

# Global Flexible Fund

► Contrarian. Flexible. Patient.



May 2026 update | ISIN for Class C USD:IE00BKXGFM15

MARKETING COMMUNICATION

## Our investment approach

- We target equity-like returns with less risk than the market over a full market cycle.
- Portfolio construction is driven by bottom-up fundamental research and valuations, agnostic of market indices.
- We patiently seek undervalued, out-of-favour opportunities across asset class and capital structure.
- We hold cash when prudent to protect against downside risks.

## Portfolio Management Team



**Brian A. Selmo**

24 years in the industry



**Steve Romick**

39 years in the industry



**Mark Landecker**

23 years in the industry

*In this monthly note, we share the Fund's return drivers over recent periods, current portfolio positioning and put the spotlight on a stock bought/sold.*

## Performance and markets

May echoed April's pattern in equity markets. As US–Iran negotiations continued, investor focus shifted back to a robust earnings season, again led by IT. The MSCI World rose 4.6% in USD terms, but leadership remained narrow. With IT approaching a quarter of the index—and the only sector to deliver double-digit returns—concentration risk moved back into sharper focus.

The Fund returned 2.8%, supported by exposure to under-represented compounders: stocks where expectations remain less extended and outcomes are less fully priced. In a market increasingly driven by a narrow set of winners, owning different leaders remains essential to portfolio resilience.

At a stock level, performance was led by beneficiaries of AI-related spending, including Korean holdings Samsung C&T and LG Corp, alongside semiconductor businesses NXP Semiconductors and Analog Devices. Beyond AI, contributions came from Healthcare, Materials and selected consumer-focused names.

In Materials, IFF benefited from growing confidence in its turnaround, supported by stronger results, deleveraging and portfolio restructuring.

In Healthcare, while market returns for the sector were modest at just over 2%, stock dispersion remained high. Six of our eleven holdings delivered double-digit returns. Waters Corporation and Merck KGaA reported strong results, ICON benefited from improving outsourcing conditions, and Bio-Rad Labs saw fundamentals recover—highlighting the gap that can emerge between perceived and realised outcomes.

Consumer holdings were rewarded where profitability, cash flow or value creation proved stronger than expected. Contributors included Magnum Ice Cream, which was also supported by takeover speculation; Richemont, which outperformed within luxury; and Delivery Hero and CarMax, where operational progress continued.

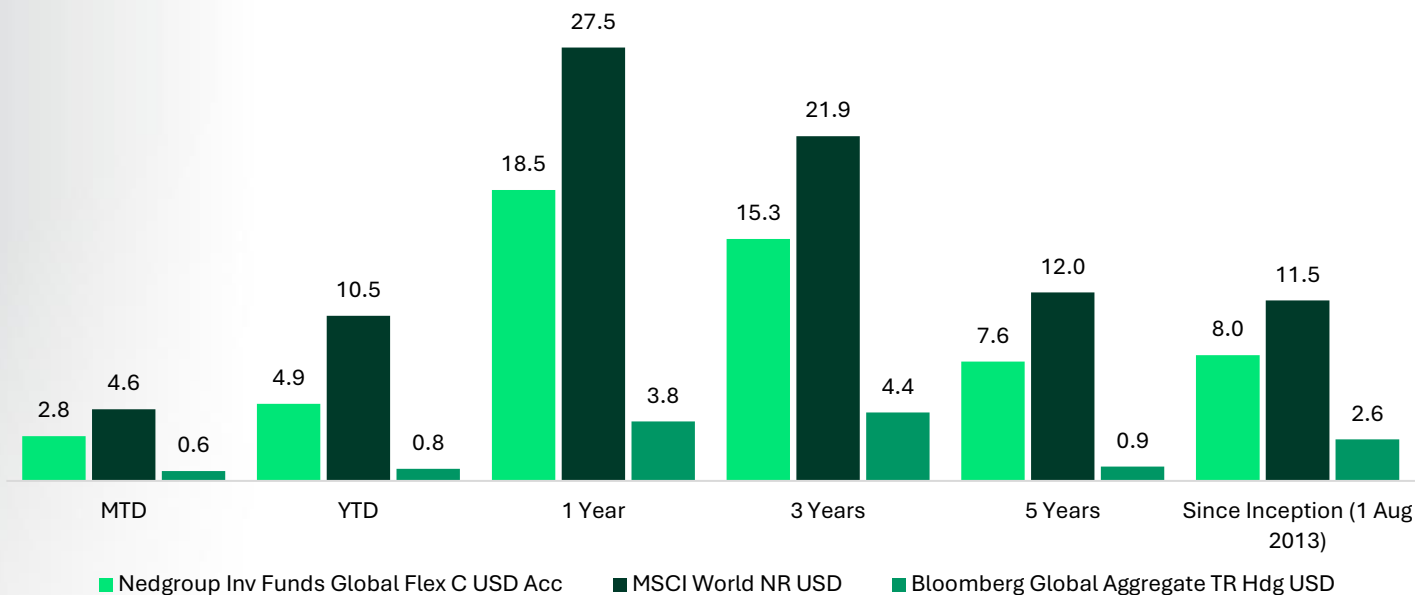
The main detractors were US cable operators Comcast and Charter Communications. Competitive pressure from fixed wireless and fibre—often deployed at low returns—continues to weigh on the industry. While we

