



### INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To achieve meaningful inflation-beating US\$ returns over rolling five-year periods from a conservatively managed portfolio of global equities, warrants, exchange traded funds, UCITS and other UCIs, interest bearing securities and cash instruments reflecting Foord's prevailing best investment view.

### INVESTOR PROFILE

Investors requiring diversification through offshore investment — with exposures to currencies, markets and securities not available in South Africa; seeking a hedge against ZAR currency depreciation.

### DOMICILE

South Africa

### MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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

### FUND MANAGERS

Brian Arcese and Dave Foord

### INCEPTION DATE

1 March 2006

### 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

Global - Multi-Asset - Flexible

### PORTFOLIO SIZE

R3.8 billion

### MINIMUM LUMP SUM / MONTHLY

Fund is closed to new investment

### UNIT PRICE (CLASS A)

5204.75 cents

### NUMBER OF UNITS (CLASS A)

14.4 million

### SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTIONS

The portfolio may only invest in cash and one other collective investment scheme.

### DISTRIBUTIONS

The Foord International Fund, in which the fund invests, does not distribute its income.

### INCOME CHARACTERISTICS

Marginal to zero income yield as the Foord International Fund is a roll-up fund and does not distribute its income.

### PORTFOLIO ORIENTATION

Fully invested in the Foord International Fund, sub-fund of Foord SICAV, domiciled in Luxembourg.

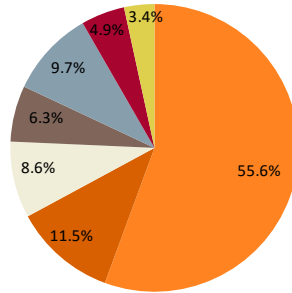
### RISK OF LOSS

Currency volatility means risk of loss in the short term is high. In general, the risk of loss is lower than that of the average foreign equity fund.

### TIME HORIZON

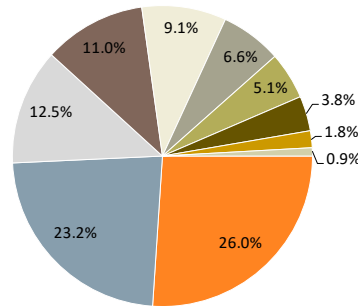
Longer than three years.

### ASSET ALLOCATION



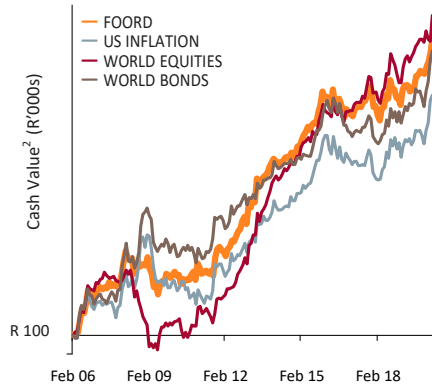
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### EQUITY SECTOR ALLOCATION

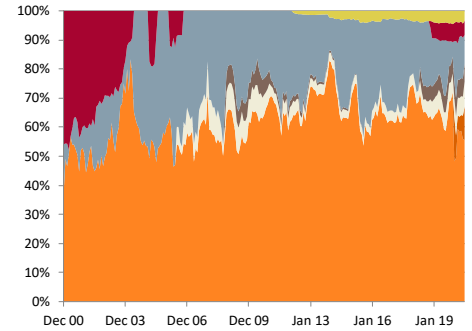


■ Healthcare ■ Financials ■ Consumer staples ■ Information technology ■ Materials ■ Communication Services ■ Utilities ■ Industrials ■ Energy

### PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE



### CHANGES IN PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION: MASTER FUND



### GEOGRAPHIC EXPOSURE

	TOTAL PORTFOLIO %	REGIONAL EQUITY %	CASH %
North America	42	16	10
EM Latin America	-	-	-
Europe	35	26	-
EM Europe	-	-	-
Pacific	10	7	-
EM Asia	13	7	-
	100	56	10

### TOP 10 INVESTMENTS

SECURITY	ASSET CLASS	MARKET	% OF FUND
FMC Corp	Equity	USA	9.3
ETFs Physical Gold	Commodity	GBR	8.4
Nagacorp 9.375%	Corp Bond	SGP	6.3
Nestle	Equity	CHE	5.8
Wheaton Precious Metals	Equity	USA	4.9
US Treasury 2.75%	Gov bond	USA	4.9
SSE PLC	Equity	GBR	4.8
Roche Holding	Equity	CHE	4.5
CVS Health Corp	Equity	USA	4.0
Alphabet Inc	Equity	USA	4.0

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

	CASH VALUE <sup>2</sup>	SINCE INCEPTION	LAST 10 YEARS	LAST 7 YEARS	LAST 5 YEARS	LAST 3 YEARS	LAST 12 MONTHS	THIS MONTH
<b>IN RANDS</b>								
FOORD <sup>3,4</sup>	R 521 534	12.1%	14.4%	12.0%	9.8%	12.1%	30.6%	-0.5%
PEER GROUP <sup>4,5</sup>	R 346 605	9.0%	11.6%	10.6%	8.2%	11.3%	21.1%	1.5%
US INFLATION <sup>6</sup>	R 357 203	9.2%	10.7%	9.7%	7.8%	10.9%	19.5%	-1.6%
WORLD EQUITIES <sup>7</sup>	R 627 674	13.6%	19.9%	17.7%	14.7%	17.8%	28.3%	3.1%
WORLD BONDS <sup>8</sup>	R 477 385	11.4%	11.4%	10.9%	10.7%	14.0%	29.6%	2.0%
FOORD HIGHEST <sup>3,4,9</sup>		42.1%	42.1%	36.6%	32.8%	32.8%	30.6%	
FOORD LOWEST <sup>3,4,9</sup>		-18.5%	-12.0%	-12.0%	-12.0%	-4.5%	30.6%	

