

Melville Douglas STANLIB Dynamic Strategy Fund

Minimum Disclosure Document as at 31 December 2015

Investment Objectives

The portfolio's main objective is to achieve high growth of capital and income, a reasonable level of current income and relative stability for capital invested. The portfolio comprises a mix of financially sound securities of companies listed on exchanges and non-equity securities. The portfolio will from time to time be invested in securities to the maximum permitted by the Act, or will be invested in non-equity securities to the maximum permitted by the Act, or any combination of the above. This portfolio may also include participatory interests of other collective investment schemes. The portfolio may have a maximum of 20% direct and/or indirect foreign exposure.

Investment Philosophy

Our investment philosophy is focused on maintaining the capital entrusted to us in real terms and to deliver superior risk-adjusted returns. Our approach is largely restricted to quality fixed income securities, cash or cash linked instruments. We are long-term investors and the decision making process involves a continuous assessment of a number of top-down and bottom-up factors that affects the prices of fixed income securities.

Portfolio Facts

Portfolio Size	135.02 million	
Sector Classification	South African - Multi Asset - Flexible	
Income Distribution	Net revenue is declared on a daily basis and distributed bi-annually	
Income Declaration	30 June & 31 December	
Benchmark	FTSE/JSE All Share Index 55%; BEASSA All Bond Index 15%; MSCI World Index; (USD) 15%; STeFI Call Deposit Rate Index 15%	

	Class A	Class B1
Launch Date	15 May 2002	31 December 2007

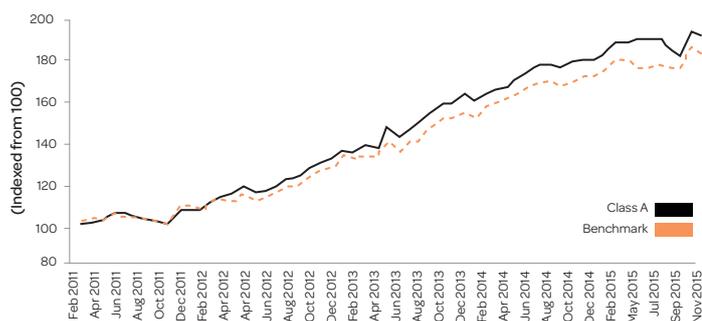
Minimum Investment	Class A	Class B1
Lump Sum	R 100 000	R 5 000
Debit Order Per Month	R 1 000	R 500

* Please refer to page 2 under "Statutory Disclosure and General Terms & Conditions"

** Additional Information can be obtained from Portfolio Charges Brochure on www.stanlib.com

	Class A	Class B1
ISIN NO.	ZAE000039459	ZAE000112678
JSE Code	MDDS	Mddb1
Total Expense Ratio	1.87%	2.20%
Maximum Portfolio Charges		
Upfront Charge: Manager	0.00%	0.00%
Upfront Charge: Intermediary	0.00 - 3.00%	0.00 - 3.00%
Total Service Charge	1.50%	1.00%
Service Charge Intermediary Portion	0.50%	0.00%

Cumulative Performance Since Inception



Sector (%)



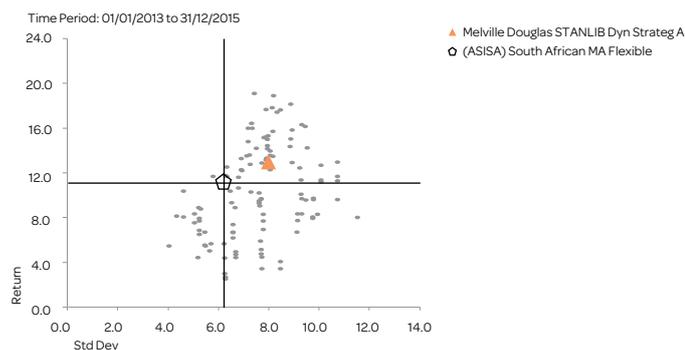
Performance (%)

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
Class A	6.30	13.33	13.99	12.64	15.59
Sector	6.03	10.44	11.67	10.80	14.38
Benchmark	7.92	12.95	13.09	12.47	12.85
Rank (Class A)	34/64	20/53	13/46	8/28	0/0
Lowest Return Over 12 rolling months					-22.57
Highest Return Over 12 rolling months					49.17

Top Holdings (%)

Melville Douglas Select Fund Limited Glo	19.91
Melville Douglas Stanlib Bond Fund	12.02
Naspers Ltd	6.04
DB X-Trackers Msc World Index	4.61
SAB Miller Plc	3.48
Woolworths Holdings Ltd	3.41
Medi-Clinic Corp.	3.08
Mr Price Group Limited	2.96
Compagnie Fin Richemont	2.64
British American Tobacco Plc	2.59

Risk Reward



Source: Morningstar Direct

Portfolio Risk and Term

Conservative Moderate **Aggressive**

Income Distribution

	Paid in the last 12 months	Paid during 2014	2014 payments as a % of year end price
Class A	8.89 cpu	5.51 cpu	1.19%

