

March 2025

United Global Durable Equities Fund



Why Invest?

- **Managed with an absolute return mindset:** The strategy of the United Global Durable Equities Fund – SGD Acc (the “Fund”) is to seek total return by investing in companies with stable and resilient earnings, irrespective of the broader economic environment.
- **Company with excellent management skills:** The Fund also looks into the universe of “unconventional” durable companies, where the investee company’s management teams are able to enhance the probability of long-term success and ultimately shareholder value.
- **Good Diversification:** We believe our investment process is likely to generate a diversified portfolio of unconventional and stable companies, that have low overlap characteristics with growth, value, or traditional high-quality equities. Hence provides good diversification relative to more traditional global equity allocations.
- **Long-term value creation:** The largest sector exposures of the Fund were Financials and Industrials and we were least exposed to Materials and Utilities. From a regional perspective, our largest exposure is in North America, and least exposed to Developed Asia Pacific ex-Japan.

March 2025 Portfolio Performance

The United Global Durable Equities Fund – SGD Acc	-1.23 per cent ¹
Benchmark: MSCI AC World Index	-4.29 per cent

Source: Morningstar, Performance from 28 February 2025 to 31 March 2025 in SGD terms

¹ Fund performance is on a Net Asset Value (“NAV”) basis, with dividends and distributions reinvested (if any).

Performance Review

The portfolio delivered negative returns in March 2025. Information technology and industrials were the bottom contributing sectors, while healthcare and utilities were the top contributing sectors. At the issuer level, our top two absolute contributors were **HCA Healthcare Inc.** (HCA Healthcare) and **Molina Healthcare Inc.**. In contrast, our top two absolute detractors were **Constellation Software Inc.** (Constellation Software) and **US Foods Holdings Corp.**

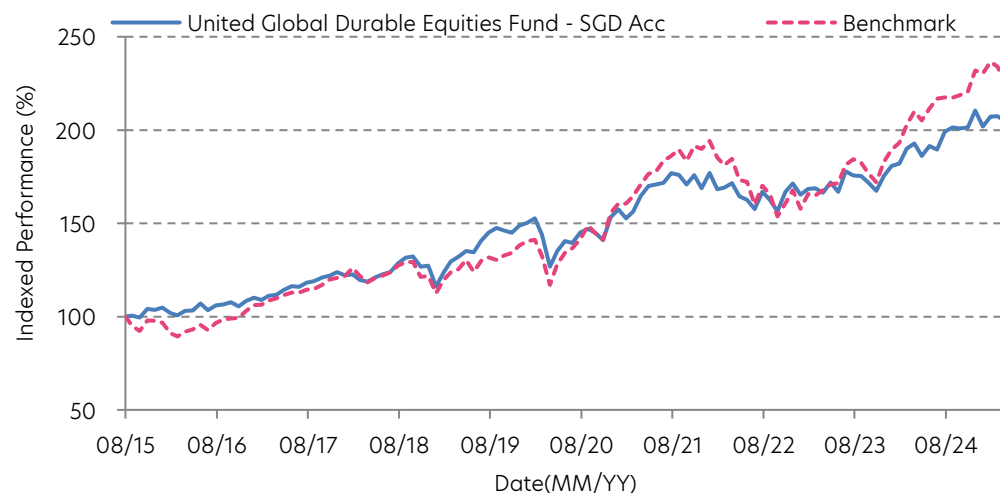
Shares of HCA Healthcare rose in March 2025. Management gave a positive business update at Oppenheimer’s Healthcare Conference, reiterating 2024’s strong performance that drove optimistic 2025 volume and enrollment growth guidance. Management also stressed the company’s proven resiliency plan with respect to facing potential challenges from the Trump administration. The company was also recognised for excellence in patient safety.

Shares of Constellation Software fell in March 2025. The Canadian diversified software company announced fourth-quarter (Q4) results above consensus estimates. Constellation Software reported a 16 per cent increase in revenue and a 102 per cent growth in net income year-on-year (y/y) for Q4². However, the company’s share price fell in tandem with the broader market, influenced by geopolitical tensions and uncertainties surrounding tariffs.

² Constellation Software, Press Release, “Constellation Software Inc. Announces Results for the Fourth Quarter and Year Ended December 31, 2024 and Declares Quarterly Dividend”, 7 March 2025.

Performance (Class SGD Acc)

Fund Performance Since Inception³ in Base Currency



Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

Fund performance is calculated on a NAV to NAV basis.

Benchmark: MSCI AC World Index.

Source: Morningstar. Performance as at 31 March 2025, SGD basis, with dividends and distributions reinvested, if any.