<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> Class A

<sup>4</sup> Net of fees and expenses

<sup>5</sup> USD Flexible Allocation Morningstar category (provisional). Source: Morningstar

<sup>6</sup> US headline consumer price index. Source: Bloomberg L.P., performance as calculated by Foord (estimated for July 2020)

<sup>7</sup> MSCI World Equity Total Return Index (Developed Markets). Source: Bloomberg L.P., performance as calculated by Foord

<sup>8</sup> FTSE World Government Bond Index. Source: Bloomberg L.P., performance as calculated by Foord

<sup>9</sup> Highest and lowest actual 12 month rand return achieved in the period

### COMMENTARY

- Developed market equities (+4.8%) gained when second quarter corporate earnings surpassed (albeit lowered) expectations—sizeable fiscal and monetary stimulus measures continue to bolster equity markets
- Emerging markets (+8.9%) outperformed, led by Brazil (+14.2%) and China (+9.4%)—continued oil price stabilisation (+5.2%) and gradual peaking of COVID-19 infections in Brazil served to buoy the country's bourses
- Global developed market sovereign and highly-rated corporate bond yields are at record lows with more than 60% of global debt trading below 1.0% and 85% below 2.0%—July's US Fed meeting reinforced expectations that interest rates will remain low for the foreseeable future
- The US dollar continued to decline—weakening against the euro (+5.3%), British pound (+6.2%) and Japanese yen (+2.0%)
- Precious metals gold (+9.5%) and silver (+34.9%) led gains in hard and soft commodities—driven by global central banks pinning interest rates near zero, unprecedented peacetime fiscal deficits and emerging US dollar weakness
- The fund's gold ETF and investment in precious metals streamer Wheaton Precious Metals (+23.3%) contributed most to performance—while leading Hong Kong retail property developer Wharf REIC (-25.9%) again detracted on renewed political instability and reaccelerating COVID-19 infections
- The path to a full economic recovery is considerably uncertain given increasing geopolitical tensions, expensive equity valuations, US elections and the COVID-19 pandemic—the managers remain cautious and the fund retains S&P 500 hedges to protect against these elevated risks
- The rand (+1.6%) appreciated on positive emerging market sentiment and dollar weakness but has declined 17.9% against the greenback this year—the currency remains vulnerable in the long-term given South Africa's structural economic weaknesses

### FEE RATES (CLASS A)

Initial, exit and switching fees	0.0%
Annual fees	0.35% plus VAT
Underlying investment fees levied in the Foord International Fund	1.00% per annum fixed annual fee from June 2020 (previously 1.35%)

### ANNUALISED COST RATIO (CLASS A)

	12 MONTHS	36 MONTHS
TER —Basic	1.82%	1.83%
—Performance	0.00%	0.00%
Transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%
Total cost ratio	1.82%	1.83%

### INVESTING OFFSHORE

While an investment in the fund provides for global asset exposure, you may only invest and withdraw rands. Your contribution to a fund of this nature is over and above the South African offshore allowance.

### INVESTING FOR THE LONG TERM

At Foord Unit Trusts, we believe in investing for the long term. We seek to partner with clients who wish to invest for decades and who understand that superior long-term returns are not achieved smoothly each year. We pledge to earn your trust by investing your money with the same care and dedication with which we invest our own.

### ABOUT THE MASTER FUND

The Foord International Fund (FIF) is the master fund for the Foord International Feeder Fund. FIF was launched as a global equity fund in 1997 when South African exchange controls were first relaxed. It was a tumultuous time for global equity markets. Price-earnings multiples (PEs) on the S&P 500 Index in the USA grew from around 15-times earnings in 1995 to around 20-times earnings when the fund commenced. They headed even higher as investors speculated in the dot-com bubble leading up to the early 2000s.

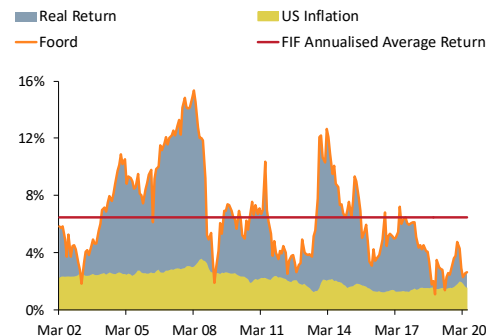
Given the speculative fever in equity markets and the entrenched Foord investment philosophy of protecting investors from permanent capital losses, the managers changed the fund's investment policy to one of flexible asset allocation. Investment grade interest bearing assets in excess of 40% of the portfolio were subsequently included in the fund, which protected investors' capital when equity markets retraced their gains in 1999/2000 (see Chart 1). Within the reduced equity component, the investment thesis continued to focus on quality companies offering a safe but adequate return, mostly in developed economies.

The managers then set an absolute return investment objective for the fund. Chart 2 demonstrates that FIF has consistently delivered real returns of approximately 5% per annum in US dollars over rolling five year cycles.

CHART 1: CUMULATIVE RETURNS



CHART 2: ROLLING 5 YEARS VS US INFLATION



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### FOREIGN INVESTMENT RISK

The portfolio may include underlying foreign investments. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying foreign investments to go up or down. The underlying foreign investments may be adversely affected by political instability as well as exchange controls, changes in taxation, foreign investment policies, restrictions on repatriation of investments and other restrictions and controls that may be imposed by the relevant authorities in the relevant countries.

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