

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund aims to provide investors with a net-of-fee return of 5% per annum above the annual change in the South African Consumer Price Index, measured over rolling three year periods. Exploiting the benefits of global diversification, the portfolio continually reflects Foord's prevailing best investment view on all available asset classes in South Africa and around the world.

INVESTOR PROFILE

Investors with a moderate risk profile who require long-term inflation beating total returns from a dynamically managed multi-asset class portfolio. It is appropriate for investors seeking a balanced exposure to domestic and foreign assets, according to Foord's best investment view. Available as a tax free investment account.

DOMICILE

South Africa

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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

FUND MANAGER

Dave Foord

INCEPTION DATE

1 April 2008

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

Worldwide - Multi-Asset - Flexible

PORTFOLIO SIZE

R9.5 billion

MINIMUM LUMP SUM / MONTHLY

R50 000 / R1 000

UNIT PRICE (CLASS A)

3425.66 cents

NUMBER OF UNITS (CLASS A)

88.6 million

LAST DISTRIBUTIONS

31/08/20 : 13.93 cents per unit

29/02/20 : 27.01 cents per unit

BENCHMARK

CPI + 5% per annum

SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTIONS

None. The fund is unconstrained.

INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS

End-February and end-August each year.

INCOME CHARACTERISTICS

Low to medium income yield depending on the asset allocation strategy employed as the foreign asset component is invested in roll-up funds which do not distribute their income. Income distributions are reduced by the annual service charge, which varies with the relative performance of the fund against its benchmark.

PORTFOLIO ORIENTATION

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FOREIGN ASSETS

Foreign asset exposure is obtained predominantly via Foord International Fund (a conservative, multi-asset class fund) and Foord Global Equity Fund Luxembourg (a portfolio of global shares and cash). Both funds are sub-funds of Foord SICAV domiciled in Luxembourg, and are priced in US dollars.

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.

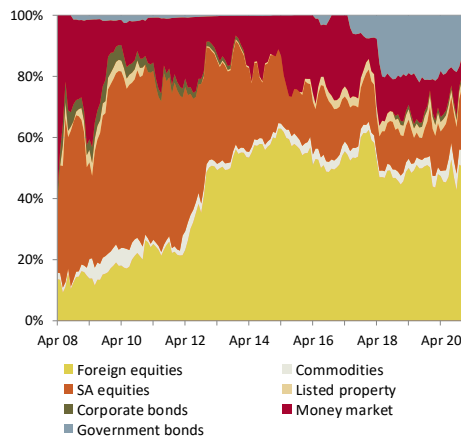
TIME HORIZON

Longer than three years.

ASSET ALLOCATION

	SA %	FOREIGN %	TOTAL %
Equities	20.3	50.5	70.8
Listed property	1.4	1.2	2.6
Corporate bonds	0.0	1.3	1.3
Government bonds	13.6	0.0	13.6
Commodities	3.9	1.6	5.5
Money market	2.1	4.1	6.2
TOTAL	41.3	58.7	100.0

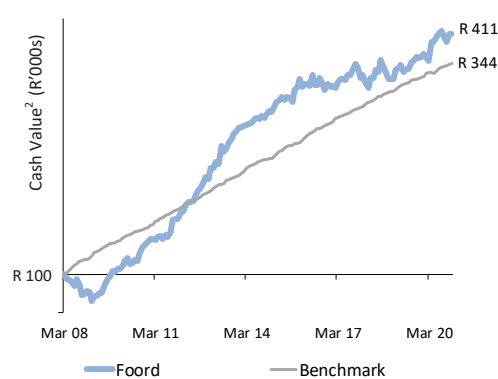
CHANGES IN PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION



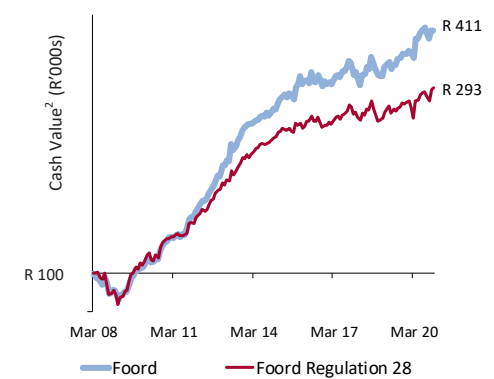
TOP 10 INVESTMENTS

SECURITY	ASSET CLASS	MARKET	% OF FUND
RSA 10.5% (R186)	Gov bond	ZAF	5.8
RSA 8.0% (R2030)	Gov bond	ZAF	4.6
NewGold	Commodity	ZAF	3.8
Anheuser-Busch	Equity	ZAF	3.5
RSA 9.0% (R2040)	Gov bond	ZAF	2.8
BHP Group	Equity	ZAF	2.7
Aspen	Equity	ZAF	2.6
Alphabet Inc	Equity	USA	2.6
JD.Com Inc	Equity	USA	2.5
FMC Corp	Equity	USA	2.2

PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE VS BENCHMARK



INVESTMENT STRATEGY VS REG 28 PORTFOLIOS



Unconstrained investment mandates provide Foord with more investment tools to achieve long-term inflation beating returns and to better manage the risk of loss compared to prudentially compliant (Regulation 28) portfolios. Accordingly, unconstrained mandates are ideal for discretionary savings that are not required to be invested in terms of Regulation 28 limits. The Investment Strategy vs Regulation 28 Portfolios chart compares the investment returns of the unconstrained Foord Flexible Fund of Funds to Regulation 28 mandates managed by Foord (the Foord Balanced Fund returns are net of fees and therefore have been used for direct comparative purposes). The chart shows that the Foord Flexible Fund has outperformed the Foord Balanced Fund by approximately 3% per annum since its inception, illustrating the long-term opportunity cost of investing discretionary savings in a Regulation 28 portfolio.

PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE (PERIODS GREATER THAN ONE YEAR ARE ANNUALISED ¹)

	CASH VALUE ²	SINCE INCEPTION	LAST 10 YEARS	LAST 7 YEARS	LAST 5 YEARS	LAST 3 YEARS	LAST 12 MONTHS	THIS MONTH
FOORD ³	R 411 082	11.7%	13.0%	8.2%	5.5%	9.0%	14.8%	0.4%
BENCHMARK ⁴	R 344 194	10.2%	10.1%	9.8%	9.6%	8.9%	8.1%	0.6%
FTSE/JSE All Share ⁵	R 293 591	8.8%	9.6%	6.8%	6.4%	3.1%	7.0%	4.2%
FOORD HIGHEST ^{3,6}		38.8%	38.8%	22.4%	22.4%	22.4%	14.8%	
FOORD LOWEST ^{3,6}		-12.0%	-6.9%	-6.9%	-6.9%	-2.3%	14.8%	

¹ Converted to reflect the average yearly return for each period presented

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

³ Class A, net of fees and expenses

⁴ Source: Stats SA, performance as calculated by Foord

⁵ Source: IRESS MD RSA

⁶ Highest and lowest actual 12 month return achieved in the period

COMMENTARY

- Global equities (+4.2% in US dollars) again reached new highs on the first COVID-19 vaccine approvals by US, UK, and EU regulators and the passage in the US of a \$900 billion pandemic relief bill—emerging markets (+7.2%) outperformed on the improving global economic sentiment
- European sovereign bond yields trended lower on reaccelerating COVID-19 infections and US yields edged higher on a modest improvement in US employment and COVID-19 vaccine approvals—the US dollar continued to weaken against most major and emerging market currencies
- Industrial commodities including oil (+8.9%), copper (+2.7%) and iron ore (+25.1%) rose on expectations that COVID-19 vaccines may result in higher global growth in 2021—precious metals gold (+6.6%) and silver (19.6%) rebounded after three months of retreat
- Fund performance was supported by contributions from Baidu (+55.6%), Moncler (+24.6%), Hong-Kong property developer Wharf REIC (+11.9%) and Freeport-McMoran (+11.2%)—Chinese insurer PICC Property & Casualty (-8.3%), Alphabet (-0.5%), Tencent (+0.2%) and Nutrien (-1.3%) were the detractors
- The FTSE/JSE Capped All Share Index (+4.9% in rands) was buoyed by the positive global emerging markets sentiment and net foreign buying—resources (+9.5%) and financials (+8.3%) advanced while industrials (-1.0%) lagged
- The fund's JSE equity investments underperformed given the low allocation to the resources sector and to listed property (+13.7%)—core holdings in BHP Group (+9.7%) and FirstRand (+12.3%) contributed meaningfully, while the allocation to large cap rand hedge Anheuser-Busch InBev (-0.1%) underperformed on rand strength
- The All Bond Index (+2.4%) advanced as positive emerging markets sentiment resulted in lower long bond yields and a flatter yield curve—the fund's core investment in the 3-7-year sector (+2.4%) again contributed meaningfully to returns and is still the managers' preferred yield curve position
- The rand (+5.0% vs the US dollar) gained on broad-based dollar weakness and positive emerging markets sentiment on COVID-19 vaccine news and expectations for accelerating global economic growth in 2021—despite recent dollar weakness, the rand (-5.0%) is weaker over 2020 and remains vulnerable over the longer term

FEE RATES (CLASS A)

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
Foreign assets	The fee accrued in the Foord global funds is rebated in full

TOTAL INVESTMENT CHARGE

	12 MONTHS	36 MONTHS
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.88%	1.16%
Manager's charge (basic)	1.00%	1.00%
Performance charge	0.62%	-0.01%
Foord global charges	-	-
VAT and sundry costs	0.26%	0.17%
Transaction costs (incl VAT)	0.01%	0.01%
Total investment charge	1.89%	1.17%

FEE STRUCTURE

The annual fee is based on portfolio performance fee with the daily fee rates 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.

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 for the reason that 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 FOR FOORD FLEXIBLE FUND OF FUNDS (CLASS A)

	SCENARIO			
	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%
Daily adjustment to 1% annual fee	+0.2%	-0.2%	0.0%	-0.6%
Annual fee rate applied (excl. VAT)	1.2%	0.8%	1.0%	0.5%*

* Minimum fees apply

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UNIT PRICE

Unit trust prices are calculated on a net asset value basis, which is the total value of all assets in the portfolio including any income accruals and less any permissible deductions from the portfolio. Forward pricing is used. Prices are determined at 15h00 each business day and are published daily on www.foord.co.za and in national newspapers. The cut-off time for instruction is 14h00 each business day.

TER

A Total Expense Ratio (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 ratio 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 29 February 2020 was 1.03%.

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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