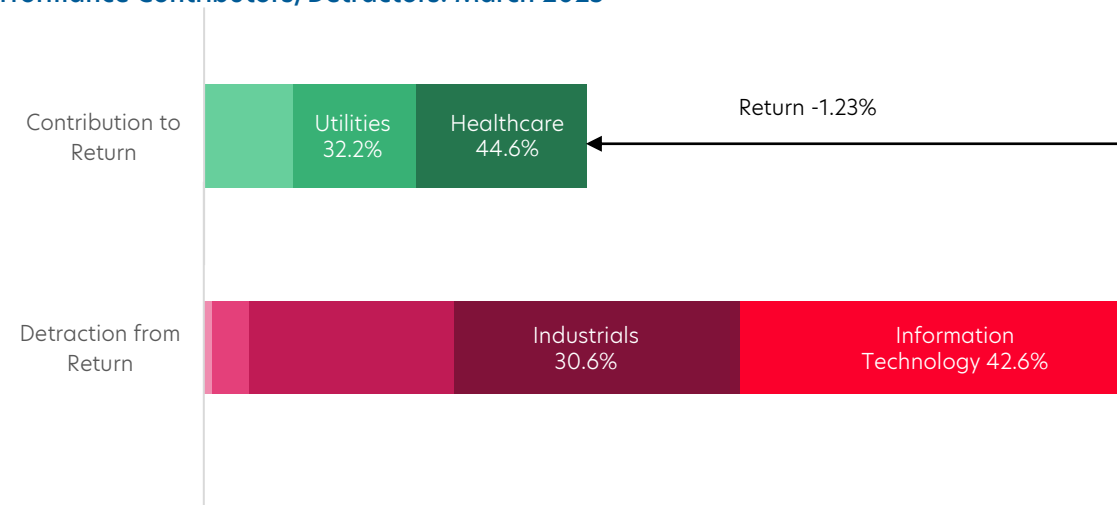
³ The United Global Durable Equities Fund- SGD Acc (ISIN Code: SG9999014005) was inceptioned on 5 August 2015.

All statistics quoted in the write-up are sourced from Bloomberg as at 31 March 2025 unless otherwise stated.

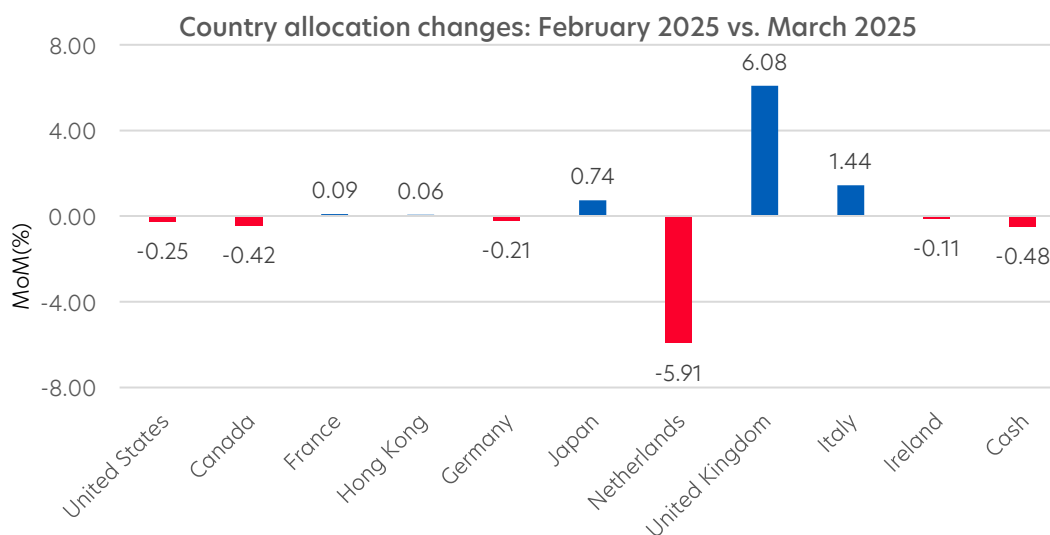
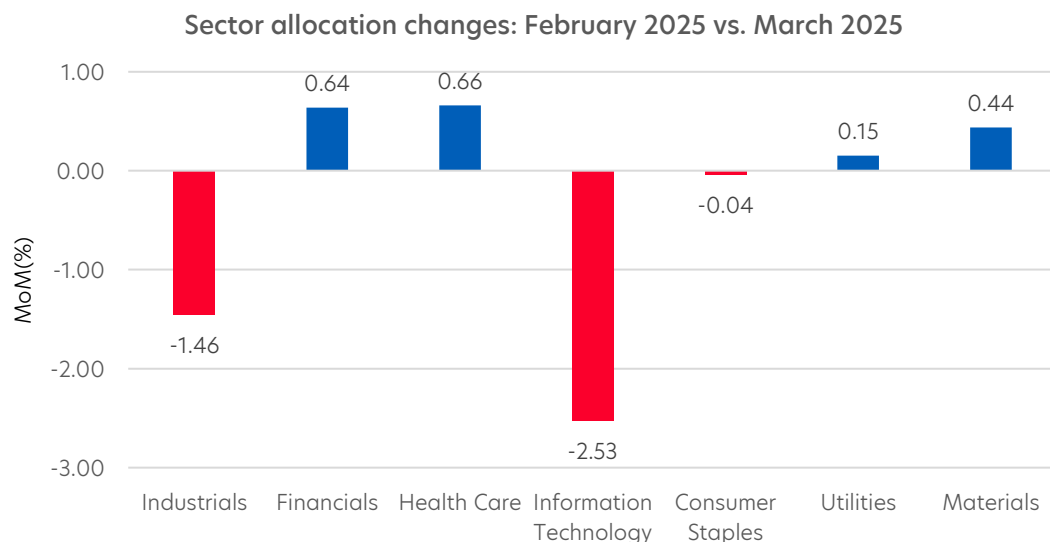
	Cumulative Performance (%)	Annualised Performance (%)			
	1 month	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
Fund NAV to NAV	-1.23	6.24	6.09	10.07	7.71
Fund (Charges applied [^])	-6.17	0.93	4.29	8.95	7.14
Benchmark	-4.29	6.71	6.67	13.86	8.71

