

M&G Global Equity Fund

Global Equity USD-denominated

March 2025

Equity 97.0%

Property 3.0%

Since inception cumulative performance (B Class)



Annualised performance	B Class	Benchmark
1 year	7.2%	7.2%
2 years	13.7%	14.9%
3 years	6.7%	6.9%
5 years	15.7%	15.2%
7 years	7.9%	9.1%
Since inception	8.0%	9.3%

Asset allocation

Returns since inception ¹	B Class	Date
Highest annualised return	63.6%	31 Mar 2021
Lowest annualised return	-22 5%	30 Jun 2022

Top 10 holdings as at 31 March 2025

1.	Apple Inc	3.3%
2.	Microsoft Corp	2.6%
3.	Meta Platforms Inc	2.0%
4.	NVIDIA Corp	1.9%
5.	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	1.7%
6.	Alphabet Inc	1.7%
7.	Concentrix Corp	1.4%
8.	Sea Ltd	1.3%
9.	Life Time Group Holdings Inc	1.3%
10.	Doordash Inc	1.2%

Risk measures	B Class	Benchmark
Monthly volatility (annualised)	16.9%	15.8%
Maximum drawdown over any period	-25.8%	-25.6%
% of positive rolling 12 months	65.4%	74.1%

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Investment options ²	B Class
Minimum lump sum investment	\$2.5 million
Minimum additional investment	\$1 000
Minimum holding amount	\$10 000

Annual management fees	B Class
M&G Investments	0.75%

Expenses	B Class
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	0.87%
Transaction Costs (TC) ³	0.24%
Total Investment Charges (TIC)	1.11%

Transactional in	nformation	Investment code	ISIN	Bloomberg
Dealing date:	Every business day	B Class	IE00BYQDDB24	PRUGEBA ID
Settlement period:	3 business days after the relevant dealing date			
Cut-off times:	14h00 (LJK time)			

Risk profile



Fund facts

Fund objective

The Fund's objective is to provide investors with capital growth over the long-term by investing in a diversified portfolio of global equity securities.

Investor profile

Investors seeking long-term capital growth from a diversified portfolio of global equity securities. The recommended investment horizon is 7 years or longer.

Investment mandate

The Fund aims to achieve its investment objective by investing across a diversified portfolio of global equity securities. Quantitative analysis of individual companies, proprietary data analysis and machine learning are used to identify securities for potential inclusion by the fund managers. These equity securities include common stocks and shares, depository receipts and real estate investment trusts. The Fund may invest in other collective investment schemes and financial derivative instruments.

Investment manager

M&G Investment Management Limited

Fund managers

Gautam Samarth Michael Cook

Morningstar category

Global Flex-Cap Equity

Benchmark

MSCI All Country World Index TR Net

Inception date

Fund size

USD 471.6 million

Currency

US Dollar

Share type

Domicile

Ireland

¹²⁻month rolling performance figure
The minimums apply to direct investments into the Fund. Investors can also
access the Fund via leading offshore investment platforms, in which case
platform minimums apply

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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Other information

Alternative Investment Fund Manager (AIFM):	Waystone Management Company (IE) Limited
Distributor:	MandG Investments Unit Trusts (South Africa) (RF) Limited
Depositary:	State Street Custodial Services (Ireland) Limited
Administrator:	State Street Fund Services (Ireland) Limited

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 trimming of 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. Looking at global equity market returns in March (in US\$), emerging markets outperformed developed markets, with the MSCI Emerging Markets Index returning 0.6% and the MSCI World Index delivering -4.4%. Among developed markets, the S&P 500 returned -5.6%, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average delivered -4.1% and the technology-heavy Nasdaq Composite posted -8.1% (in US\$). The UK's FTSE 100 returned 0.4% and Japan's Nikkei 225 delivered -2.6% (in US\$)

From a statistical perspective, we often consider the decomposed sources of risk in global equity markets – partitioning into systemic return drivers (for example, industry, country and style) and idiosyncratic return drivers. Throughout March, systemic risks dominated much of the cross-sectional volatility globally. This outcome is intuitive given the prevailing market conditions; however, we are confident that these influences will rever to more typical levels, thereby allowing non-systematic price drivers to emerge more prominently. Factor performance was largely uniform across regions in March, in contrast to the pronounced regional differences observed during much of 2024. Investor apprehension was manifest in a second risk-off month, with low-risk stocks – measured by volatility and beta – rallying robustly as market participants appeared to seek a 'flight to quality'. Our exposure to value measures contributed favourably, reflecting a rotation away from a growth focus towards higher-quality, more attractively priced opportunities. At the sector level, our overweight position in Financials proved to be a drag, while our underweight in Industrials was beneficial. Security selection in South Korea was strong, and our 4.7% underweight in the US provided some defence; however, stock selection and sectoral composition in US names proved challenging.

Glossary

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.
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.
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 class	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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An accumulation class does not make income distributions. Income is accrued daily in the net asset value of the class.



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