Melville Douglas Balanced Fund Limited
USD Balanced Class

MelvilleDouglas
Standard Bank Group

Fund information update at 30 September 2026

What is the fund's objective?

The objective of the Class Fund is to provide long-term capital growth in US Dollar terms by investing in a balanced portfolio of globally diversified equity, fixed income and cash.

What does the fund invest in?

The Class Fund invests in a well-diversified portfolio comprising quoted global equities, global fixed income securities including government and corporate bonds and money market instruments which will maximise investment returns in USD.

What possible risks are associated with this fund?

The risk rating seen below is designed to give an indication of the level of risk, measured by volatility, associated with this specific portfolio. In order to arrive at the specific risk rating of the portfolio in question, Melville Douglas measures the volatility of the fund, in the form of standard deviation, over a three year rolling period, and compares the result to internal risk parameters. Please note that these risk ratings are designed as a guide only.

Risk rating				
Conservative	Moderately conservative	Moderate	**Moderately aggressive**	Aggressive

What is the suggested investment period for this fund?

Minimum period					
1 Month	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	**5 Years**	7 Years

Who should consider investing in this fund?

The fund is aligned to investors who require a real return on their capital over time. The fund is suited to investors with a moderate risk profile.

Income

Distribution Income available for distribution attributable to the Class Fund shall be accumulated and not distributed to Shareholders.

General fund information

Manager(s)	Bernard Drotschie, Simon Bradbury and Derinia Mathura
Size (NAV)	$ 8.48 million
Peer group	EAA Fund USD Flexible Allocation
Benchmark	MSCI ACWI NR 50% US Cash 50%
Section 65	Not Approved
	Class C
Launch	16 May 2003
ISIN number	JE00B504TG57
SEDOL code	B504TG5
Bloomberg	MDBLBLC JY
Minimum investment requirements -	
New business	Open
Initial	$ 2,500
Subsequent	$ 1,000

What are the costs to invest in this fund?

Maximum charges	
	Class C
Initial fee (manager)	0.000%
Initial fee (adviser)	3.000%
Annual fee (manager)	0.950%
Annual fee (adviser)	0.000%
Performance fee	N/A

Annual fee (manager) - this is a service charge (% based) applicable to each class of a fund, that is levied on the value of your portfolio and includes the **Annual fee (adviser)** fee (where applicable). Annual fees are calculated and accrued daily and recovered monthly from the income awaiting distribution in the fund.

Cost ratios (annual) including VAT as at 30 September 2026	
	Class C
Based on period from:	01/10/2023
Total Expense	1.51%
Transaction Costs	0.03%
Total Investment Charge	1.54%
1 Year Total Expense	1.53%

Total Expense (TER): This ratio shows the charges, levies and fees relating to the management of the portfolio and is expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value of the portfolio, calculated over the period shown and annualised to the most recently completed quarter. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER should not be regarded as an indication of future TERs.

Transaction Costs (TC): This ratio shows the percentage of the value of the fund incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the fund's underlying assets. TC are a necessary cost in administering the fund and impacts fund returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of fund, investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.

Total Investment Charges (TIC): This ratio is simply the sum of the TER and TC, showing the percentage of the value of the fund incurred as costs relating to the investment of the fund. It should be noted that performance figures account for all costs included in the TIC ratio, so you should not deduct the TIC from performance figures, the performance is already net of the TIC.

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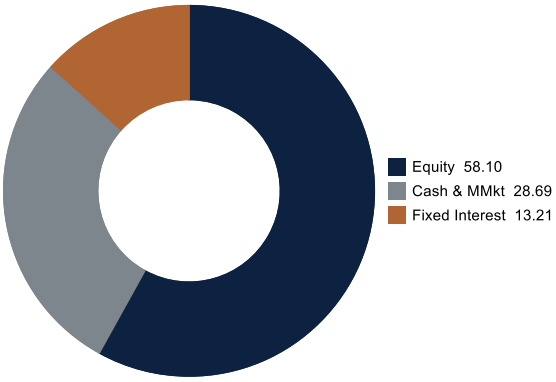
Holdings

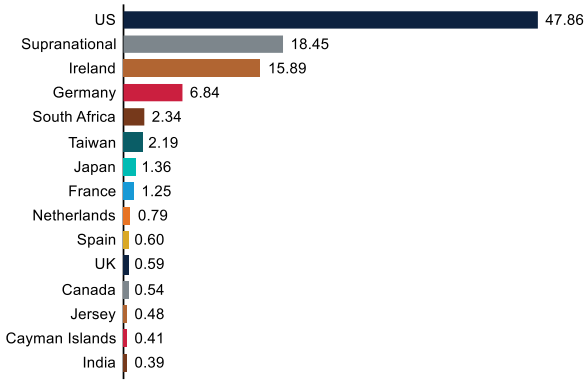
Asset class (%)



