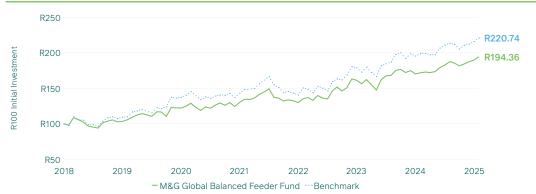


# **M&G Global Balanced Feeder Fund**

**July 2025** 

#### Since inception cumulative performance, distributions reinvested (A class)



Annualised performance	A class	Benchmark	B class
1 year	13.2%	11.1%	13.7%
3 years	12.9%	13.7%	13.3%
5 years	9.3%	9.5%	9.6%
7 years	10.3%	12.4%	10.5%
Since inception	9.8%	11.8%	-

Returns since inception <sup>1</sup>	A class	Date
Highest annualised return	24.4%	31 Jan 2020
Lowest annualised return	-9.6%	31 Dec 2022

#### Top holdings of the underlying fund as at 30 Jun 2025

1.	US Treasury Bill 280825	10.1%
2.	US Ultra Long T-Bond Future 0925	3.0%
3.	US Treasury Bond 2.25% 150252	2.5%
4.	Euro-Buxl 30Yr Bond Future 0925	2.4%
5.	United Kingdom Gilt Bond 3.75% 221053	2.0%
6.	US Dollar Cash	1.9%
7.	Apple Inc	1.7%
8.	Brazilian Government Bond 10.00% 010135	1.4%
9.	Microsoft Corp	1.3%
10.	US 2 Year Treasury Note Future 0925	1.2%

Risk measures	A class	Benchmark
Monthly volatility (annualised)	12.9%	13.0%
Maximum drawdown over any period	-13.5%	-15.6%
% of positive rolling 12 months	93.2%	91.9%
Information ratio	-0.2	n/a
Sortino ratio	0.7	0.8
Sharpe ratio	0.4	0.5

#### Asset allocation as at 31 Jul 2025



#### A Class **B** Class Investment options R10 000 Minimum lump sum investment R20 million R500 pm Minimum monthly debit order n/a A Class Annual Management Fees (excl. VAT) **B** Class M&G<sup>2</sup> 0.50% 0.20% Expenses (incl. VAT) A Class **B** Class Total Expense Ratio (TER) 1.49% 1.15% 0.11% 0.11% Transaction Costs (TC)3 Total Investment Charges (TIC) 1.60% 1.26%



#### **Fund facts**

Risk profile

#### Fund objective

The Fund's objective is to provide investors with capital growth over the long-term by investing in a diversified portfolio of global assets.

#### Investor profile

Investors seeking long-term capital growth from a diversified portfolio of global assets. The recommended investment horizon is 5 years or longer. Although the Fund's investment universe is global, units are priced in rands. Investors can therefore invest without having to personally expatriate rands.

#### Investment mandate

The Fund is a feeder fund and, other than assets in liquid form and currency contracts, invests only in one underlying fund - the M&G Global Balanced Fund, a US dollar denominated fund domiciled in Ireland. Through this underlying fund, the Fund has exposure to a diversified portfolio that may include equity and property securities, cash, bonds. currencies and commodities. The Fund may invest up to 75% in equity securities (excluding property) and up to 25% in property securities.

#### Investment manager of the underlying fund

M&G Investment Management Ltd (UK)

### Fund managers of the underlying fund

Craig Simpson Aaron Powell

#### ASISA category

Global - Multi-Asset - High Equity

#### Benchmark

65% MSCI All Country World Index TR (Net), 5% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global REIT Index, 25% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index,5% US 1m Treasury Bill

## Inception date

28 June 2018

#### Fund size

R2 183 723 381

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  12-month rolling performance figure  $^2$  Additional underlying foreign fund fees are dependent on the fund and are included in

 $<sup>^3</sup>$  Where a transaction cost is not readily available, a reasonable best estimate has been used. Estimated transaction costs may include Bond, Money Market, and FX costs used. Estimated tra (where applicable).



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## **M&G Global Balanced Feeder Fund**

Global Multi-asset ZAR-denominated

**July 2025** 

Sources: M&G and Morningstar

Income Distributions <sup>4</sup>	A Class	B Class
	Total 12m yield	Total 12m yield
30 June 2025	0.00 cpu 0.00%	0.00 cpu 0.00%
31 December 2024	0.00 cpu 0.00%	0.00 cpu 0.00%

#### **Fund commentary**

Global equity markets posted strong gains in July, driven by a resurgent US, as the second quarter company earnings season got off to a solid start and a number of trade deals came through. The US dollar staged an impressive rebound in the month, as tariff announcements and trade deals continued to dominate headlines. Meanwhile, developed market government bonds came under pressure in July. In the US, decent economic data, persistent inflation (the US Federal Reserve's preferred core PCE release for June came in at +0.3% month-onmonth), and a hawkish tone from the Fed, put pressure on yields. The FOMC's end-of-month rate announcement saw the Fed holding rates steady, in line with market expectations. However, two governors voted for a rate cut marking the first "dual dissent" in over 30 years. Fed Chair Jerome Powell's stance on interest rates faced renewed scrutiny amid speculation that the president might dismiss him. Other major central banks, including the Bank of Japan and the European Central Bank, also kept rates unchanged, as widely anticipated. US consumer price inflation rose 2.7% year-on-year in June versus 2.4% y/y in May, with some market commentators saying this could be the start of tariff-induced price increases. In the UK, the FTSE 100 hit a record high in July and is up over 20% this year (in US\$). UK CPI rose to 4.1% y/y in June, up slightly from 4.0% in May. Turning to the Eurozone, the US-EU trade agreement reached late in July introduced a 15% tariff cap on EU goods, removing fears of steeper tariff escalation and triggering a rebound across European equity markets.

