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# Dollar Global Equity Plus Fund



## FUND DETAILS:

Inception Date	19-Jul-21	Latest NAVPU	0.949070
Fund Manager	Allianz Global Investors (AGI)	Initial NAVPU	1.000000
Fund Currency	USD	Highest NAVPU (11.10.2021)	1.028948
Fund Size	USD 35.68 Million	Lowest NAVPU (10.14.2022)	0.661560
Management Fee	2.00% p.a.	Pricing / Valuation	Daily

## Risk Classification

The Fund is suitable for investors with a moderately aggressive profile or for those who take medium to long - term views. As a marked - to-market Fund, its net asset value and total return may fall or rise as a result of interest rate movements and stock price movements. On redemption of units, a policyholder may receive an amount less than the original amount invested. Prior to investment in the Fund, the policyholder shall undergo a client suitability assessment procedure to determine whether the Fund is appropriate for him considering his investment objective, risk tolerance, preferences and experience.

## Market Commentary

Global equities advanced over May. US stocks led the rally, boosted by a jump in Technology companies, particularly a graphics processing units manufacturer which blew past earnings' forecasts. In contrast, Japanese and UK shares rose only modestly, while the MSCI Emerging Markets Index was pressured by weak returns from Brazil and Mexico, among others. At a sector level, Information Technology rallied the most, with Communication Services and Utilities also areas of notable strength. Meanwhile, Energy was the only sector in the MSCI All Countries World Index to fall over the month.

In the US, US Federal Reserve (Fed) Chair Jerome Powell signalled that investors would need to be "patient and let restrictive policy do its work" in reducing inflation. However, he also confirmed that the likelihood of a further increase in rates was "very small". In the eurozone, the European Central Bank (ECB) initiated its first rate cut in June, despite higher-than-expected wage growth. Hopes that the Bank of England (BoE) would also cut rates in June were dashed when UK inflation fell less than forecast and the government unexpectedly called a general election, to be held on 4 July.

The British pound strengthened, reaching a 21-month high against the euro, as fading hopes of a UK rate cut in June contrasted with a growing belief that the ECB would reduce borrowing costs at its next meeting. Nevertheless, the euro gained ground against both the US dollar and the Japanese yen. In the commodity markets, oil prices eased, touching their lowest level since March on fears of a looming supply glut. Conversely, metals prices moved higher. Gold touched a fresh high of USD 2,450 a troy ounce, while copper topped USD 11,000 a ton for the first

time on record, as concerns over curtailed supply added to expectations of a pick-up in demand.

## Market Outlook

After the upside surprise in US inflation and solid jobs and economic growth announced in April, the May data showed signs of moderation. Inflation slowed marginally, jobs growth was the lowest since November 2023 and US gross domestic product (GDP) for Q1 was revised down to 1.3% on an annualised basis. The US composite purchasing managers' index (PMI) did however rise to its highest level for two years, helped by accelerating activity in both manufacturing and services. Rates were kept on hold and the Fed again signalled that interest rate cuts should not be expected until towards the end of the year. Fed Chair Jerome Powell also stressed that an increase in rates was a low probability.

In contrast to the US, inflation numbers for Europe were higher than expected, dashing hopes of a June rate cut by BoE, although the ECB has deviated from convention, moving before the Fed and initiating its first cut in June. Economic data for the eurozone continued to show signs of improvement as the composite eurozone PMI advanced to its highest level in a year. Different growth and inflation backdrops will grant central banks varying leeway to adjust their policy stance, with those economies that have already suffered negative or below-potential growth and are further along in the cyclical disinflation process having a much more favourable starting point. It is likely that monetary policy across industrialised countries will deviate more widely in the coming quarters.

Company earnings have been mostly positive or improving in the recent earnings season with the MSCI AC Index earnings numbers showing growth after a period of contraction. Estimates for 2024 and 2025 are also improving. Our portfolio companies have generally performed well, but with valuations at or slightly above long-term averages, any slight concern or small numbers miss has led to a significant share price reaction. While overall valuations have risen, we believe generally they are reasonable, assuming H2 is as strong as indicated. This has been a clear theme from our companies as they report: emphasis on H2 as a pivot point for growth. We share the optimism of many of our management teams for the year ahead, believing earnings visibility will be key and the portfolio holdings can demonstrate the underlying profit growth that they are renowned for.

## AGI RISK AND REWARD INDICATOR



## Investment Objective

To achieve long-term capital growth by investing in global equity markets, striving to build a concentrated portfolio with a focus on stock selection

- The Fund is exposed to significant risks which include investment/general market, company-specific, creditworthiness/credit rating/ downgrading, default, currency, valuation, asset allocation, country and region, emerging market risks.
- The Fund is also exposed to risks relating to securities lending transactions, repurchase agreements and reverse repurchase agreements.
- The Fund may invest in financial derivative instruments ("FDI") for efficient portfolio management (including for hedging) which may expose to higher leverage, counterparty, liquidity, valuation, volatility, market and over the counter transaction risks. The Fund will not invest extensively in FDI for investment purpose.
- This investment may involve risks that could result in loss of part or entire amount of investors' investment.
- In making investment decisions, investors should not rely solely on this material.

## Performance Overview

Performance History	Year To Date	1 Year (YoY)	3 Years (YoY)	5 Years (YoY)	Since Inception
Absolute	-1.03%	13.91%	N/A	N/A	-5.09%
Annualized	N/A	13.91%	N/A	N/A	-1.81%

## NAVPU Since Inception

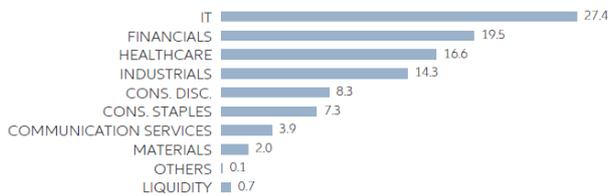


## Portfolio Analysis

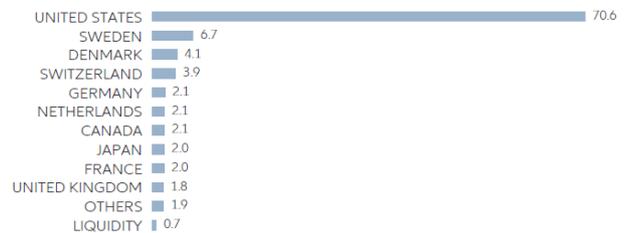
### Asset Allocation



### Sector Allocation (%)



### Country/Location Allocation (%)



Top 10 Holdings <sup>3</sup>	Sector	%
ASSA ABLOY AB-B	INDUSTRIALS	4.4
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC	HEALTHCARE	4.2
CORPAY INC	FINANCIALS	4.2
AMAZON.COM INC	CONS. DISC.	4.2
VISA INC-CLASS A SHARES	FINANCIALS	4.2
S&P GLOBAL INC	FINANCIALS	4.2
ROPER TECHNOLOGIES INC	IT	4.1
NOVO NORDISK A/S-B	HEALTHCARE	4.1
MICROCHIP TECHNOLOGY INC	IT	4.0
THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC INC	HEALTHCARE	4.0
<b>Total</b>		<b>41.6</b>

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### RISKS

- Equities and other equities securities (ie. covered call, short-call option), high-yield bonds and convertible bonds may be subject to volatility and loss risks. The volatility of the fund unit price may be strongly increased.
- Underperformance of the global capital markets possible
- Currency losses possible against investor currency in unit classes not hedged
- Flexible investment policy is no guarantee that losses will be excluded
- Success of single security analysis and active management not guaranteed