projects for generation below 100MW was approved in May, both solar, marking a milestone in energy reforms and better prospects.



Low points

- Eskom loadshedding intensified significantly towards the end of June as striking workers impaired the ability to provide secure electricity supply to the country
- In addition, weak prints for mining and manufacturing production in April
 confirming the disruption and damage from the flooding in KwaZulu Natal,
 strikes in the mining sector and persistent loadshedding will result in weak
 GDP growth figures for the second quarter.
- Headline inflation surprised to the upside at 6,5% y-o-y in May, a breach of the 6% upper target of the SA Reserve Bank and the highest figure since 2017.



Highlights

- Based on recent survey data, stimulus measures seem to be helping and we have seen improving PMI numbers.
- Covid-19 restrictions have been relaxed in many countries, providing some relief to previously constrained sectors like hospitality and entertainment.
 Capacity constraints, mask-wearing and testing requirements are some examples of the relaxed restrictions.
- In May, European Central Bank President (ECB) Christine Lagarde provided a rare explicit forward policy guidance, by saying that the Eurozone policy rate was likely to be positive (currently at -0.5%) by the end of the third quarter this year.

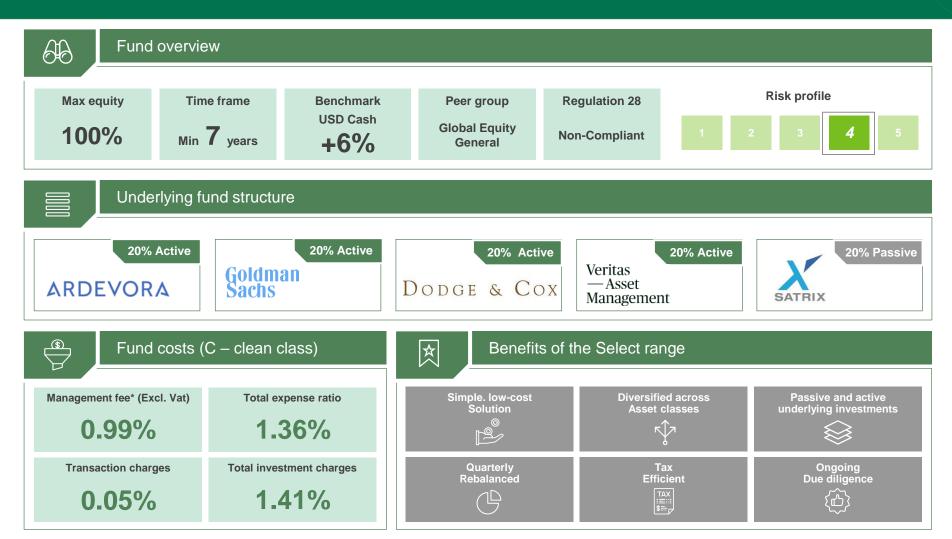


Low points

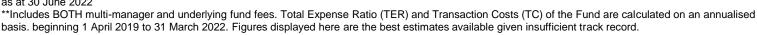
- High food and energy prices remain two of the biggest drivers of high inflation figures, with the war between Russia-Ukraine and pandemic restrictions in China keeping pricing pressure elevated.
- Losses were not confined to traditional 'risk' assets with notable swings in fixed income markets as investors grappled with a changing landscape of base-rate expectations.
- The Chinese economy remains under significant strain due to Covidinduced lockdowns.



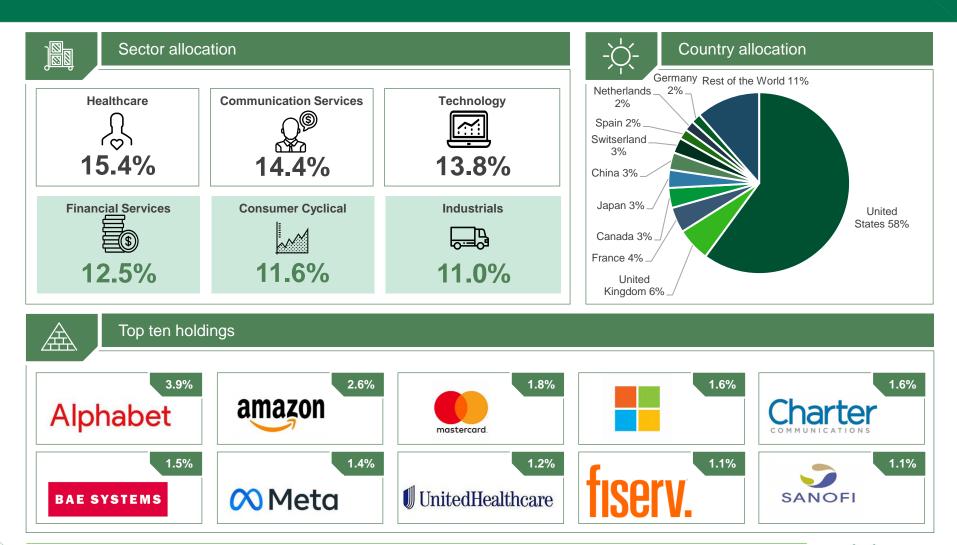
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Fund performance (clean class)*

