# **M&G Global Listed Infrastructure Feeder Fund**

Global Equity ZAR-denominated

**April 2025** 

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



| Annualised performance | B class | Benchmark |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|
| 1 year                 | 7.8%    | 10.6%     |
| Since inception        | 1.9%    | 12.2%     |

| Returns since inception <sup>1</sup> | B class | Date        |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Highest annualised return            | 12.2%   | 31 Oct 2024 |
| Lowest annualised return             | -5.0%   | 30 Jun 2024 |

# Top 10 holdings as at 31 Mar 2025

| 1.  | Equinix Inc                         | 4.0% |
|-----|-------------------------------------|------|
| 2.  | American Tower REIT Corp            | 4.0% |
| 3.  | 3. Franco Nevada Corp               |      |
| 4.  | The AES Corp                        | 3.8% |
| 5.  | Edison International                | 3.6% |
| 6.  | HICL Infrastructure Plc             | 3.6% |
| 7.  | International Public Partnerships   | 3.5% |
| 8.  | Crown Castle Inc                    | 3.4% |
| 9.  | Alexandria Real Estate Equities Inc | 3.2% |
| 10. | Exelon Corp                         | 3.0% |
|     |                                     |      |

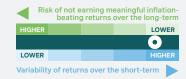
| Risk measures                    | B class | Benchmark |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Monthly volatility (annualised)  | 13.3%   | 16.0%     |
| Maximum drawdown over any period | -13.2%  | -49.6%    |

## Asset allocation as at 30 Apr 2025



| Investment options                       | B Class     |
|--|-------------|
| Minimum lump sum investment              | R20 million |
| Minimum monthly debit order              | n/a         |
| Annual Management Fees (excl. VAT)       | B Class     |
| M&G <sup>2</sup>                         | 0.20%       |
| Estimated Long-term Expenses (incl. VAT) | B Class     |
| Total Expense Ratio (TER)                | 1.20%       |
| Transaction Costs (TC) <sup>2</sup>      | 0.20%       |
| Total Investment Charges (TIC)           | 140%        |

# Risk profile



#### **Fund facts**

#### Fund objective

To provide capital growth and income that exceeds that of the global equities market over any five-year period, while applying ESG and sustainability criteria. The Fund also seeks to increase the income stream every year, in US dollar terms.

#### Investor profile

Investors seeking long-term growth from a diversified portfolio of global listed infrastructure equities. The recommended investment horizon is 5 years or longer.

#### 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 (Lux) Global Listed Infrastructure Fund, domiciled in Luxembourg. The underlying fund aims to invest at least 80% of its assets in listed infrastructure companies, investment trusts and REITs. It invests in securities that meet its ESG criteria, applying an Exclusionary Approach and SDG considerations. It may also invest in other CISs and financial derivative instruments.

# SFDR classification of the underlying fund

Article 8

# Fund managers

Alex Araujo Nicholas Cunningham

#### ASISA category

Global - Equity - General

# Benchmark

MSCI All Country World Index (Net)

### Inception date

14 June 2023

#### Fund size

R59 570 917

<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

 $<sup>^3</sup>$  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> | B Class         |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
|                                   | Total 12m yield |
| 31 December 2024                  | 0.00 cpu 0.00%  |
| 30 June 2024                      | 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.

In April, Elia Group was once again the top contributor in relative terms with further gains after a successful capital raise. Italian digital communications tower operator INWIT had a strong rebound in April helped by a debt refinance and the decline in bond yields. Utilities E.ON and National Grid were also positive contributors as quality defensives are back leading the market along with Franco Nevada as gold prices remained buoyant. The key detractor this month was AES. Rand weakness against the US dollar boosted performance in April.

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

# Glossary 12-month yield

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 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.   |
| 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).   |
| 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.<br>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. |
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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).