

M&G Balanced Fund

Multi-Asset

December 2023

Fund information

Fund objective	To achieve steady long-term growth of capital and income by investing in a diversified combination of domestic and international assets, where the asset allocation is tactically managed.
Investor profile	A suitable fund for retirement provision and for those individuals looking to tilt their portfolio to value with controlled risk exposure. The recommended investment horizon is 5 years or longer.
Investment mandate	The Fund conforms to the regulations governing retirement fund investments (Regulation 28). Intended maximum limits: Equity 75%, Listed Property 25% and Foreign 45%.
Fund managers	David Knee, Michael Moyle, Sandile Malinga and Leonard Krüger
ASISA category	South African - Multi-Asset - High Equity
Benchmark	ASISA South African - Multi-Asset - High Equity Category Average
Inception date	02 August 1999
Fund size	R24 229 715 421

Fund class	NAV per unit	Total units	Asset allocation	Latest quarter	Previous quarter
A Class	853.55	107 050 997	SA Equity	41.9%	43.8%
B Class	858.15	2 571 203 222	Foreign Equity (Incl. Africa Equity)	26.0%	23.3%
D Class	860.14	130 521 231	SA Bonds (ex. Inflation-linked Bonds)	19.6%	20.6%
E Class	855.80	1 412	Foreign Bonds	5.0%	6.0%
I Class	852.12	9 480 538	SA Cash	3.6%	2.2%
T Class	854.43	59 059 283	Foreign Cash	1.9%	2.1%
X Class	844.26	1 040 815	SA Listed Property	1.5%	1.5%
			SA Inflation-linked Bonds	0.4%	0.4%
			Foreign Property	0.1%	0.1%

Expenses (incl. VAT) ¹	A Class	T Class	I Class	X Class	B Class
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.39%	1.16%	1.68%	1.39%	0.93%
Transaction Costs (TC)	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%	0.09%
Total Investment Charges (TIC)	1.48%	1.25%	1.77%	1.48%	1.02%

Glossary

Asset Allocation	This table shows the changes in the composition of the fund over the last three months. Figures are shown as at the last day of the quarter.
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.
NAV	The Net Asset Value of the unit trust. This is calculated by adding the current values of all the underlying fund instruments (stocks, bonds, cash, etc.), subtracting certain fund expenses, and then dividing this figure by the total number of units in the fund.
Regulation 28	The South African retirement fund industry is governed by the Pension Funds Act, No 24 of 1956. Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act prescribes the maximum limits in asset classes that an approved retirement fund may invest in.
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 over a rolling 3 years (where applicable) and annualised to the most recently 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.
Total Investment Charges (TIC)	Percentage of the value of the Financial Product was incurred as costs relating to the investment of the Financial Product.
Transaction Costs (TC)	Percentage of the value of the Financial Product was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the Financial Product. Transaction Costs are a necessary cost in administering the Financial Product and impacts Financial Product 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 Financial Product, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER.
Unit class	M&G 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 & I 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 natural persons that are SA residents in the Tax-free product range.

¹Where 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).

For more information on this fund, see the **Fund Fact Sheet/Minimum Disclosure Document (MDD)** or visit our website at www.mandg.co.za.

Over the last quarter this Fund has adhered to its policy objective.

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