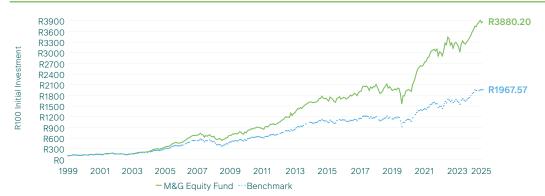
# M&G Equity Fund

# March 2025

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



Annualised performance	A class	Benchmark	B class	F class
1 year	17.6%	17.7%	17.9%	17.8%
3 years	7.8%	7.1%	8.2%	8.8%
5 years	19.9%	16.5%	20.3%	20.9%
7 years	10.4%	7.9%	10.8%	11.4%
10 years	8.5%	6.1%	8.9%	-
20 years	13.9%	10.8%	-	-
Since inception	15.4%	12.6%	-	-

Returns since inception <sup>1</sup>	A class	Date
Highest annualised return	67.8%	30 Apr 2006
Lowest annualised return	-24.4%	31 Oct 2008

## Top 10 holdings as at 31 Mar 2025

1.	Naspers Ltd/Prosus NV	10.9%
2.	Standard Bank Group Ltd	4.6%
3.	AngloGold Ashanti Plc	4.4%
4.	Absa Group Ltd	4.4%
5.	Anglo American Plc	3.3%
6.	MTN Group Ltd	3.3%
7.	Firstrand Ltd	3.2%
8.	MultiChoice Group Ltd	2.6%
9.	Exxaro Resources Ltd	2.6%
10.	Nampak Ltd	2.6%

Risk measures	A class	Benchmark
Monthly volatility (annualised)	14.2%	14.3%
Maximum drawdown over any period	-27.9%	-35.7%
% of positive rolling 12 months	83.8%	83.4%
Information ratio	0.2	n/a
Sortino ratio	0.0	-0.1
Sharpe ratio	0.0	0.0

### Asset allocation as at 31 Mar 2025



### Sector exposure



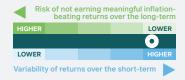
Investment options	A Class	I Class	<b>B</b> Class	F Class
Minimum lump sum investment	R10 000	R10 000	R20 million	R20 million
Minimum monthly debit order	R500 pm	R500 pm	n/a	n/a
Annual Management Fees (excl. VAT)	A Class	I Class	B Class	F Class
M&G (base fee) <sup>2</sup>	1.00%	1.25%	0.65%	1.00%
M&G (performance fee sharing rate)	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	n/a
M&G (maximum total fee)	2.25%	2.50%	1.90%	n/a
Financial adviser service fee (if applicable) <sup>3</sup>	n/a	0.50%	n/a	n/a
Expenses (incl. VAT)	A Class	I Class	<b>B</b> Class	F Class
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	2.20%	2.45%	1.82%	1.28%
Performance fee (Included in TER above)	0.92%	0.88%	0.94%	0.00%
Transaction Costs (TC) <sup>4</sup>	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%
Total Investment Charges (TIC)	2.35%	2.60%	1.97%	1.43%

<sup>1 12-</sup>month rolling performance figure

M&G (South Africa) Global Funds.

<sup>3</sup> The Financial Adviser Service Fee, if applicable, is included in M&G's annual management fee above. An Ongoing Adviser Fee, over and above the Financial Adviser Service Fee, may be negotiated between the Investor and Financial Adviser. Should you agree to an Ongoing Adviser Fee, it will be paid via the regular repurchase of units. <sup>4</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).

# Risk profile



### **Fund facts**

### Fund objective

To provide broad-based exposure to shares that offer value and mediumto long-term growth. The portfolio managers seek to invest in those 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 average South African General Equity Fund without taking on greater risk of loss. The recommended investment horizon is 7 years or longer.

### Investment mandate

The Fund invests in companies 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 intended maximum limits are Equity 100%, Listed Property 10% and Foreign 45%.

