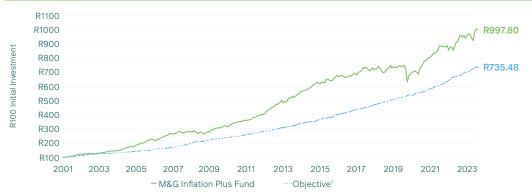
M&G Inflation Plus Fund

January 2024





Annualised performance	A class	Objective ¹	T class	X class	B class
1 year	4.5%	8.5%	4.8%	4.5%	5.0%
3 years	9.8%	9.5%	10.0%	9.8%	10.3%
5 years	7.0%	8.5%	7.3%	7.0%	7.5%
7 years	5.8%	8.3%	6.1%	5.9%	6.4%
10 years	6.7%	8.6%	-	6.9%	7.4%
20 years	10.2%	9.2%	-	-	10.8%
Since inception	10.7%	9.2%	_	_	_

Returns since inception ²	A class	Date
Highest annualised return	30.8%	30 Apr 2006
Lowest annualised return	-13.7%	31 Mar 2020

Top 10 holdings as at 31 Dec 2023

1.	Republic of SA Bond 8.875% 280235 (R2035)	8.7%
2.	Republic of SA Bond 9.00% 310140 (R2040)	4.8%
3.	Republic of SA Bond 8.50% 310137 (R2037)	4.5%
4.	Republic of SA ILB 2.50% 310346(I2046)	3.9%
5.	Naspers Ltd/Prosus NV	3.6%
6.	Republic of SA Bond 8.25% 310332 (R2032)	3.1%
7.	Eskom Holdings Bond 7.50% 150933	3.0%
8.	Republic of SA ILB 2.50% 311250(I2050)	2.9%
9.	Standard Bank ILB 3.45% 071233	1.9%
10.	Standard Bank Group Ltd	1.8%

Risk measures	A class	Objective
Monthly volatility (annualised)	6.8%	1.5%
Maximum drawdown over any period	-15.9%	-0.7%
% of positive rolling 12 months	90.8%	100.0%
Information ratio	0.0	n/a
Sortino ratio	0.9	n/a
Sharpe ratio	0.5	n/a

Asset allocation



Investment options	A Class	T Class	I Class	X Class	B Class
Minimum lump sum investment	R10 000	R10 000	R10 000	R10 000	R20 million
Minimum monthly debit order	R500 pm	R500 pm	R500 pm	R500 pm	n/a
Annual Management Fees (excl. VAT)	A Class	T Class	I Class	X Class	B Class
M&G ³	1.00%	0.80%	1.25%	1.00%	0.60%
Financial adviser service fee (if applicable) 4	n/a	n/a	0.50%	0.50%	n/a
Expenses (incl. VAT)	A Class	T Class	I Class	X Class	B Class
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.34%	1.11%	1.63%	1.34%	0.89%
Transaction Costs (TC) ⁵	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%
Total Investment Charges (TIC)	1.41%	1.18%	1.70%	1.41%	0.96%

M&G (South Africa) Global Funds.

Risk profile



Fund facts

Fund objective

The primary objective is to outperform CPI by 5% before fees (which is 3.4% after fees for the A class) over a rolling 3-year period. The secondary objective is to reduce the risk of capital loss over any rolling 12-month period.

Investor profile

Individuals looking for a low- to mediumrisk multi-asset fund. Individuals and retirees who want to protect their investment from the detrimental effects of inflation over time. The recommended investment horizon is 3 years or longer

Investment mandate

The Fund invests in a diversified mix of local and foreign equity, bonds, listed property and cash. The Fund may also invest in derivatives and other collective investment schemes. Asset allocation is actively and tactically managed to achieve the Fund's objectives. The intended maximum limits are Equity 40%, Listed Property 25% and Foreign 45%. The Fund is managed to comply with regulations governing retirement fund investments (Regulation 28).