expect structural decline over the next five to seven years, we believe the end-state competitive backdrop should remain reasonable. Together with interim cash flows and mid-to-high single-digit free cash flow multiples, this still points to equity-like returns. Comcast, in particular, retains additional optionality through its media and theme park businesses, which remain structurally stronger than the core narrative implies.

We remain anchored to valuation, focused on where expectations have moved too far, and prepared to stand apart from consensus when the opportunity set demands independent thinking.

## Fund performance

Past performance is not indicative of future performance and does not predict future returns

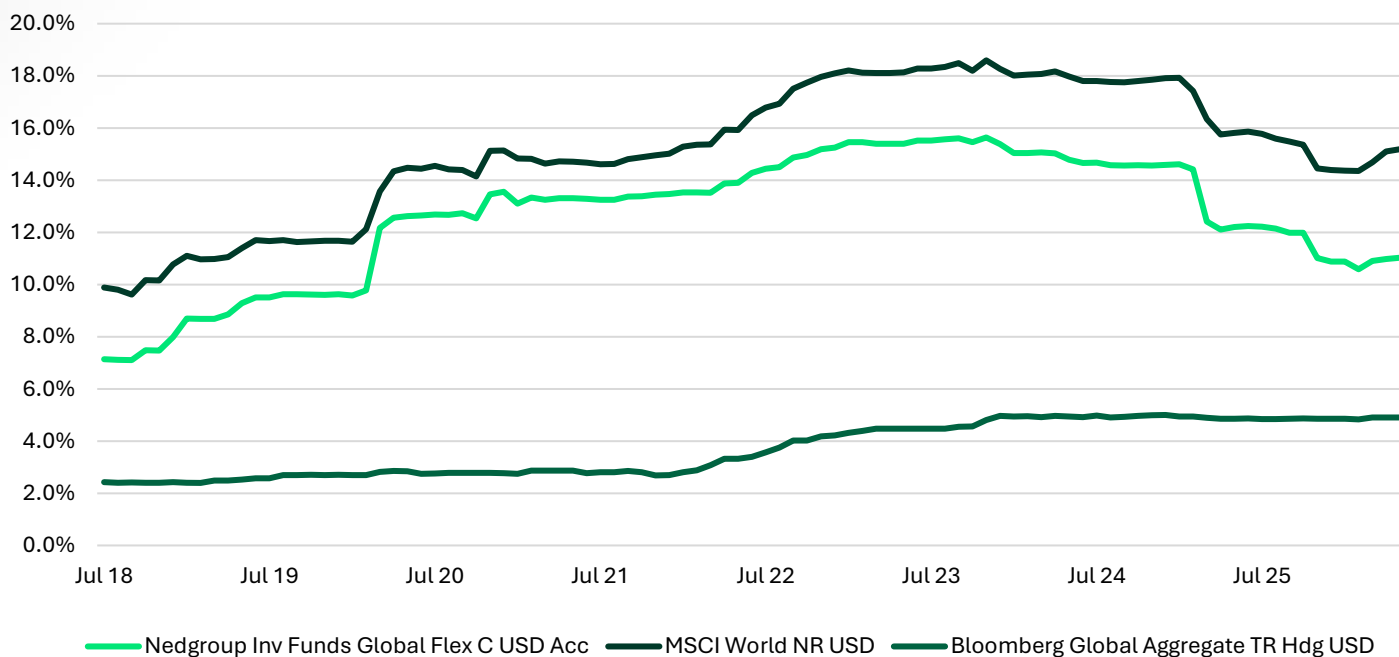


Inception date 01/08/2013 Source: Morningstar, data to 31 May 2026.

