

# FOORD BALANCED FUND – CLASS A

The fund aims to grow retirement savings by meaningful, inflation-beating returns over the long term from an actively managed multi-asset class portfolio. The fund is appropriate for investors in retirement products that are subject to prudential limits and whose investment horizon exceeds five years. Available as a tax free investment account.

**DOMICILE**  
South Africa

**MANAGEMENT COMPANY**  
Foord Unit Trusts (RF) (Pty) Ltd  
VAT Registration Number: 4560201594

**FUND MANAGERS**  
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**INCEPTION DATE**  
1 September 2002

**BASE CURRENCY**  
South African rands

**EQUITY INDICATOR** ●●●●●●●●●  
Indicates the relative weight of equities in the portfolio. A higher weight could result in increased volatility of returns.

**CATEGORY**  
South African – Multi Asset – High Equity

**BENCHMARK**  
The market value weighted average total return of the South African – Multi Asset – High Equity unit trust sector, excluding Foord Balanced Fund.

**MINIMUM LUMP SUM / MONTHLY**  
R50 000 / R1 000

**PORTFOLIO SIZE**  
R24.1 billion

**UNIT PRICE**  
7351.09 cents

**NUMBER OF UNITS**  
34.0 million

**LAST DISTRIBUTIONS**  
29/09/2023: 60.80 cents  
31/03/2023: 49.08 cents

**INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS**  
End-March and end-September each year.

**INCOME CHARACTERISTICS**  
Medium yield, approximately double that of a general equity fund. Income distributions are reduced by the annual service charge, which varies with the relative performance of the fund against its benchmark.

**PORTFOLIO ORIENTATION**  
Medium to high weighting in JSE shares and includes exposure to listed property, commodity securities, bonds, money market instruments and foreign assets.

**SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTIONS**  
Maximum equity exposure of 75%; maximum offshore exposure of 45%; complies with pension fund investment regulations (Regulation 28).

**FOREIGN ASSETS**  
Foreign asset exposure is obtained predominantly via the US dollar priced Foord global funds in Luxembourg and Singapore.

**RISK OF LOSS**  
Lower than that of a pure equity fund. High in periods shorter than six months, lower in periods greater than one year.

**TIME HORIZON**  
Longer than five years.

**ISIN NUMBER**  
ZAE000042172

## ASSET ALLOCATION % (MAX LIMITS IN BRACKETS)

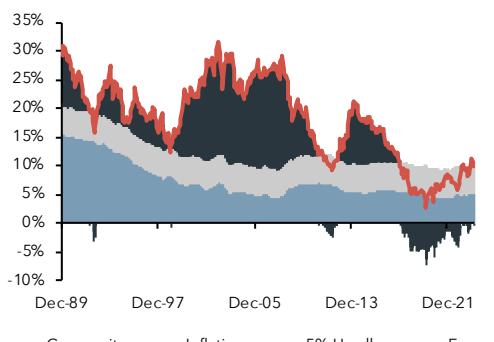
Change since 31 December 2023

	SA (100)	FOREIGN (45)	TOTAL	CHANGE
Equities (75)	35.2	27.3	62.6	▼ 3.3
Listed property (25)	2.9	0.7	3.6	▼ 0.2
Corporate bonds (50)	0.0	3.6	3.6	▲ 0.2
Government bonds (100)	10.9	2.6	13.5	▲ 0.2
Commodities (10)	3.5	1.3	4.8	▼ 0.1
Money market (100)	5.0	6.9	11.9	▲ 3.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

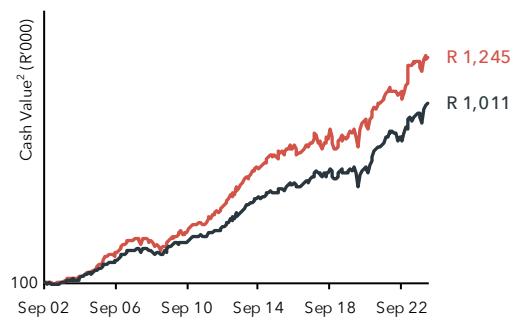
## TOP 10 INVESTMENTS

SECURITY	ASSET CLASS	MARKET	% OF FUND
Foord Global Equity Fund	Foreign assets	LUX/SGP	18.7
Foord International Fund	Foreign assets	LUX	18.1
Prosus	Equity	ZAF	5.8
Aspen	Equity	ZAF	4.4
RSA 8.875% (R2035)	Government bond	ZAF	3.8
NewGold	Commodity	ZAF	3.5
Anheuser-Busch	Equity	ZAF	3.3
Naspers -N-	Equity	ZAF	2.7
FirstRand	Equity	ZAF	2.6
Sasol convertible 4.5%	Corporate bond	USA	2.6

## INVESTMENT STRATEGY VS SA INFLATION



## PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE VS BENCHMARK



In managing retirement portfolios, Foord aims to achieve returns that exceed inflation plus 5% per annum over any rolling five-year period. The chart illustrates that a composite return of similarly managed portfolios over any rolling five-year period has only once dipped below the South African inflation rate. It also demonstrates that real returns of 5% per annum are consistently achievable in mandates of this nature when measured over the appropriate long-term period.

## PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE % (PERIODS GREATER THAN ONE YEAR ARE ANNUALISED<sup>1</sup>)

	CASH VALUE <sup>2</sup>	SINCE INCEPTION	15 YRS	10 YRS	7 YRS	5 YRS	3 YRS	1 YR	THIS MONTH
Fund <sup>3</sup>	R 1,245,432	12.4	10.8	6.8	7.1	8.6	7.9	2.8	0.9
Benchmark <sup>3,4</sup>	R 1,011,220	11.4	10.0	7.3	7.8	9.0	9.5	7.4	0.9
Fund highest <sup>3,5</sup>		61.0	28.5	24.2	24.2	24.2	16.8	2.8	
Fund lowest <sup>3,5</sup>		-16.8	-8.1	-8.1	-8.1	-5.1	-0.3	2.8	

<sup>1</sup> Converted to reflect the average yearly return for each period presented

<sup>2</sup> Current value of R100 000 notional lump sum invested at inception, distributions reinvested (graphically represented in R'000s above)

<sup>3</sup> Net of fees and expenses

<sup>4</sup> Source: Morningstar, performance as calculated by Foord

<sup>5</sup> Highest and lowest actual 12 month rand return achieved in the period

Note: Totals may not cast perfectly due to rounding

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### FEE RATES

Initial, exit and switching fees	0.0%
Standard annual fee for equalling benchmark	1.0% plus VAT
Performance fee sharing rate	10% (over- and under-performance)
Minimum annual fee	0.5% plus VAT
Maximum annual fee	Uncapped
Foord global funds:	
- Foord International Fund	1.00%
- Foord Global Equity Fund	0.5% plus 15% performance

The annual fee is based on portfolio performance with the daily rate being adjusted up or down based on the portfolio's one-year rolling return relative to that of its benchmark and is subject to a minimum fee rate. Fees accrue in the Foord global funds as disclosed.

### TOTAL INVESTMENT CHARGE %

	12 MONTHS	36 MONTHS
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.58	1.27
- Manager's charge (basic)	1.00	1.00
- Performance charge	0.10	-0.14
- Foord global charges	0.30	0.26
- VAT and sundry costs	0.19	0.14
Transaction costs (incl VAT)	0.04	0.04
<b>Total investment charge</b>	<b>1.62</b>	<b>1.31</b>

A TER is a measure of a portfolio's annual expenses, fees and charges, expressed as a percentage of the average daily value of the portfolio. These expenses include the annual fee, VAT, audit fees, bank charges and costs (excluding trading costs) incurred in any underlying funds. Included in the TER, but separately disclosed, is a performance fee (or credit) resulting from overperformance (or underperformance) against the benchmark. 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. Performance return information and prices are always stated net of the expenses, fees and charges included in the TER. The TER for the fund's financial year ended 31 March 2023 was 1.48%.

### PERFORMANCE FEES

Performance fees align investor and manager return objectives by rewarding the manager for outperformance while penalising the manager for underperformance. Foord's performance fee structure increases or decreases the daily fee levied based on the over or underperformance of the Foord unit trust portfolios relative to their benchmarks. When the portfolio return exceeds the benchmark return, the daily performance fee rate is increased proportionately. Similarly, underperformance causes the daily performance fee rate to decrease proportionately. Performance fee rates are not capped because outperformance is generally not earned smoothly.

The annual fee is adjusted up or down daily by the performance fee calculated as the difference between the rolling one-year net-of-fee return and the benchmark return for the same period, multiplied by the performance fee sharing rate.

### PERFORMANCE FEE EXAMPLES %

	A	B	C	D
Foord 1-year rolling return	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Benchmark 1-year rolling return	8.0	12.0	10.0	16.0
Relative performance	+2.0	-2.0	0.0	-6.0
Performance fee sharing rate	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Adjustment to 1% annual fee	+0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.6
<b>Annual fee rate applied (excl. VAT)</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.5*</b>

\* Minimum fees apply

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