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

Global Multi-asset ZAR-denominated

August 2025

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



Annualised performance	A class	Benchmark	B class
1 year	13.2%	11.0%	13.8%
3 years	12.6%	14.1%	13.1%
5 years	8.7%	8.7%	9.0%
7 years	8.8%	10.5%	9.0%
Since inception	9.8%	11.7%	-

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

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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%

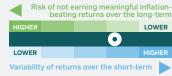
Risk measures	A class	Benchmark
Monthly volatility (annualised)	12.9%	12.9%
Maximum drawdown over any period	-13.5%	-15.6%
% of positive rolling 12 months	93.3%	92.0%
Information ratio	-0.4	n/a
Sortino ratio	0.7	1.0
Sharpe ratio	0.4	0.5

## Asset allocation as at 31 Aug 2025



Investment options	A Class	<b>B</b> Class
Minimum lump sum investment	R10 000	R20 million
Minimum monthly debit order	R500 pm	n/a
Annual Management Fees (excl. VAT)	A Class	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%
Transaction Costs (TC) <sup>3</sup>	0.11%	0.11%
Total Investment Charges (TIC)	1.60%	1.26%

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# **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 202 982 931

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 (where applicable).



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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

Despite a shaky start to the month in response to data showing a marked slowdown in the US labour market, global stockmarkets generally posted gains in August, helped by growing expectations that the US Federal Reserve ("Fed") will cut interest rates in September. Developed market government bonds recorded mixed fortunes, with US Treasuries outpacing UK gilts and German bunds. US Equities had a positive month, with the S&P 500 recording its fourth consecutive monthly gain. The rally was underpinned by Fed Chair Jerome Powell's dovish remarks at Jackson Hole, suggesting a possible rate cut due to easing inflation and cooling labour market data. US CPI printed at 2.7% y/y in July, while US GDP growth was reported at an annualised 3.3% for Q2 2025, following a 0.5% decline in Q1. In the UK, the Bank of England cut interest rates by 25 bps, delivered through a split vote among policymakers. The UK economy grew by 0.3% in the second quarter, down from 0.7% growth in the first. Meanwhile, UK CPI came in at 4.2% y/y in July. Turning to the Eurozone, annual inflation held steady at 2.0%, while GDP growth was muted at just 0.1% for Q2 2025. Market sentiment received some support from hopes that a new US-EU trade agreement might provide stability for the region.

China's economy showed surprising resilience in the face of ongoing tariff pressure. GDP growth was reported at 5.2% y/y in the second quarter, slightly below the first quarter's pace but ahead of market expectations. The Shanghai Composite posted a strong gain in August on the back of improving sentiment and expectations of policy support. Japanese shares were lifted by domestic optimism and foreign investors diversifying away from other markets. After a surprise GDP contraction in the first quarter, Japan's economy grew by 0.3% in the second quarter, helped by resilient exports and a new trade deal with the US. Core inflation slowed to 3.1% y/y in July. Looking at global market returns in August (in US\$), the MSCI All Country World Index delivered 2.5%, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index returned 1.5%, while the FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global REIT Index posted 4.2%. The rand strengthened 2.2% against the US dollar and 0.2% against the pound sterling, but was flat against the euro.

Overall equity exposure contributed to relative performance in August, which was mainly attributable to the core portfolio that uses machine learning techniques to identify stock picking opportunities. Tactical positions had a smaller positive effect. The core portfolio positioning benefitted from favourable style and stock selection effects, continuing to gain from the prevailing 'risk-on' sentiment, with sentiment and residual volatility being notably strong performers. In terms of our tactical positions, the fund has a preference for markets outside the US. Tactical positions in Latin American equities (Brazil performed very strongly) and a World ex US ETF aided relative returns. Conversely, the South Korean stockmarket gave up some of its recent strong gains and our holding hurt relative returns. Overall fixed income exposure detracted from relative performance, which was due to tactical positions. In terms of the core portfolio, there was no significant changes to our core rates views. We continued to favour long duration exposures in fiscally stronger markets, maintaining overweights in New Zealand, Australia and Norway. Our largest underweights remain in lower-yielding, higher-debt markets such as Japan and China. Global investment-grade spreads continued to grind tighter in August. Our cautious, lower-beta positioning remains intact, and we continue to favour higher-quality names over BBBs. The focus remains on curve positioning - moving out of 2-to-5-year tenors into very short-dated or slightly longer maturities where the curve is steeper and yield pick-up more compelling. Emerging market performance was positive across the board in August. We remain long EM exposure versus the benchmark, almost entirely expressed through local currency positions. We favour Brazil, Mexico, Uruguay and Colombia in Latin America, and Indonesia in Asia. In FX, the funds are long the Japanese yen, Norwegian krone, Australian dollar and New Zealand dollar, with the largest underweights coming from sterling and the Swiss fr

# 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.
Unit Classes	M&G's funds are offered in different unit classes to allow different types of investors (individuals and institutions) to invest in the same fund. Different investment minimums and fees apply to different unit classes.

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X Class: the special fee class that was made available to investors that were invested in the Dividend Income Feeder Fund. T Class: for investors in tax-free unit trusts.

B & D Class; retirement funds and other large institutional investors only.

F Class: for Discretionary Fund Managers.

<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).