Source: Morningstar. Performance as at 31 March 2025, SGD basis, with dividends and distributions reinvested, if any. Performance figures for 1 month till 1 year show the per cent change, while performance figures above 1 year show the average annual compounded returns. Benchmark: MSCI AC World Index. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. [^]Includes the effect of the current subscription fee that is charged, which an investor might or might not pay.

Performance Contributors/Detractors: March 2025



Portfolio Changes



Portfolio Review

Analyst Insights

Purchases - Our purchase criteria include, amongst others, considerations such as 1) the potential for stable cash flows that are likely to demonstrate resiliency across the business cycle, 2) the potential for value creation primarily through the sensible use of free cash flow, and 3) moderate valuation that may allow for attractive risk-adjusted returns over time. We had one portfolio addition in March 2025. **Transunion** is a global provider of information solutions for credit decisions and complementary data solutions for various verticals. The company operates in a three-player oligopoly with high barriers to entry, high switching costs, and low customer price sensitivity. Organic revenue growth is typically 8-10 per cent with high margins and improving Return On Invested Capital (ROIC). Management is focused on deleveraging the business and increasing capital returns.

Sales - Our considerations for selling stocks, amongst others, are when 1) cash flows are less stable than we predicted, 2) stock valuation rises such that risk-adjusted returns no longer fall within our target range, or 3) some combination of lower stability and higher valuation. We sold two portfolio positions in March 2025. We eliminated positions in BWX Technologies Inc. (a speciality manufacturer of nuclear components) and Motorola Solutions Inc. (a provider of public safety communications equipment). Decent fundamental performance drove valuations to levels we now worry are unsustainably high.

At the end of March 2025, our largest exposures were Financials and Industrials, and we were least exposed to Materials and Utilities. We had no exposure to Consumer Discretionary, Communication Services, and Energy. From a regional perspective, our largest exposures were North America and the Developed Europe Union & Middle East, excluding the UK, and we were least exposed to Developed Asia Pacific ex-Japan.

Market Review

Global equities fell in March 2025. Markets were rattled by US foreign policy, which threatened to upend supply chains and global trade and fuelled a deterioration in sentiment indicators, along with fears of recession and stagflation. Uncertainty about the scope and magnitude of US tariffs and their impact on inflation and global economic growth caused volatility to spike, enhancing the appeal of perceived safe-haven assets like gold. The spot price of gold soared to new highs, topping US\$3,000 per ounce for the first time. US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent outlined an ambitious vision to reduce the US deficit to 3 per cent – 3.5 per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 2028 while avoiding a recession. The plan aims to shift more growth back into the private sector through a combination of deregulation and affordable energy.

The European Central Bank and Bank of Canada lowered interest rates by a quarter of a percentage point in March 2025, while policy rates in the US, England, and Japan remained unchanged. Germany’s new coalition government announced monumental and unprecedented spending plans to address economic growth and defence needs, with spending likely to eventually exceed €1 trillion, 50 per cent larger than the COVID-19 package for the entire European Union. China announced plans to bolster consumption and the economy.

Investment Objective

The investment objective of the United Global Durable Equities Fund is to seek total return consisting of capital appreciation and income over the long term by investing primarily in equity and equity related securities of companies listed and traded on stock exchanges globally.

Fund Information

Morningstar Rating	Base Currency	Fund Size	Sub-Manager
★★★	SGD	SGD 229.13 mil	Wellington

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