Top holdings (%)

KfW 4.375% 01/03/2027	4.47
European Investment Bank 4.375% 19/03/2027	4.24
Xtrackers MSCI World Industrials UCITS ETF 1C	4.22
iShares $ Short Dur Corp Bond UCITS ETF USD (Dist)	4.04
Microsoft Corp	3.51
Asian Development Bank 1.5% 20/01/2027	3.44
Inter-American Dev Bank 2.375% 07/07/2027	3.36
NVIDIA Corp	3.28
Alphabet Inc A	3.23
Amazon.com Inc	3.08

Country (%)



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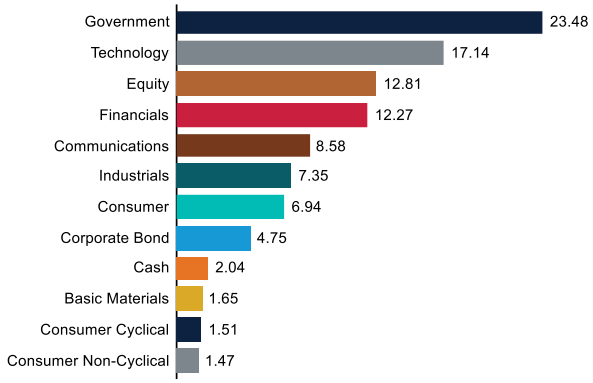


Performance and Income

Class C Launch: 16 May 2003

Benchmark: MSCI ACWI NR (MSCI World NR from launch to 30/04/20) 50%; US Cash 50%

Peer group: EAA Fund USD Flexible Allocation

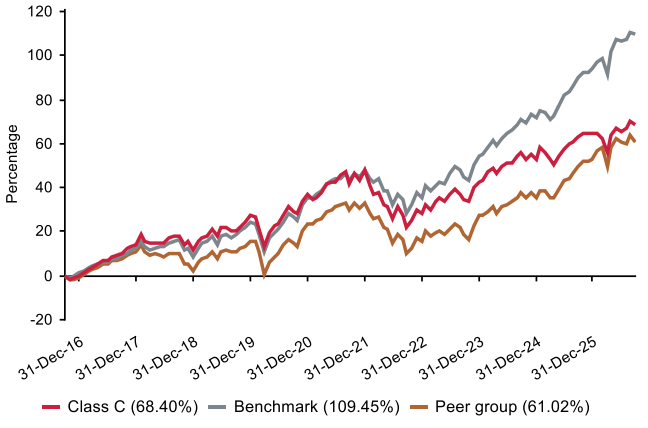
Returns (%)	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	7yrs	10yrs
Class C					
Class	3.43	7.80	3.48	4.89	5.35
Benchmark	10.35	13.06	7.91	8.43	7.67
Peer group	7.59	10.75	4.37	5.43	4.88

Returns (%) shown are cumulative for all periods shorter than or equal to 1 year and annualised for all periods greater than 1 year.

Statistics (%)	1yr	3yrs	5yrs	7yrs	10yrs
Class C					
Positive Months	6	22	33	50	77
Max Gain	9.23	27.22	39.79	50.00	72.69
Max Drawdown	-5.72	-5.72	-17.75	-17.75	-17.75
Highest	8.96	15.73	15.73	21.84	21.84
Lowest	2.10	2.10	-14.81	-14.81	-14.81

Highest - this reflects the highest 12 month return during the period.
Lowest - this reflects the lowest 12 month return during the period.

Cumulative performance (%) over 10 Years



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Quarterly update at 30 September 2026

Who are the investment managers?

Bernard Drotschie
BCom (Hons), CFA®, CFPTM
Chief Investment Officer

Bernard joined Melville Douglas in 2002 as a portfolio manager and analyst, prior to which he worked for Absa Asset Management. He is the lead manager on the Melville Douglas Global Growth Fund (USD) and co-manages the Melville Douglas Balanced Fund (USD) and the Melville Douglas Income Funds. He holds a BCom (Hons) degree in Econometrics, is a CFA® Charterholder and a Certified Financial Planner™ professional.