Performance figures are based on the 15:00 (3pm) Irish-domiciled fund valuation point.

## Rolling 5-year volatility (% net in US\$)

Past performance is not indicative of future performance and does not predict future returns



Source: Morningstar, data to 31 May 2026.

Performance figures are based on the 15:00 (3pm) Irish-domiciled fund valuation point.

Fund returns are in US\$ based on Class C since 1 August 2013. MSCI index returns are with net dividends reinvested. Rolling volatility based on rolling 5-year US\$ returns. Source: Morningstar, Nedgroup Investments.

## Key return drivers

### Month to date

Contributors		Detractors	
Samsung C&T	0.42%	Azelis Group	-0.29%
LG Corp	0.31%	Ferguson Enterprises	-0.16%
Safran SA	0.18%	LPL Financial Holdings	-0.14%
International Flavors & Fragrances	0.15%	Comcast Corporation	-0.12%
Hirose Electric	0.14%	Charter Communications	-0.08%

### Year to date

Contributors		Detractors	
Analog Devices	1.39%	Naspers & Prosus	-0.38%
Alphabet	1.03%	ICON Plc	-0.21%
Samsung C&T	0.60%	Fortune Brands Innovations	-0.21%
Glencore Plc	0.52%	LPL Financial Holdings	-0.19%
LG Corp	0.45%	Jefferies Financial Group	-0.16%

Sector contribution	Month to date	Year to date
<i>Equities</i>	<b>1.75%</b>	<b>4.70%</b>
Communication Services	-0.23%	0.35%
Consumer Discretionary	0.32%	0.22%
Consumer Staples	0.11%	0.10%
Energy	-0.01%	0.28%
Financials	-0.13%	-0.35%
Health Care	0.52%	-0.13%
Industrials	0.35%	1.33%
Information Technology	0.42%	1.94%
Materials	0.32%	0.90%
Real Estate	0.09%	0.06%
<i>Fixed Income</i>	<b>0.13%</b>	<b>0.62%</b>

Contribution data as of reporting month end. Source: FPA, Factset.



**NEDGROUP  
INVESTMENTS**

## Portfolio positioning

Portfolio structure	Portfolio weight
Fixed income	<b>0.89%</b>
Corporate Bonds	0.53%
Convertible Bonds	0.36%
Equities	<b>60.46%</b>
Communication Services	9.97%
Consumer Discretionary	6.07%
Consumer Staples	4.88%
Energy	1.01%
Financials	6.60%
Health Care	7.05%
Industrials	9.81%
Information Technology	7.74%
Materials	6.22%
Real Estate	1.02%
Utilities	0.09%
Cash & equivalents*	<b>38.65%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\* Includes money market securities.

Regional breakdown	Equity weight	Fixed income weight
North America	33.25%	0.60%
Europe ex UK	21.31%	0.29%
Japan	2.46%	0.0%
Emerging Markets	3.10%	0.0%
United Kingdom	0.35%	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>60.46%</b>	<b>0.89%</b>

Top 5 equity holdings		Portfolio weight
Alphabet	Communication Services	5.36%
Analog Devices	Information Technology	3.57%
Meta Platforms	Communication Services	2.16%
International Flavours & Fragrances	Materials	2.00%
Azelis Group	Industrials	1.87%

## Stock spotlight: Delivery Hero

Delivery Hero is one of the world's leading local delivery platforms, operating across Europe, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America through a portfolio of regional brands such as Foodpanda, Talabat and PedidosYa. The business connects consumers, restaurants and couriers through its platform. Initially built around restaurant delivery, Delivery Hero has expanded into groceries and convenience retail ("quick commerce"), positioning itself as an "everyday app" for local services.

- **Current Dynamics:** Delivery Hero has delivered consistent top-line growth, with total segment revenue increasing meaningfully and gross merchandise value (GMV) approaching €49bn. Growth has been driven by expansion in emerging markets, increased order frequency and the scaling of quick commerce. However, the business has historically struggled to translate this growth into consistent profitability, reflecting high logistics costs and ongoing investment. While adjusted EBITDA has improved materially, profitability remains a key focus area.
- **Strategic Positioning:** Delivery Hero's competitive position is underpinned by its local market leadership and multi-brand structure. By operating strong regional platforms, the company is able to tailor its offering to local consumer behaviour and maintain leading market share in many geographies. Its ecosystem benefits from network effects, while expansion into groceries and convenience retail supports increased engagement and order frequency.
- **Financial Progression:** The business has made notable progress in improving unit economics, with adjusted EBITDA exceeding €900m (FY2025) and free cash flow turning positive. Margins have benefited from cost discipline, improved logistics efficiency and higher-margin revenue streams such as advertising and subscriptions. Management continues to guide to further EBITDA expansion supported by scaling efficiencies.
- **Investment Thesis:** Delivery Hero represents a high-growth platform with improving profitability. The core investment case is based on continued growth driven by emerging market penetration, improving margins and unit economics as scale enhances efficiency, and increased monetisation through a multi-vertical offering. While execution remains important, the combination of structural growth and improving unit economics supports a balanced long-term investment case.

