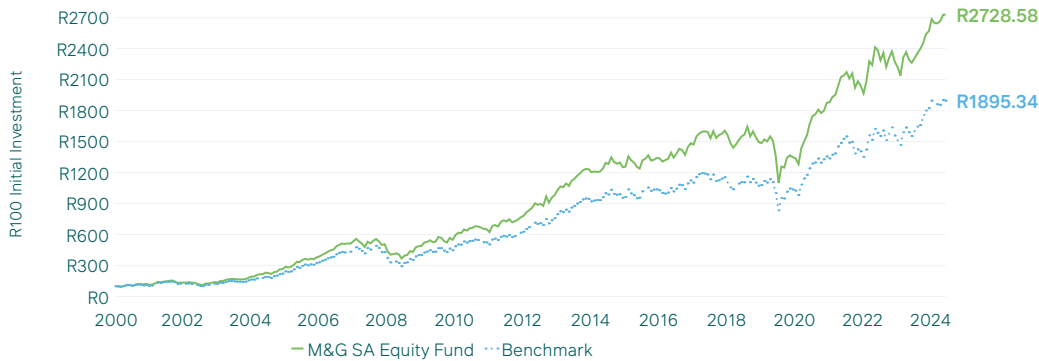


# M&G SA Equity Fund

Equity

February 2025

## Since inception cumulative performance, distributions reinvested (B class)



## Annualised performance

	B class	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	F class
1 year	20.6%	22.0%	19.2%
3 years	8.5%	7.5%	7.2%
5 years	14.9%	13.6%	13.6%
7 years	8.0%	7.0%	6.8%
10 years	7.8%	6.6%	-
20 years	13.1%	12.2%	-
Since inception	14.5%	12.8%	-

## Returns since inception<sup>2</sup>

	B class	Date
Highest annualised return	66.8%	30 Apr 2006
Lowest annualised return	-30.5%	28 Feb 2009

## Top holdings as at 31 Dec 2024

1. Naspers Ltd/Prosus NV	14.0%
2. Standard Bank Group Ltd	6.9%
3. Firststrand Ltd	6.4%
4. Absa Group Ltd	6.1%
5. British American Tobacco Plc	4.8%
6. MTN Group Ltd	4.8%
7. Anglo American Plc	4.4%
8. Investec	3.9%
9. The Foschini Group Ltd	3.1%
10. Gold Fields Ltd	3.0%

## Risk measures

	B class	Benchmark
Monthly volatility (annualised)	15.5%	16.1%
Maximum drawdown over any period	-34.0%	-40.4%
% of positive rolling 12 months	83.3%	81.9%
Information ratio	0.3	n/a
Sortino ratio	0.1	0.0
Sharpe ratio	0.1	0.0

## Investment options

	F Class	B Class
Minimum lump sum investment	R20 million	n/a
Minimum monthly debit order	n/a	n/a

## Annual Management Fees (excl. VAT)

	F Class	B Class
M&G	1.00%	n/a

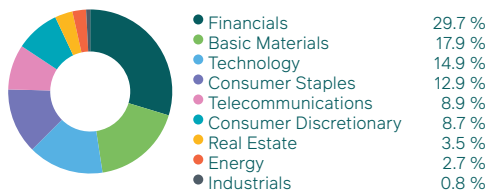
## Expenses (incl. VAT)

	F Class	B Class
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.16%	0.01%
Transaction Costs (TC) <sup>3</sup>	0.12%	0.12%
Total Investment Charges (TIC)	1.28%	0.13%

## Asset allocation as at 28 Feb 2025



## Sector exposure



## Risk profile

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



Variability of returns over the short-term ▶

## Fund facts

### Fund objective

To provide broad-based exposure to South African shares that offer value and medium- to long-term growth. The portfolio managers seek to invest in companies where returns can be achieved from any or all of (a) growth in earnings, (b) growth in dividends and (c) a re-rating by the market of the company's share price.

### Investor profile

Investors with a higher risk tolerance who are looking for out-performance of the South African equity market, while limiting volatility relative to the fund's benchmark. The recommended investment horizon is 7 years or longer.

### Investment mandate

The Fund can invest in any company listed on the JSE that meet the portfolio managers' value criteria. The Fund seeks out value by attempting to capture all components of return over time, including high dividend yield, earnings growth and possible market re-rating. The Fund will not invest in any foreign markets. The intended maximum limits are Equity 100%, Property 10% and Foreign 0%.

### Fund managers

Ross Biggs  
Chris Wood  
Aadil Omar  
Leonard Krüger

### ASISA category

South African - Equity - SA General

### Benchmark

FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX All Share Index

### Inception date

21 September 2000

### Fund size

R40 053 463 190

Please note that the B Class is only available to large retirement funds and institutional investors. The F Class was launched on 01/07/2016.