Simon Bradbury
FCSI, Chartered Wealth Manager
Fixed Income and Currency Strategy

Simon joined Standard Bank in 2002, with over 30 years' experience in the industry. He has built up extensive knowledge of global wealth management solutions, specialising in international fixed income and currency markets. He is co-manager of the Melville Douglas Bond and Enhanced Income Funds, whilst he also manages the investments of a number of high-net-worth clients. Simon is a Chartered Wealth Manager and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment.

Derinia Mathura
BBusSci (Hons) Finance, CFA®
Fund Manager

Derinia joined Melville Douglas in 2013 as the lead analyst for a range of global equity holdings within the consumer discretionary sector. She is the co-manager of the Melville Douglas Select Global Equity Fund. Prior to joining, she worked for RMB Morgan Stanley as a sell-side equity research analyst covering financials. Derinia has a BBusSci (Hons) degree in Finance and is also a CFA® Charterholder.

Melville Douglas Investment Management (Pty) Ltd, FSP 595, an authorised Financial Services Provider under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act 2002, manage the investments of the fund. Since 1983 Melville Douglas has been delivering superior investment returns across a number of asset classes. As a global boutique investment management company within the Standard Bank Group, we are uniquely positioned to offer domestic and offshore investment solutions. What truly sets Melville Douglas apart is our experienced investment team and our approach to investing – driven by balance, a long-term view and a commitment to fundamental research – which informs our investment decisions across the board.

Fund review

The fund's outperformance during the quarter was primarily driven by its equity holdings, while the cash enhancement component detracted from returns as markets adjusted to a higher interest rate and inflation environment. Strong stock selection within the Information Technology and Communication Services sectors was a key contributor to performance. Within Information Technology, market leadership broadened beyond semiconductor companies as stronger-than-expected earnings and the announcement of new AI partnerships helped alleviate concerns that generative AI would disrupt established software business models. The fund benefited from its overweight allocation to software companies, supported by favourable stock selection across the sector. The fund's underweight exposure to Consumer Staples, Real Estate and Utilities further enhanced relative performance. These traditionally defensive and interest rate-sensitive sectors underperformed as rising bond yields weighed on valuations, creating an additional tailwind for the fund's positioning. From an asset allocation perspective, performance also benefited from the fund's overweight exposure to global equities, which outperformed fixed income and cash during the period.

Market overview

The 3rd quarter marked a meaningful shift in the investment landscape as markets reassessed expectations for inflation, interest rates and economic growth. The anticipated easing of geopolitical tensions in the Middle East failed to materialise as expected, resulting in continued disruption to global energy markets and ongoing elevated oil and gas prices. This renewed inflation concerns at a time when the global economy continued to display remarkable resilience and corporate earnings remained strong. Investors are adjusting to a world in which interest rates look set to remain higher for longer than previously anticipated. Government bond yields rose across most developed markets, policy rate expectations moved upwards, and equity valuations experienced some compression as higher discount rates were incorporated into market pricing. Importantly, this adjustment has occurred against a backdrop of robust economic activity and strong corporate profitability, rather than deteriorating fundamentals. Despite the increase in volatility, global equity markets delivered positive, albeit uneven, returns during the third quarter of 2026, with the MSCI AC World Index gaining 1.6% in US dollars and 1.5% in sterling terms, supported by resilient earnings. Japan led developed markets, followed by the UK and the US, while Europe declined 2.1%. Emerging markets lagged as higher bond yields and a stronger US dollar weighed on sentiment, while the de-rating of semiconductor stocks in Taiwan and South Korea, both significant index constituents, offset gains in China. Energy was the strongest performing sector, rising 14.7% as oil prices increased, while financials, healthcare and technology also advanced. Rate-sensitive consumer discretionary and real estate sectors underperformed as tighter monetary policy pressured financing conditions and valuations. Higher-yielding defensive sectors also weakened as rising bond yields reduced their relative income appeal.

Looking ahead

While market volatility increased as financial conditions tightened during the quarter, our overall assessment of the investment environment remains constructive. We continue to see support for global equities from resilient economic growth, healthy corporate balance sheets and robust earnings momentum. In addition, long-term structural investment themes, particularly those linked to artificial intelligence, digitalisation and technology infrastructure, continue to create attractive opportunities across global markets. While higher bond yields pose a risk to economic growth and may continue to pressure equity valuations, we believe that the current cycle will remain relatively shallow. For long-term investors, maintaining exposure to high-quality global businesses remains the most effective way to participate in the growth of the global economy. We therefore continue to believe that global equities offer the most attractive risk-adjusted return opportunity and remain constructive on the asset class with an overweight position despite the more challenging market backdrop.