Q2'22 return

-5.9%

Peer group average: -4.8%

1yr annualised return

-8.7%

Peer group average: -7.9%

3yr annualised return

11.6%

Peer group average: 9.2%

5yr annualised return

11.9%

Peer group average: 9.1%

7yr annualised return

11.9%

Peer group average: 9.1%







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Risk measures since inception*

Rolling 7yr return

100%

Hit rate: outperforming peer group average

Volatility

15.4%

Global equity market (ZAR): 15.0%

Max drawdown

-18.5%

Global equity market (ZAR): -18.4%

Sharpe ratio

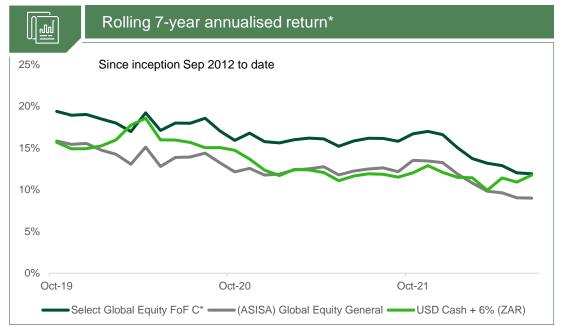
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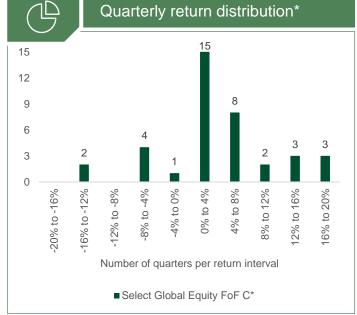
Global equity market (ZAR): 0.8

% Positive months

63%

Global equity market (ZAR): 61%





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*The track record displayed here includes back tested returns from September 2012 to 28 February 2021, thereafter actual performance of the Nedgroup Investments Select Global Equity FoF



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Underlying fund performance (ZAR)

Key	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	YTD
Dodge & Cox Global Stock	3.3%	16.3%	9.7%	32.5%	63.9%	32.0%	-5.5%
Goldman Sachs Global Millennials	-5.7%	15.0%	9.2%	26.9%	32.4%	30.5%	-13.7%
Nedgroup Investments Global Equity (Ardevora)**	-5.8%	11.1%	5.3%	24.3%	20.4%	24.6%	-17.4%
Nedgroup Investments Global Equity (Veritas)	-9.5%	10.0%	4.8%	23.0%	18.1%	20.4%	-23.8%
Satrix World Equity Tracker	-13.2%	10.0%	1.5%	20.4%	11.4%	17.6%	-34.1%



Positive contributors this quarter

- The rand depreciated by 11.4% relative to the US dollar this quarter, contributing to rand performance of the Select Global Equity FoF being a fully offshore invested fund.
- Linde (+243% in USD in Q2'22), a leading global industrial gases and engineering company, was one of the top (and one of the only positive) contributors to performance this quarter. This gas supplier has seen a nice streak of beating earnings estimates, especially when looking at the previous two reports. The average surprise for the last two quarters was +4.57%.
- BAE systems (9% in Q2'22) a British multinational arms, security, and aerospace company based in London – share price is rallying on the back of increased expected demand for defence expenditure post the Russian invasion of Ukraine.



Detractors this quarter

- Amidst the volatility, large expensive growth names (such as those in the US tech sector) underperformed this quarter. The largest detractors in the tech sector in the fund were Apple (-25% in USD in Q2'22), Taiwan Semiconductor (-21%) and Fiserv (-12%).
- Other sector heavyweights that continue to underperform are communication services Alphabet (-25%) and Meta Platforms (-24%), as well as consumer cyclical Amazon (-23%).
- The largest detractor from the financial services sector was Mastercard (-15%) and in the energy sector, American firm Occidental Petroleum Corp (-33%)



^{**}The track record of the sub-fund (Ardevora Global Long Only Equity) on which this fund is modelled is used due to short track record of the Nedgroup Investments funds

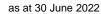


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	Performance across classes						
	B2 class (lisp)	C class (clean)	C1 class (product)	S class (sip)	Peer group	SA inflation	
Quarter	0,7%	-5,9%	-5,9%	-5,9%	-4,8%	2,3%	
1 year	4,5%	-8,7%	-8,8%	-8,7%	-7,9%	6,5%	
3 year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9,2%	4,6%	
5 year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9,1%	4,5%	

Costs across classes

_	Management fee* (excl. Vat)	Financial planner	Total expense ratio	Transaction Charges	Total investment charges
B2 class (lisp)	0.84%	N/a	1.23%	0.05%	1.28%
C class (clean)	0.99%	N/a	1.36%	0.05%	1.41%
C1 class (product)	1.14%	N/a	1.53%	0.05%	1.58%
S class (sip)	1.04%	N/a	1.42%	0.05%	1.47%



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