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Franchise

The fund is prudently managed, with a flexible approach to asset allocation to reflect the balance of risks in investment markets and the economic environment at any given time. The core of the portfolio is its equity holdings, and careful selection of the companies the fund holds offers another significant opportunity to control the risk in the portfolio. Melville Douglas's approach to equity investment is rigorously based on an assessment of the industry growth prospects for each holding, and for the ability of the individual company to improve its industry position by skilful management and strategic positioning. The key characteristics of companies we prefer are the ability to convert revenue into cash on a reliable and sustainable basis; the ability of management to deploy that cash either in expansion or new projects that will achieve a return above the cost of capital; and a track record that demonstrates a willingness to return surplus cash and capital to shareholders. The investment process for non-equity asset classes is similar, with the understanding that the more non-equity assets the portfolio retains the less the likelihood of achieving a reasonable real return over time. We are also strongly focused on the price we pay: we believe strongly that the cost of purchase determines the return that can be achieved. Our focus is always long term and turnover in the portfolio is typically low.

Quarterly Comments

The final quarter of 2015 proved as difficult and even more volatile than the previous quarter for SA financial markets. After an early recovery from the damage resulting from the Chinese currency devaluation, the JSE responded badly to renewed weakness in metals prices in November. Then, in early December, the Minister of Finance was replaced by the president with an inexperienced and little-known candidate. This unleashed substantial market turmoil, coming as it did ahead of a critical period for the macroeconomic management of the country which faces a potential credit rating downgrade to non-investment grade. In the event, the backlash from both business and politicians was sufficient to force a reversal, which led to a former minister, Pravin Gordhan, being reappointed to the post. Fortunately, the mainly defensive positioning of the fund's portfolio and its offshore exposure helped it produce a strong final quarter in which it outperformed its benchmark. Globally, equity markets delivered very disappointing returns in 2015. Although there were a number of volatility triggers (Europe, China, oil), the biggest overriding pressure comes from the strength of the dollar and the effective tightening of US monetary policy, which is forcing other economies into competitive currency downgrades and unprecedented levels of monetary policy stimulus.

For 2016, there are still substantial risks. The consequences of a downgrade, if it occurs, are hard to assess, but would certainly not be limited to financial markets: the impact on the real economy would be severe. In any case, following the finance ministry episode, the economy is left with higher interest rates and a weaker currency, and it will require a lengthy and substantive rebuilding of credibility to restore the situation. The Reserve Bank will need to respond to the inflationary consequences of the weaker currency, so we expect a higher and longer interest rate cycle; and a tougher budget. In addition, the agricultural sector will have to endure the consequences of a severe drought; the remedies will certainly apply additional inflationary pressure. Globally, the year has begun on a very volatile note and commodity prices have resumed a downward trend; volatility in equity markets remains elevated and concerns about growth have resurfaced. The interaction of weak growth and tightening US monetary policy mean that the key forces that created the pressures on emerging markets and commodity producers during 2015 remain in place. Our caution has led to the reduction of portfolio exposure to key risks. Specifically, the prospect of a credit rating downgrade will keep interest rate markets on edge, and the pressure on consumers will rise; thus we have reset the duration balance of the fixed interest component and reduced exposure to interest-rate sensitive sectors. Overall, we remain underweight domestic equity and overweight offshore equity. More generally, the themes of 2015 will continue: careful selection will be key.

Portfolio Manager

Jerome O'Regan

Jerome is Melville Douglas's Chief Investment Officer and has been involved in investment markets since 1984. Among other positions he has held are head of research at Fleming Martin and STANLIB, and Chief Investment Officer at SCMB Asset Management. He holds an MBA from UCT and is a Chartered Financial Analyst.

Susan Gawith

Susan is an executive Portfolio manager at Melville Douglas. She worked in retail before moving to financial markets in 1999 and was a rated retail analyst at Cazenove. She has a BSc TRP and an MBA from UCT.

Fund Features

A well-managed balanced portfolio, with the objective of delivering strong risk adjusted returns over time.

Risk

The risk in the fund is controlled by its tactical asset allocation and the quality of its equity holdings. The equity selections and weightings are based on the conviction that it is not necessary to accept all of the volatility risk inherent in the market, and that prudent selection and diversification can achieve superior results over time. This does not isolate the portfolio entirely from market risks such as

- Interest rate fluctuations which affect the yields on cash and money market investments as well as the prices of bonds
- Adverse changes in global and domestic economic conditions
- Currency volatility and exchange rate risks We strive to anticipate as many risks as possible by adjusting the portfolio's holdings to reflect the balance of those risks; but equally importantly the long term view must be that investment return is in part the reward for the risks that are taken, and some risk exposure is essential to achieve the fund's long term goals.

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The Total Expense Ratio (TER) of a portfolio is a measure of the portfolio's assets that were relinquished as operating costs expressed as a percentage of the daily average value of the portfolio calculated over a period of usually a financial year. Typical expenses which are deducted from a portfolio include service charges, taxes, trustee fees and audit fees.

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