The commentary gives the views of the portfolio manager at the time of writing. Any forecasts or commentary included in this document are not guaranteed to occur.

Change in allocation of the fund over the quarter

Asset type	Q3 2026	Q2 2026	Change
Cash & MMkt	28.69	34.27	-5.58
Equity	58.10	52.07	6.03
Fixed Interest	13.21	13.66	-0.45

The portfolio adhered to its portfolio objective over the quarter.

Fund classes

Class	Type	Price ($)	Shares	NAV ($)
C	Retail	259.03	32,756.00	8,484,945.89

All data as at 30 September 2026.
Shares - the amount of Participating Shares in issue in each relevant class.

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Important information at 30 September 2026

Disclosures

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The USD Balanced Class is a class fund of the Melville Douglas Balanced Fund Limited (the Fund). The Fund is an 'umbrella fund' and an open-ended investment fund company registered by way of continuation in Jersey under a certificate of continuance dated 31 March 2003 with limited liability under the Law as a no par value company. The Fund is regulated as a Collective Investment Fund by the Jersey Financial Services Commission. The manager of the Fund is STANLIB Fund Managers Jersey Limited (the Manager). The Manager is 100% owned by STANLIB Limited, which is wholly owned by Liberty Holdings Limited. Liberty is a full member of the Association for Savings and Investments of South Africa (ASISA). The manager has a right to close a portfolio to new investors in order to manage the portfolio more efficiently in accordance with its mandate. The Manager does not provide any guarantee either with respect to the capital or the return of the class fund. A schedule of fees and charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the Manager. The custodian/trustee of the Fund is Apex Financial Services (Corporate) Limited (the Custodian). The Fund, the Manager and the Custodian are regulated by the Jersey Financial Services Commission.

The investments of this class fund are managed, on behalf of the Manager, by Melville Douglas Investment Management (Pty) Ltd (the Investment Manager), an authorised financial services provider (FSP), FSP No. 595, under the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act (FAIS), Act No. 37 of 2002. The Investment Manager, pursuant to a distribution agreement made between it and the Manager, acts as distributor to the class fund in South Africa.

STANLIB Collective Investments (RF) (Pty) Limited is the appointed Fund's representative in the RSA, by the Manager, in respect of the Fund. The RSA Representative is responsible for assisting the Fund with compliance with RSA regulatory requirements in respect of certain Classes to be marketed to investors in the RSA.

Prices are calculated and published on each working day, these prices are available on the Manager's website (www.stanlib.com). This portfolio is valued at 23h59 (GMT). Forward pricing is used. Investments and repurchases will receive the price of the next day if received prior to 14h30 (GMT). Settlement must be made in the relevant class fund's base currency.

This portfolio is permitted to invest in foreign securities. Should the portfolio include any foreign securities these could expose the portfolio to any of the following risks: potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds; macroeconomic risks; political risks; foreign exchange risks; tax risks; settlement risks; and potential limitations on the availability of market information.

All return figures quoted are in USD, as at 30 September 2026, based on data sourced from Morningstar.

Annualised return figures are the compound annualised growth rate (CAGR) calculated from the cumulative return for the period being measured. These annualised returns provide an indication of the annual return achieved over the period had an investment been held for the entire period. Actual annual figures are available on request from the Manager.

Fund performance figures are calculated for the relevant class of the Fund, for a lump sum investment, on a NAV-NAV basis, with income reinvested on the ex-dividend date. Individual investor performance may differ due to initial fees, actual investment date, date of reinvestment of income and dividend withholding tax. Fund performance figures account for all costs that contribute to the calculation of the cost ratios quoted, all fund returns quoted are therefore after these costs have been accounted for.

Statistics - Positive Months: the number of individual 1 month periods during the specified time period where the return was not negative; Max Gain: the maximum gain in a trough-to-peak incline before a new trough is attained, quoted as the percentage between the trough and the peak. It is an indicator of upside risk over a specified time period (quoted for all periods of 1 year or longer); Max Drawdown: the maximum loss in a peak-to-trough decline before a new peak is attained, quoted as the percentage between the peak and the trough. It is an indicator of downside risk over a specified time period (quoted for all periods of 1 year or longer, where blank no loss was experienced); Highest and Lowest: the highest and the lowest 1 year return (%) that occurred during the specified time period (quoted for all relevant classes launched 1 year or more prior to current month end date).

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