

# ASX Announcement



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## December 2020 – Investment performance update

Navigator Global Investments Limited ('NGI' or 'the Company') provides the following update:

### **Highlights**

- Strong investment performance for December 2020 quarter
- Higher than normal performance fee revenue to be recognised in December, expected to add approximately \$4.5 million to EBITDA for the half

## December 2020 performance estimates for select Lighthouse Commingled Funds:

	December 2020 (1 month)	1 year	3 year	5 year	3 year volatility
Lighthouse Commingled Fund					
Lighthouse Diversified Fund Limited Class A	5.69%	0.42%	1.32%	2.02%	11.86%
Lighthouse Global Long/Short Fund Limited Class A	6.10%	22.36%	8.48%	6.18%	7.91%
Benchmarks					
S&P 500 TR Index	3.85%	18.40%	14.18%	15.22%	18.80%
MSCI AC World Daily TR Gross USD	4.68%	16.82%	10.64%	12.86%	18.37%
Barclays US Agg Gov/Credit Total Return Value Unhedged USD	0.09%	8.93%	5.97%	4.98%	4.10%
91-Day Treasury Bill	0.01%	0.66%	1.60%	1.20%	0.28%
Hedge Fund Research HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index	2.45%	6.81%	2.67%	3.29%	6.02%

Please refer to the notes on the final page of the release for Important information regarding the above performance data.

The Group is still in the process of finalising assets under management (**AUM**), and expects to provide the usual quarterly update regarding AUM at the end of this week.

The strong investment performance, particularly over the latter half of the December 2020 quarter, has resulted in the NGI Group (**Group**) earning significant performance fee revenue in the six months to 31 December 2020.

Given the uncertainty associated with estimating performance fees, the FY21 EBITDA guidance released by the Company on 14 October 2020 included only a relatively small estimate for performance fee revenue, based on the Group's long-term historical norm. This release noted the inherent uncertainty in being able to reliably estimate future performance fees.

The exact amount of fees to be recognised is yet to be finalised, pending the completion of normal valuation and accounting processes for the underlying assets. Our preliminary estimate is that with the additional performance fees will add approximately \$4.5 million to EBITDA for the half year.

NGI continues to finalise the Group's financial results for the six months to 31 December 2020, and expects to report these results on 18 February 2021.

## Update on the portfolio acquisition approved by shareholders

The transaction to acquire the portfolio of minority investment holdings approved by shareholders at the November 2020 AGM is proceeding well towards settlement. We expect the transaction to close before the end of January.

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### Important information

Performance may vary among different share classes or series within a Fund. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

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December 2020 returns for the Lighthouse Funds, and consequently, the other figures appearing in this document that include these returns in their computation, are estimated and subject to revision near the 20<sup>th</sup> business day of the month and upon final audit. The performance data represents the returns for each of the respective Lighthouse Funds, or any related predecessor Fund, net of all fees and expenses, including reinvestment of earnings. Results include reinvestment of all income and capital gains. Performance shown for periods over one year has been annualised. 2020 performance is not audited and is subject to revision. The performance data for the selected Class A shares of the above Lighthouse Funds is presented as a representative proxy for the two main investment strategies of AUM invested in Lighthouse Funds. Returns may vary between different Funds of a similar strategy, as well as between share classes or series within the same Fund.

The indices included are unmanaged and have no fees or expenses. An investment cannot be made directly in an index. The Lighthouse Funds consist of securities which vary significantly to those in the indices. Accordingly, comparing results shown to those of such indices may be of limited use.

**S&P 500 TR Index:** This index includes 500 leading companies in leading industries of the US economy. Although the S&P500® focuses on the large-cap segment of the market, with approximately 75% of coverage of US equities, it is also an ideal proxy for the total market. S&P 500 is part of a series of S&P US indices that can be used as building blocks for portfolio construction.

**MSCI AC World Daily TR Gross USD:** A free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The MSCI ACWI consists of 45 country indices comprising 24 developed and 21 emerging market country indices.

Barclays US Agg Gov/Credit Total Return Value Unhedged USD: An unmanaged market-weighted index, comprised of government and investment grade corporate debt instruments with maturities of one year or greater.

**91-Day Treasury Bill:** A short-term debt obligation backed by the US government with a maturity of 91 days. T-bills are sold in denominations of USD1,000 up to a maximum purchase of USD5 million and commonly have maturities of one month (28 days), three months (91 days), six months (182 days), or 1 year (364 days).

Hedge Fund Research HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index: This HFRX Global Hedge Fund Index is designed to be representative of the overall composition of the hedge fund universe. It is comprised of all eligible hedge fund strategies; including but not limited to convertible arbitrage, distressed securities, equity hedge, equity market neutral, event driven, macro, merger arbitrage, and relative value arbitrage. The strategies are asset weighted based on the distribution of assets in the hedge fund industry.