

M&G Global Inflation Plus Feeder Fund

Global Multi-asset ZAR-denominated

April 2023

Since inception cumulative performance, distributions reinvested (A class)



Annualised performance

	A class	Benchmark ¹	B class
1 year	13.0%	21.9%	13.4%
3 years	2.8%	4.6%	3.2%
5 years	8.7%	10.6%	9.0%
7 years	5.8%	6.6%	6.2%
10 years	8.9%	9.7%	-
Since inception	7.7%	7.9%	-

Returns since inception²

	A class	Date
Highest annualised return	38.1%	28 Feb 2007
Lowest annualised return	-16.6%	30 Jun 2009

Top holdings of the underlying fund as at 31 Mar 2023

1. US Treasury Bill 060723	7.6%
2. US Treasury Bill 200423	5.5%
3. US 2 Year Treasury Note Future 300623	5.0%
4. Euro Stoxx 50 Index Future 160623	3.7%
5. US Treasury Bond 2.25% 150252	3.1%
6. US Treasury Note 1.50% 290224	2.9%
7. US Inflation-Indexed Note 0.375% 150127	2.6%
8. Topix Index Future 080623	2.6%
9. FTSE 100 Index Future 160623	2.1%
10. US Dollar Cash	1.9%

Risk measures

	A class	Benchmark
Monthly volatility (annualised)	12.4%	14.3%
Maximum drawdown over any period	-26.8%	-31.9%
% of positive rolling 12 months	72.0%	72.9%
Information ratio	-0.2	n/a
Sortino ratio	-0.2	0.0
Sharpe ratio	-0.2	0.0

Investment options

	A Class	B Class
Minimum lump sum investment	R10 000	R20 million
Minimum monthly debit order	R500 pm	n/a

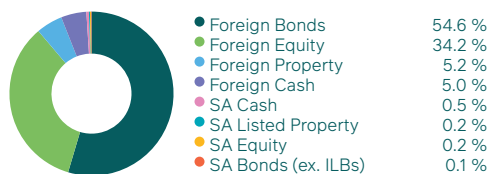
Annual Management Fees (excl. VAT)

	A Class	B Class
M&G ³	0.50%	0.20%

Expenses (incl. VAT)

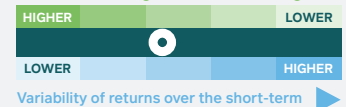
	A Class	B Class
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.58%	1.24%
Transaction Costs (TC) ⁴	0.07%	0.07%
Total Investment Charges (TIC)	1.65%	1.31%

Asset allocation



Risk profile

◀ Risk of not earning meaningful inflation-beating returns over the long-term



Fund facts

Fund objective

The Fund is priced in rands and its objective, expressed in US dollar terms, is to outperform global inflation while aiming to preserve capital over the medium term.

Investor profile

Investors seeking to preserve the real value of their capital, in US dollar terms, by investing in a diversified portfolio of global assets. The recommended investment horizon is 3 years or longer. Since units are priced in rands, investors can invest without having to expatriate rands.

Investment mandate

The Fund is a feeder fund and, other than assets in liquid form and currency contracts, invests only in one fund – the M&G Global Inflation Plus Fund, a US dollar denominated fund domiciled in Ireland. Through this underlying fund, the Fund has exposure to a diversified portfolio that may include equity and property securities, cash, bonds and commodities. The Fund may invest up to 40% in equity securities (excl. property) and up to 25% in property securities.

Investment manager of the underlying fund

M&G Investment Management Ltd (UK)

Fund managers of the underlying fund

Craig Simpson

ASISA category

Global - Multi-Asset - Low Equity

Benchmark

Global inflation

Inception date

1 March 2004

Fund size

R232 455 382

Awards

Raging Bull: 2019, 2021

¹ The Fund's benchmark changed from the ASISA Global - Multi Asset - Low Equity Category Mean to Global Inflation on 1 November 2018.

² 12-month rolling performance figure

³ Additional underlying foreign fund fees are dependent on the fund and are included in the TER

⁴ 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 Distributions⁵

	A Class		B Class	
	Total	12m yield	Total	12m yield
31 December 2022	0.00 cpu	0.00%	0.00 cpu	0.00%
30 June 2022	0.00 cpu	0.00%	0.00 cpu	0.00%

Fund commentary

Global equities and bonds posted broadly positive returns in April as positive investor sentiment outweighed growth concerns and lingering worries over US regional bank stability. Markets were bolstered by growing expectations that the US Federal Reserve would likely pause its aggressive rate hiking cycle after an expected 25bp increase in early May, as well as generally positive company earnings results. In the US, consumer prices increased by 5% y/y in March, slower than February's 6% y/y. US GDP growth slowed to an annual rate of 1.1% in Q1 2023, down from the annual rate of 2.6% recorded in Q4 2022. This data points to a slowing economy with increasing expectations that the US will enter a recession this year. In the UK, Q1 real GDP grew at a more-robust-than-expected 1.1% q/q, while CPI rose by 10.1% y/y in March 2023, down from 10.4% in February. Turning to the Eurozone, consumer prices are decreasing rapidly, but core prices remain stubbornly high. Market expectations are for at least a 25 basis point hike by the European Central Bank in May in continued efforts to drive down inflation. Official data released late-April indicated that the eurozone eked out just 0.1% GDP growth over Q1 2023, citing high inflation and interest rates as factors dampening economic output.

Against the backdrop of sticky inflation globally, the Chinese inflation dichotomy continues. China's consumer price index increased by only 0.7% y/y (an 18-month low) in March, below the 1% expectation. The People's Bank of China continues to cut interest rates and inject cash into the financial system to bolster economic growth. China's economic recovery continues in earnest, with GDP having grown by 4.5% in Q1 2023, exceeding expectations of 4%. China appears to be on track to achieve its 5% growth target for 2023. Japan's CPI rose 3.5% y/y in April, higher than the 3.2% reported in March. In Governor Kazuo Ueda's maiden monetary policy meeting, the committee left interest rates unchanged and continued with the central bank's ultra-loose monetary policy stance. Looking at global market returns for April (in US\$), the MSCI All Country World Index delivered 1.5%, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index returned 0.4%, while the FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global REIT Index posted 1.5%. The rand weakened 3.0% against the US dollar, and 4.7% against both the euro and pound sterling.

Rand weakness against the US dollar boosted returns in April. In US dollar terms, exposure to the broader global fixed income market added value. In terms of the equity allocation, positive returns from US financial stocks, Japanese equities and UK equities outweighed losses from emerging markets in Asia and broader global equities.

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.
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.
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 and TC) should not be deducted from the fund returns.
Transaction Costs (TC)	The percentage of the value of the Fund incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the Funds 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.
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. 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.

⁵ 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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