This position was 0.23% of the portfolio as at month-end.

Positioning information as of reporting month end. Some differences may exist due to rounding. Source: FPA, Nedgroup Investments.

## Contact us

**Email:** [Clientsolutions@nedgroupinvestments.com](mailto:Clientsolutions@nedgroupinvestments.com)

**London:** 7th Floor, 12 Arthur Street, EC4R 9AB, +44 (0) 7960 901396

## Disclaimer

This is a marketing communication. Please refer to the prospectus, the key investor information documents (the **KIIDs/PRIIPS KIDs**) and the financial statements of Nedgroup Investments Funds 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), where the prospectus is available in English and the KIIDs/KIDs in English and the official languages of each country of registration.

This document is of a general nature and for information purposes only, it is not intended for distribution to any person or entity who is a citizen or resident of any country or other jurisdiction where such distribution, publication or use would be contrary to law or regulation. Whilst the Investment Manager has taken all reasonable steps to ensure that this document is accurate and current at the time of publication, we shall accept no responsibility or liability for any inaccuracies, errors or omissions relating to the information and topics covered in this document.

The Fund is authorised and regulated in Ireland by the Central Bank of Ireland. The Fund is authorised as a UCITS pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 as amended and as may be amended, supplemented, or consolidated from time -to-time and any rules, guidance or notices made by the Central Bank which are applicable to the Fund. The Fund is domiciled in Ireland. Nedgroup Investment (IOM) Limited (reg no 57917C), the Investment Manager and Distributor of the Fund, is licensed by the Isle of Man Financial Services Authority. The Depositary of the Fund is Citi Depositary Services Ireland DAC, 1 North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, Ireland. The Administrator of the Fund is Citibank Europe plc, 1 North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, Ireland.

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 price of shares may go down or up depending on fluctuations in financial markets outside of the control of the Investment Manager meaning an investor may not get back the amount invested.

Past performance is not indicative of future performance and does not predict future returns.

Risks and fees are outlined in the relevant Sub-Fund supplement.

Prices are published on the Investment Manager's website.

**Distribution:** The prospectus, the supplements, the KIIDs/PRIIPS KIDs, constitution, country specific appendix as well as the annual and semi-annual reports may be obtained free of charge in English for the prospectus and in English together with the relevant local languages for the KIIDs/KIDs from the country representative, the Investment Manager, or at [www.nedgroupinvestments.com](http://www.nedgroupinvestments.com). The Investment Manager may decide to terminate the arrangements made for the marketing of its collective investment undertakings in accordance with Art 93a of Directive 2009/65/EC and Art 32a of Directive 2011/61/EU.

**Switzerland:** The Representative is Acolin Fund Services AG, Maintower, Thurgauerstrasse 36/38, 8050 Zurich, Switzerland, whilst the Paying agent is Banque Heritage SA, Route de Chêne 61, CH-1211 Geneva 6. Nedgroup Investments (IOM) Limited is affiliated to the Swiss ombudsman: Verein Ombudsstelle Finanzdienstleister (OFD), Bleicherweg 10, CH-8002 Zurich.

**Germany:** The Fund's Facilities agent in Germany is Acolin Europe AG, with the registered office at Line-Eid-Strasse 6, 78467 Konstanz. The Prospectus (in English) and the PRIIPS KID (in German), may be obtained free of charge at the registered office of the Facilities agent, or electronically by Email via [facilityagent@acolin.com](mailto:facilityagent@acolin.com), or by using the contact form at <https://acolin.com/services/facilities-agency-services>.

**U.K:** Nedgroup Investments (UK) Limited (reg no 2627187), authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, is the facilities agent. The Fund and certain of its sub-funds are recognised in accordance with Section 264 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

**Isle of Man:** The Fund has been recognised under para 1 sch 4 of the Collective Investments Schemes Act 2008 of the Isle of Man. Isle of Man investors are not protected by statutory compensation arrangements in respect of the Fund.