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

Global Equity ZAR-denominated

April 2025

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



Annualised performance	A class	Benchmark	B class
1 year	8.2%	10.6%	8.5%
3 years	15.1%	16.4%	15.5%
5 years	13.1%	13.4%	13.4%
7 years	13.5%	15.5%	-
10 years	11.8%	13.5%	-
20 years	11.6%	14.0%	-
Since inception	8.6%	10.1%	-

Returns since inception <sup>1</sup>	A class	Date
Highest annualised return	53.5%	31 Dec 2013
Lowest annualised return	-42.5%	31 Mar 2003

### Top holdings of the underlying fund as at 31 Mar 2025

1.	Apple Inc	3.3%
2.	Microsoft Corp	2.6%
3.	3. Meta Platforms Inc	
4.	NVIDIA Corp	1.9%
5.	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	1.7%
6.	Alphabet Inc	1.7%
7.	Concentrix Corp	1.4%
8.	Sea Ltd	1.3%
9.	Life Time Group Holdings Inc	1.3%
10.	Doordash Inc	1.2%

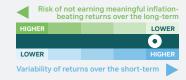
Risk measures	A class	Benchmark	
Monthly volatility (annualised)	17.0%	16.0%	
Maximum drawdown over any period	-46.9%	-49.6%	
% of positive rolling 12 months	77.2%	81.0%	
Information ratio	-0.2	n/a	
Sortino ratio	8.0	1.1	
Sharpe ratio	0.5	0.6	

### Asset allocation as at 30 Apr 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) 1.38% 1.03% 0.25% 0.25% Transaction Costs (TC)3 Total Investment Charges (TIC) 1.63% 1.28%

# Risk profile



### **Fund facts**

### Fund objective

To provide investors with capital growth over the long-term by investing in a diversified portfolio of global equity securities.

### Investor profile

Investors seeking long-term capital growth from global equity securities. The recommended investment horizon is 7 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 Equity Fund.

Quantitative analysis of individual companies, proprietary data analysis and machine learning are used to identify securities for potential inclusion by the fund managers. The Fund has exposure to a diversified portfolio that may include common stocks and shares, depository receipts, REITs, other collective investment schemes and financial derivative instruments.

# Investment manager of the underlying fund

M&G Investment Management Ltd (UK)

# Fund managers of the underlying fund

Gautam Samarth Michael Cook

## **ASISA** category

Global - Equity - General

### Benchmark

MSCI All Country World Index (Net)

# Inception date

18 February 2000

# Fund size

R2 023 810 907

<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	
31 December 2024	0.00 cpu 0.00%	0.00 cpu 0.00%	
30 June 2024	0.00 cpu 0.00%	0.00 cpu 0.00%	

### Fund commentary

April was a seismic month in financial markets, as the announcement of US reciprocal tariffs led to a significant global sell-off. The month started with President Trump's announcement of a set of tariffs that were broader and harsher than expected. The turmoil saw the 30-year Treasury yield surpass 5% intraday, while the VIX index (which measures expected future equity volatility) closed above 50, something only seen at the height of the Global Financial Crisis and during the initial Covid-19 turmoil. Later in the month, calm began to return to markets after President Trump announced a 90-day extension to the reciprocal tariffs, and US officials began to negotiate deals with other countries. Separately, US headline and core inflation rates declined for March, printing below expectations at 2.4% and 2.8% year-over-year respectively. Despite the likelihood of inflation re-accelerating over the next few months, markets are pricing in four US rate cuts by the end of the year. European markets suffered significant declines, primarily driven by escalating global trade tensions and concerns over potential economic slowdown. In the UK, CPI printed at 2.6% y/y in March, down from 2.8% in February. Turning to the Eurozone, the ECB cut interest rates by a quarter of a percentage point, the ECB's seventh rate cut in a year. The ECB estimates that eurozone growth could fall by half a percentage point if the US imposes a 25% tariff on EU imports and the euro area retaliates.

In China, retaliatory tariffs of 34% in a standoff with the US raised concerns about a trade war. Statements from President Trump at the end of April sparked some optimism in Japanese and Asian stock markets as Trump said he had spoken with Chinese President Xi Jinping about a trade deal. China exempted some US products from tariffs but denied direct talks were taking place. Chinese tech giants slumped due to increased regulatory scrutiny. In Japan, the Nikkei 225 remained under pressure due to concerns over rising government bond yields and potential interest rate hikes - the 40-year government bond yield reached an all-time high, raising borrowing cost concerns and creating a cautious atmosphere. Looking at global equity market returns in April (in US\$), emerging markets slightly outperformed developed markets, with the MSCI Emerging Markets Index returning 1.3% and the MSCI World Index delivering 0.9%. Among developed markets, the S&P 500 returned -0.7%, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average delivered -3.1% and the technology-heavy Nasdaq Composite posted 0.9% (in US\$). The UK's FTSE 100 returned 2.8% and Japan's Nikkei 225 delivered 6.1% (in US\$). The rand weakened 1.1% against the US dollar, 6.4% against the euro and 4.6% against the pound sterling.

A key attribute of portfolio construction within the fund is that active country, currency and industry exposures are constrained to ensure that style and idiosyncratic stock risk are the main drivers of active returns. Stock selection gains during April were offset by style exposure headwinds, in particular exposure to higher volatility names. Despite reports of widespread deleveraging activity from several alternative investment managers, we did not find a reason to override our model during the volatility. Our only intervention was to delay rebalancing by three days during the peak of market turbulence. Our overall trading pattern and portfolio exposures remain stable and aligned with our longer-term expectations. Our portfolio weathered the volatility relatively robustly, and while we closely monitored market activity, we remained confident in our underlying model. Rand weakness against the US dollar boosted performance in April.

### Glossary

	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.
	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.
	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.
	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.
	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.
	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.
	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.
	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.
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<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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