<sup>1</sup> The Fund's benchmark changed from the FTSE/JSE All Share Index (TR) to the FTSE/JSE Capped SWIX All Share Index (TR) on 1 July 2017.

<sup>2</sup> 12-month rolling performance figure

<sup>3</sup> 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 Distributions<sup>4</sup>

	B Class		F Class	
	Total	12m yield	Total	12m yield
31 December 2024	21.65 cpu	3.85%	15.47 cpu	2.84%
30 June 2024	17.89 cpu	3.96%	12.36 cpu	2.86%

## Fund commentary

In February, the world witnessed the full force of Trump 2.0's policy shift, with the announcement of tariffs targeting Canada, Mexico, and China on the very first day of the month. Stock markets fell and the dollar jumped after US President Donald Trump ordered 25% tariffs on imports from Mexico and Canada and 10% on imports from China, as markets tried to gauge the impact of these measures as well as Trump's next moves. Renewed geopolitical tensions were also at the forefront during February, as Trump's headlines on both the Middle East conflict and the war in Ukraine seemed to hinder recent progress in peace talks, further increasing global uncertainty. This uncertainty, combined with shifting market dynamics, contributed to a weaker US dollar. US macroeconomic data releases were accompanied by sharp moves in both the equity and bond market, with US CPI and PPI both printing higher-than-expected, retail sales falling short of forecasts, and University of Michigan sentiment figures coming in below expectations. In the UK, the BOE cut its main interest by 25bps to 4.5% and halved its economic growth outlook for 2025. Consumer prices jumped more than expected in January, rising by 3.0% y/y vs the forecasted 2.8%. Turning to the Eurozone, the ECB cut its deposit rate by a quarter of a percentage point to 2.75%, marking the fifth rate cut since June last year. Eurozone Q4 2024 GDP growth printed at 0.1% q/q, surprising on the upside as an initial estimate had indicated no growth. Eurozone CPI increased to 2.5% y/y in January, up from 2.4% y/y in December.

Chinese technology stocks had an exceptional month, with the Hang Seng Index climbing by 13.5%, driven by large gains in Alibaba (44%) and Tencent (20%). The strong performance of Chinese stocks contributed positively to the local market's performance, with Prosus delivering double-digit returns. Meanwhile, US tariffs added mounting pressure on the economy. China CPI rose to 0.5% y/y in January from 0.1% y/y in December. February was a volatile month for Japanese equities on the back of trade tensions, tariff concerns and rate hike expectations. On the local front, CPI rose to 3.2% y/y in January, up from 3.0% y/y in December. This was the first report to incorporate the changes to the CPI basket and weights announced last month. Market volatility from the Budget Speech postponement was short-lived with the market stabilising relatively quickly. The FTSE/JSE All Share Index opened strong, but relinquished its gains in the latter half of February to end the month flat. By sector, Industrials (2.8%) and Financials (1.0%) delivered gains, while the resources sector struggled, falling 6.2% after an approximately 18% gain the previous month. In particular, the PGM (Platinum Group Metals) segment was weighed down by falling commodity prices.

Among the largest contributors to relative performance for the month were underweight positions in Harmony Gold and Sibanye Stillwater, and an overweight position in Naspers/Prosus. Relative detractors included an overweight position in Exxaro, and underweight positions in Discovery and Sanlam.

## Glossary

<b>12-month yield</b>	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.
<b>Annualised performance</b>	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.
<b>Compliance monitoring</b>	We use the FTSE/JSE All Share Index for monitoring the Fund's compliance with the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act (CISCA). This is in line with the benchmark index as prescribed for the SA-Equity-General category as per the ASISA fund classification standards.
<b>Cumulative performance graph</b>	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.
<b>Income distribution</b>	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.
<b>Information ratio</b>	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.
<b>Intended maximum limits</b>	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.
<b>Maximum drawdown</b>	The largest drop in the Fund's cumulative total return from peak to trough over any period.
<b>Monthly volatility (annualised)</b>	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).
<b>Percentage of positive rolling 12 months</b>	The percentage of months, since inception, that the Fund has shown a positive return over a rolling 12-month period.
<b>Sector holdings</b>	A breakdown of the Fund's equity holdings, grouped per industry sector. This is inclusive of both local and foreign equities.
<b>Sharpe ratio</b>	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.
<b>Sortino ratio</b>	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.
<b>Total Expense Ratio (TER)</b>	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.
<b>Transaction Costs (TC)</b>	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.
<b>Total Investment Charges (TIC)</b>	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.
<b>Unit Classes</b>	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.

<sup>4</sup> 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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