Fund managers

Michael Movle Sandile Malinga Leonard Krügei

ASISA category

South African - Multi-Asset - Low Equity

Benchmark

Objective (before fees)

CPI+5% p.a. over a rolling 3-year period

Inception date

1 June 2001

Fund size

R19 861 769 066

Awards

Raging Bull: 2013 Morningstar: 2015

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¹ Objective: CPI + 5% p.a. over rolling 3 years gross of fees; less long-term TIC of applicable class. For A class objective above a TIC of -1.6% was used.

² 12-month rolling performance figure

³ The Fund can invest portions of its assets into underlying foreign investments (incl. investments into Africa). This would mainly be achieved by investing into the sub-funds of the M&G (South Africa) Global Funds ICAV and the M&G Africa Equity Fund. These funds will charge an additional asset management fee which is included in the Fund's NAV and the Fund's TER. The Manager receives a marketing and distribution fee in respect of the

The Financial Adviser Service Fee, if applicable, is included in M&G's applied ⁴ The Financial Adviser Service Fee, if applicable, is included in M&G's annual management fee above. An Ongoing Adviser Fee, over and above the Financial Adviser Service Fee, may be negotiated between the Investor and Financial Adviser. Should you agree to an Ongoing Adviser Fee, it will be paid via the regular repurchase of units.
⁸ 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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Multi-asset

January 2024

Income Distributions ⁶	A Class	T Class	X Class	B Class
	Total 12m yield	Total 12m yield	Total 12m yield	Total 12m yield
31 December 2023	9.98 cpu 4.20%	10.44 cpu 4.41%	9.97 cpu 4.20%	10.98 cpu 4.63%
30 June 2023	8.73 cpu 4.21%	9.23 cpu 4.42%	8.73 cpu 4.21%	9.74 cpu 4.64%

Fund commentary

Financial assets had a mixed month in January, which was a stark contrast to the sharp rally seen in the final two months of 2023. On the one hand, the S&P 500 Index reached an all-time high, but on the fixed income front, there was some weakness in DM sovereign bonds, most notably UK gilts, as investors pushed out their expectations for rate cuts beyond Q1. Economic news out of the US was broadly positive, even as Fed Chairman Jerome Powell's remarks on rate cuts were cautionary, saying it was better to be "too late" with reductions than too early, in the fight against inflation. US Q4 GDP came in at a better-than-expected 3.3% (q/q, annualised), averting fears of a recession, while US inflation ticked up to 3.4% y/y in December from 3.1% y/y in November. In the UK, the Bank of England held interest rates steady at its February meeting, but finally indicated that it foresaw rate cuts in 2024. UK inflation inched up to 4.0% y/y in December from November's 3.9% y/y. The European Central Bank also left interest rates unchanged at a record high 4%, but was less clear about the prospects for lower interest rates. Seasonally adjusted Q4 GDP grew by 0.1% y/y, and was flat compared with Q3.

In China, the pace of the equity market sell-off accelerated amid ongoing uncertainty around economic growth, triggering new stimulus from the authorities. The PBOC lowered bank reserve requirements, while funding was injected into the capital market to stabilise conditions. Additional fiscal spending is also expected to further stimulate growth. China's Q4 GDP grew 5.2% y/y (versus Q3's 4.9%), hitting the government's target for 2023. Locally, the MPC kept rates unchanged at 8.25% in a unanimous decision, while SA GDP growth for 2023 was revised down slightly to 0.6% (from 0.8% previously). Meanwhile SA CPI came in at 5.1% y/y in December, down from 5.5% y/y in November. The FTSE/JSE All Share Index returned -2.9% in January, while Listed Property (FTSE/JSE All Property Index) posted 4.4%. The FTSE/JSE All Bond Index returned 0.7%, inflation-linked bonds (the Composite ILB Index) posted 0.1%, and cash as measured by the STeFI Composite Index delivered 0.7%. Looking at global market returns (in US\$), the MSCI All Country World Index delivered 0.6%, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index returned -1.4%, while the FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global REIT Index posted -4.0%. The rand strengthened 0.2% against the US dollar, but weakened 2.5% against the euro and 4.8% against the pound sterling.

Detracting the most from absolute performance for the month was the fund's exposure to SA equities (excluding property) and foreign bonds (excluding inflation-linked bonds).

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.
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.
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.
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.
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.

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⁶ 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).