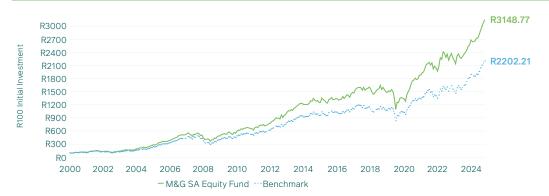


# **M&G SA Equity Fund**

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



Annualised performance	B class	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	F class
1 year	24.0%	22.3%	22.5%
3 years	14.7%	15.6%	13.4%
5 years	18.2%	16.1%	16.8%
7 years	10.4%	9.8%	9.1%
10 years	9.3%	8.3%	-
20 years	13.2%	12.3%	-
Since inception	14.9%	13.3%	_

Returns since inception <sup>2</sup>	B class	Date
Highest annualised return	66.8%	30 Apr 2006
Lowest annualised return	-30.5%	28 Feb 2009

#### Top holdings as at 30 Jun 2025

1.	Naspers Ltd/Prosus NV	14.2%
2.	Standard Bank Group Ltd	6.0%
3.	MTN Group Ltd	5.7%
4.	AngloGold Ashanti Plc	5.7%
5.	Firstrand Ltd	5.5%
6.	Gold Fields Ltd	5.2%
7.	Absa Group Ltd	5.1%
8.	Investec	4.2%
9.	Reinet Investments SCA	3.4%
10.	MultiChoice Group Ltd	3.1%

Risk measures	B class	Benchmark
Monthly volatility (annualised)	15.4%	16.0%
Maximum drawdown over any period	-34.0%	-40.4%
% of positive rolling 12 months	83.6%	82.2%
Information ratio	-0.3	n/a
Sortino ratio	0.9	1.0
Sharpe ratio	0.5	0.6

#### Asset allocation as at 31 Jul 2025

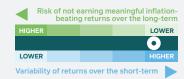


### Sector exposure



Investment options	F Class	<b>B</b> Class
Minimum lump sum investment	R20 million	n/a
Minimum monthly debit order	n/a	n/a
Annual Management Fees (excl. VAT)	F Class	B Class
M&G	1.00%	n/a
Expenses (incl. VAT)	F Class	B Class
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.16%	0.01%
Transaction Costs (TC) <sup>3</sup>	0.13%	0.13%
Total Investment Charges (TIC)	1.29%	0.14%

## Risk profile



#### **Fund facts**

#### Fund objective

To provide broad-based exposure to South African shares that offer value and medium- to long-term growth. The portfolio managers seek to invest in companies where returns can be achieved from any or all of (a) growth in earnings, (b) growth in dividends and (c) a re-rating by the market of the company's share price.

### Investor profile

Investors with a higher risk tolerance who are looking for out-performance of the South African equity market, while limiting volatility relative to the fund's benchmark. The recommended investment horizon is 7 years or longer.

### Investment mandate

The Fund can invest in any company listed on the JSE that meet the portfolio managers' value criteria. The Fund seeks out value by attempting to capture all components of return over time, including high dividend yield, earnings growth and possible market re-rating. The Fund will not invest in any foreign markets. The intended maximum limits are Equity 100%, Property 10% and Foreign 0%.

### **Fund managers**

Ross Biggs Chris Wood Unathi Loos Leonard Krüger

#### ASISA category

South African - Equity - SA General

#### Benchmark

FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX All Share Index

## Inception date

21 September 2000

## Fund size

R33 110 960 664

Please note that the B Class is only available to large retirement funds and institutional investors. The F Class was launched on 01/07/2016.

1 M&G SA Equity Fund Sources: M&G and Morningstar

 $<sup>^1</sup>$  The Fund's benchmark changed from the FTSE/JSE All Share Index (TR) to the FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX All Share Index (TR) on 1 July 2017.  $^2$  12-month rolling performance figure

 $<sup>^3</sup>$  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).



# M&G SA Equity Fund

**July 2025** 

**F Class** Income Distributions<sup>4</sup> **B** Class Total 12m yield Total 12m yield 30 June 2025 23.58 cpu 3.26% 17.09 cpu 2.31% 31 December 2024 21.65 cpu 3.85% 15.47 cpu 2.84%

#### 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 tariffinduced 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. On the local front, President Ramaphosa placed Police Minister Senzo Mchunu on special leave following allegations of links to organised crime made by KZN provincial police commissioner Nhlanhla Mkhwanazi. The incident drew widespread commentary from both within and outside the GNU. The South African Reserve Bank (SARB) announced a 25 bps interest rate cut, as expected. More significantly, Governor Lesetja Kganyago revealed that the SARB would begin targeting the lower bound of its 3-6% inflation range. He clarified that the target range itself would remain unchanged, and any formal adjustment would fall under the Finance Minister's purview but that the bank aims to anchor expectations closer to 3%. The FTSE/JSE All Share Index returned 2.3% in July, with all major sectors in the black. Resources returned 5.1%, Listed Property 4.4%, Financials 1.2% and Industrials 1.2%.

Among the largest contributors to relative performance for the month were underweight positions in Mondi and Shoprite, and an overweight position in MTN Group. Relative detractors included overweight positions in Reinet Investments and The Foscchini Group, and an underweight position in Sibanve Stillwater.

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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.
Compliance monitoring	We use the FTSE/JSE All Share Index for monitoring the Fund's compliance with the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act (CISCA). This is in line with the benchmark index as prescribed for the SA-Equity-General category as per the ASISA fund classification standards.
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.
Intended maximum limits	This indicates the Fund's intended maximum exposure to an asset class. These limits may be reviewed subject to the Fund's Supplemental Deed and/or Regulation 28 for those Funds managed in accordance with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act.
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.
Sector holdings	A breakdown of the Fund's equity holdings, grouped per industry sector. This is inclusive of both local and foreign equities.
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.  A Class: for individuals only.  B & D Class: retirement funds and other large institutional investors only.  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.  F Class: for Discretionary Fund Managers.

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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