M&G Global Bond Feeder Fund

Global Income ZAR-denominated

March 2025

0.5%

Since inception cumulative performance, distributions reinvested (A class)



| Annualised performance | A class | Benchmark | B class |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| 1 year | -2.2% | -0.1% | -1.8% |
| 3 years | 4.6% | 6.2% | 5.0% |
| 5 years | -0.3% | -0.8% | 0.1% |
| 7 years | 5.1% | 6.0% | - |
| 10 years | 4.0% | 4.9% | - |
| 20 years | 7.5% | 7.8% | - |
| Since inception | 7.1% | 7.4% | - |

| Returns since inception ¹ | A class | Date |
|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Highest annualised return | 49.1% | 31 Dec 2001 |
| Lowest annualised return | -17.4% | 31 Aug 2003 |

Top holdings of the underlying fund as at 31 Mar 2025

| 1. | US 2 Year Treasury Note Future 0625 | 9.9% |
|-----|---|------|
| 2. | Japan 2 Year Government Bond 011025 | 6.4% |
| 3. | US 5 Year Treasury Note Future 0625 | 6.2% |
| 4. | US Treasury Note 0.875% 300626 | 5.4% |
| 5. | US Treasury Note 2.375% 310329 | 4.8% |
| 6. | United Kingdom Gilt Bond 3.5% 221025 | 4.0% |
| 7. | US Treasury Inflation-Indexed Note 1.75% 150134 | 3.5% |
| 8. | US Treasury Note 4.125% 151132 | 3.3% |
| 9. | German Government Bond 0.1% 150433 | 3.2% |
| 10. | US Treasury Bond 4.375% 151139 | 3.2% |
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| Risk measures | A class | Benchmark |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Monthly volatility (annualised) | 14.0% | 15.3% |
| Maximum drawdown over any period | -25.2% | -30.2% |
| % of positive rolling 12 months | 67.0% | 67.4% |
| Information ratio | -0.5 | n/a |
| Sortino ratio | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| Sharpe ratio | -0.3 | -0.1 |

Asset allocation as at 31 Mar 2025



| Investment options | A Class | 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 ² | 0.50% | 0.20% |
| Expenses (incl. VAT) | A Class | B Class |
| Total Expense Ratio (TER) | 1.23% | 0.88% |
| Transaction Costs (TC) ³ | 0.06% | 0.06% |
| Total Investment Charges (TIC) | 1.29% | 0.94% |

Risk profile



Fund facts

Fund objective

The Fund's objective is to generate investment returns through exposure to global bonds and interest-bearing instruments over the medium term.

Investor profile

Investors seeking returns from a diversified portfolio of global debt and fixed income securities. The recommended investment horizon is 2 years (or longer when used as strategic exposure to the asset class). 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 Bond Fund, a US dollar denominated fund domiciled in Ireland. Through this underlying fund, the Fund has exposure to a diversified portfolio of global debt and fixed income securities, 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

Eva Sun-Wai Robert Burrows

ASISA category

Global - Interest Bearing - Variable Term

Benchmark

Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index

Inception date

27 October 2000

Fund size

R937 243 435

Awards

Raging Bull: 2006, 2008, 2013, 2024 Morningstar/Standard & Poor's: 2007, 2009, 2013

 $^{^1}$ 12-month rolling performance figure 2 Additional underlying foreign fund fees are dependent on the fund and are included in

 $^{^3}$ 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 used. Estimated tra (where applicable).



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| Income Distributions ⁴ | 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

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 tariffthreats 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. The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index returned 0.6% in March. The rand strengthened 0.5% against the US dollar, but weakened 3.2% against the euro and 1.9% against the pound sterling.

Against the market backdrop, the broad theme during the month was to continue de-risking the fund. In rate markets, noteworthy adjustments included reallocating holdings within Europe from KFWs to DBRIs, all within the 7 to 9-year range. Additionally, the fund moved towards longer positions in Bunds and BTPs due to the steepening of curves. Credit allocations continued to weigh on relative performance, with the fund being underweight. In March, this was costly given the market's seeming resilience to the latest round of volatility. The fund saw the rotation of US credit shorts into European positions, prompted by the underperformance of US credit default swaps relative to those in Europe. Furthermore, there was a shift towards higher quality assets, with sales of BBB/A financials in favour of supranational and quasi-sovereigns. In emerging markets, the fund continues to reflect a preference for Latin American currencies which are currently delivering attractive yields relative to other portions of the market. During the month, exposure was switched from USD-denominated Romanian bonds into newly issued euro-denominated assets. Currencies experienced mixed results in March. Positions in Japan have been profitable year-to-date, driven by an underweight in Japanese Government Bonds (JGBs) combined with long positions in JPYEUR and JPYCHF. However, underweights in EUR and GBP against a neutral USD position weighed on performance. One of the largest contributors to outperformance was the overweight NOK positioning, with Scandinavian currencies performing exceptionally well during the month. Key FX trades included partially closing out an AUD hedge and establishing outright positions in NZD due to its relative underperformance. Additionally, the fund reduced its long JPY position. Rand strength against the US dollar tempered performance slightly in March.

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. |
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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. |
| 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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M&G Global Bond Feeder Fund Sources: M&G and Morningstar

X Class: the special fee class that was made available to investors that were invested in the Dividend Income Feeder Fund.

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T Class: for investors in tax-free unit trusts. F Class: for Discretionary Fund Managers.

⁴ 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).