

Global Income ZAR-denominated

January 2022

Since inception cumulative performance, distributions reinvested (A class)



Annualised performance	A class	Benchmark	B class
1 year	-3.7%	-2.9%	-3.4%
3 years	7.9%	7.7%	8.2%
5 years	5.2%	5.8%	-
7 years	5.6%	6.3%	-
10 years	8.8%	8.6%	-
Since inception	8.0%	8.1%	-

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 Dec 2021

1.	iShares Global Aggregate Bond ETF	16.6%
2.	M&G Emerging Markets Hard Currency Bond Fund	16.6%
З.	Eastspring Investments US Inv Grade Bond Fund	15.0%

4.	M&G Strategic Corporate Bond Fund	7.9%
5.	United States Treasury Bill 030222	7.4%

Risk measures	A class	Benchmark
Monthly volatility (annualised)	14.4%	15.8%
Maximum drawdown over any period	-25.2%	-30.2%
% of positive rolling 12 months	70.5%	69.3%
Information ratio	0.0	n/a
Sortino ratio	0.4	0.3
Sharpe ratio	0.2	0.2

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Foreign Bonds 83.9% Foreign Cash 12.2%

- SA Bonds (ex. Inflation-linked
- Bonds) 3.1%
- SA Cash 0.8%

Risk profile



Investments

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

Marc Beckenstrater Craig Simpson

ASISA category

Global - Interest Bearing - Variable Term

Benchmark Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index

Inception date

27 October 2000

Fund size R557 311 365

Awards

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

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)	1.31%	0.97%
Transaction Costs (TC) ³	0.05%	0.05%
Total Investment Charges (TIC)	1.36%	1.02%

¹ 12-month rolling performance figure ² Additional underlying foreign fund fees are dependent on the fund and are included in ² Additio the TER

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 2021	0.00 cpu 0.00%	0.00 cpu 0.00%
30 June 2021	0.00 cpu 0.00%	0.00 cpu 0.00%

Fund commentary

It was a difficult start to 2022 as many global markets experienced pullbacks due to concerns over tighter monetary policy, potentially slower growth, and expensively-priced stocks. Developed market equities and bonds recorded broadly negative returns in January, but some emerging markets bucked the trend, including South Africa. In the US, the Federal Reserve confirmed its more aggressive inflation-fighting stance at its January FOMC meeting, as Chairman Jerome Powell noted that it would "soon be appropriate" to raise the Federal Funds rate and signalled that its assets purchases were likely to stop in March. This came amid another rise in consumer inflation to 7.0% y/y in becember from 6.8% the previous month, driven by higher costs for energy, shelter, used vehicles and food, as well as persistent shortages of goods, a tight labour force and the ongoing fiscal stimulus. Meanwhile, US GDP expanded by an annualised 6.9% q/q in Q4 2021, well above market forecasts of 5.5%. In the UK, the Bank of England was widely expected to raise its base interest rate by another 0.25% at its meeting on 3 February, after having implemented a surprise 0.15% hike in December. Both the IMF and OECD expect the UK economy to expand the fastest among the G7 economies in 2022, both forecasting GDP growth of 4.7% for the year. In the Eurozone, GDP rose 0.3% q/q in Q4 2021, significantly lower than the 2.3% posted in Q3, as the region battled a rise in new Covid infections, labour shortages and lockdown restrictions.

China reported full-year GDP growth of 8.1% for 2021, while Q4 GDP growth slowed to 4.0% y/y (from 6.9% previously) on the back of subdued consumer spending, Covid outbreaks and very strict government containment measures, as well as a slumping property market. To support growth, the People's Bank of China (PBoC) again reduced its benchmark one-year loan prime rate in January, to 3.7% from 3.8%, while also lowering its five-year rate by 5bps to 4.6%. The Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index (US\$) returned -2.0% in January. The rand strengthened 3.0% against the US dollar, 3.7% versus the pound sterling and 4.3% against the euro.

Rand strength against the US dollar curtailed performance in January. In US dollar terms, the main detractors from performance were exposures to US investment grade corporate bonds and hard currency emerging markets bonds

Glossarv

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.
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 tra-free unit trusts. F Class: for Discretionary Fund Managers.

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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