# **Fund managers**

Chris Wood Yusuf Mowlana

### **ASISA** category

South African - Equity - General

### **Benchmark**

ASISA South African - Equity - General Category Average

# Inception date

2 August 1999

### Fund size

R6 784 370 428

### **Awards**

Raging Bull: 2006, 2007, 2008 Morningstar/Standard & Poor's: 2007, 2008

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

<sup>112-</sup>month rolling performance figure 2 A 0.25% p.a. fee discount will be effected on the base annual management fee of the A and B classes, should net performance fall below the benchmark over a rolling five-year period. The Fund can invest portions of its assets into underlying foreign investments (incl. investments into Africa). This would mainly be achieved by investing into the sub-funds of the M&G (South Africa) Global Funds ICAV and the M&G Africa Equity Fund. These funds will charge an additional asset management fee which is included in the Fund's NAV and the Fund's TER. The Manager receives a marketing and distribution fee in respect of the



# March 2025

Income Distributions <sup>5</sup>	A Class	B Class	F Class
	Total 12m yield	Total 12m yield	Total 12m yield
31 December 2024	22.71 cpu 1.15%	26.41 cpu 1.43%	23.73 cpu 1.95%
30 June 2024	12.66 cpu 1.15%	15.45 cpu 1.47%	18.67 cpu 2.36%

### **Fund commentary**

In March, US President Donald Trump postponed the implementation of 25% tariffs he had imposed on Canada and Mexico after markets tumbled on fears of their effect on inflation. US consumer spending, which makes up two thirds of the US economy, fell by 0.2% in January after a 0.8% increase in December, raising fears that consumers are cutting back on spending due to political uncertainty. US CPI declined to 2.8% y/y in February from 3.0% y/y in January; however, some market observers believe this level is temporary as long-term inflation expectations jumped to a 32-year high. The UK saw Labour Chancellor Rachel Reeves deliver her Spring Statement, announcing a £4.8 billion cut in welfare spending, as well as a crackdown on tax avoidance and trimmed the growth forecast to 1% in 2025. UK CPI eased to 2.8% y/y in February, down from 3.0% y/y in January. European markets experienced volatility due to tariff concerns and trade tensions, but hopes for a European-led peace initiative concerning Ukraine lifted sentiment and helped the FTSE100 reach a record high. Political stability following Germany's elections also boosted markets. The ECB cut interest rates by a quarter of a percentage point to 2.5%, leaving the door open to more cuts. The central bank cut its economic growth forecast for the eurozone to 0.9% for 2025.

In China, the People's Bank of China (PBOC) maintained its key lending rates, keeping the one-year Loan Prime Rate (LPR) at 3.1% and the five-year LPR at 3.6%. All enthusiasm boosted Chinese tech stocks, but tariff threats dragged on performance. In Japan, the announcement of a 25% tariff by the US on auto imports sparked major concerns due to the country's large auto export sector. Trade tensions and tariffs continued to contribute to market volatility. In addition, public dissatisfaction with fiscal policies erupted in protest action against the Ministry of Finance. On the local front, the economy stabilised in Q4 2024 having expanded by 0.6% following a contraction of 0.1% in Q3 2024. The coalition's first National Budget Speech was well-received and sparked positive sentiment in markets, while tariff concerns weighed on performance. The FTSE/JSE All Share Index returned 3.6% in March. Resources was the standout sector, gaining 18.4% after a 6.2% decline the previous month. Financials posted 0.2%, while Industrials and Listed Property were both in the red, delivering -0.3% and -1.5%, respectively. Looking at global equity market returns (in US\$), emerging markets outperformed developed markets, with the MSCI Emerging Markets Index returning 0.6% and the MSCI World Index delivering -4.4%. The rand strengthened 0.5% against the US dollar, but weakened 3.2% against the euro and 1.9% against the pound sterling.

Among the largest contributors to relative performance for the month were overweight positions in AngloGold Ashanti and Datatec, and an underweight position in Nedbank Group. Relative detractors included underweight positions in Harmony Gold and Gold Fields, and an overweight position in Spar.

## 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.
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.
Performance fee	The performance fee is based on 20% of the Fund's outperformance of its benchmark, measured over a rolling 36-month basis. The performance fee will be capped at 1.25% for any rolling 12-month period. For more information, please visit: https://www.mandg.co.za/media/34248/performance-fees.pdf.
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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</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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