Chinese equities rallied in July, fuelled by a rebound in tech and EV names, better-than-expected macro data, and renewed investor confidence. In Japan, the US-Japan trade deal lifted sentiment. Tariffs on Japanese auto imports were reduced from 25% to 15%, accompanied by \$550 billion in Japanese investment into the US. Looking at global market returns in July (in US\$), the MSCI All Country World Index delivered 1.4%, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index returned -1.5%, while the FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global REIT Index posted -0.7%. The rand weakened 1.8% against the US dollar, but strengthened 0.8% against the euro and 1.7% against the pound sterling.

The core portfolio that uses machine learning techniques to identify stock picking opportunities had a positive effect on relative performance, while our tactical positions detracted marginally. The core portfolio's positioning continued to benefit from the prevailing 'risk-on' sentiment. Style, country, and sector exposures generally supported performance. However, strong style-based gains were offset by negative contributions from specific securities. In terms of our tactical positions, the fund has a preference for markets outside the US. US equities remain expensive versus the rest of the world and Treasury bonds in our view, on valuation measures such as earnings yield. As US equities outperformed non-US equities in the month, this detracted from relative performance. Tactical positions in Latin American equities also held back relative returns. Conversely, our holding in an MSCI Turkey ETF added value. Overall fixed income exposure detracted marginally from relative performance, which was due to tactical positions. In terms of the core portfolio, July was a month of incremental adjustments rather than any major shifts in positioning. The narrative evolved slightly toward month-end, with tariff resolutions prompting a reversal in USD weakness. This benefited our GBP short positioning but weighed on emerging market exposures, which gave back some earlier gains. Overall, the portfolio's performance was relatively flat - dipping mid-month before recovering slightly on the back of gilt strength. Markets remained relatively stable in July, with no significant changes to our core rates views. We continued to favour long duration exposures in fiscally stronger markets, maintaining overweights in New Zealand and Norway. Our largest underweights remain in lower-yielding, higher-debt markets such as Japan and China. In terms of our tactical positions, holdings in UK gilts and Brazilian government bonds were the main detractors from relative performance. UK gilt yields rose against a backdrop of persistently high inf

#### Glossary

12-month yield	A measure of the Fund's income distributions as a percentage of the Fund's net asset value (NAV). This is calculated by summing the income distributions over a rolling 12-month period, then dividing by the sum of the NAV at the end of the period and any capital gains distributed over the same period.
Annualised performance	The average amount of money (total return) earned by an investment each year over a given time period. For periods longer than one year, total returns are expressed as compounded average returns on a yearly basis.
Cumulative performance graph	This illustrates how an initial investment of R100 or N\$100 (for example) placed into the Fund would change over time, taking ongoing fees into account, with all distributions reinvested.
Income distribution	The dividend income and/or interest income that is generated by the underlying Fund investments and that is periodically declared and distributed to investors in the Fund after all annual service fees.
Information ratio	Measures the Fund's active return (Fund return in excess of the benchmark) divided by the amount of risk that the manager takes relative to the benchmark. The higher the information ratio, the higher the active return of the Fund, given the amount of risk taken and the more consistent the manager. This is calculated over a 3-year period.
Maximum drawdown	The largest drop in the Fund's cumulative total return from peak to trough over any period.
Monthly volatility (annualised)	Also known as standard deviation. This measures the amount of variation or difference in the monthly returns on an investment. The larger the annualised monthly volatility, the more the monthly returns are likely to vary from the average monthly return (i.e. the more volatile the investment).
Percentage of positive rolling 12 months	The percentage of months, since inception, that the Fund has shown a positive return over a rolling 12-month period.
Sharpe ratio	The Sharpe ratio is used to measure how well the return of an asset compensates the investor for the risk taken. The higher the Sharpe ratio the better the Fund's historical risk-adjusted performance has been. This is calculated by taking the difference between the Fund's annualised return and the risk-free (cash) rate, divided by the standard deviation of the Fund's returns. This is calculated over a 3-year period.
Sortino ratio	This is calculated by taking the difference between the Fund's annualised return and the risk-free (cash) rate, divided by the downside deviation of the Fund's returns i.e. the "bad" volatility. A high Sortino ratio indicates a low risk of large losses occurring in the Fund. This is calculated over a 3-year period.
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	This shows the charges, levies and fees relating to the management of the portfolio and is expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value of the portfolio, calculated for the year to the end of the most recent completed quarter. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TERs.
Transaction Costs (TC)	The percentage of the value of the Fund incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the Fund's underlying assets.  Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Fund and impacts Fund returns. It should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of Fund, investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.
Total Investment Charges (TIC)	The percentage of the value of the Fund incurred as costs, relating to the investment of the Fund. As fund returns are reported after deducting all fees and expenses, these costs (the TER, TC & TIC) should not be deducted from the fund returns.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> If the income earned in the form of dividends and interest exceeds the total expenses, the Fund will make a distribution (cpu = cents per unit).

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