

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The fund aims to provide investors with a net-of-fee return of 4% per annum above the annual change in the South African Consumer Price Index, measured over rolling three-year periods. The portfolio is managed to comply with the statutory investment limits set for retirement funds in South Africa (Regulation 28).

INVESTOR PROFILE

Given the fund's maximum 60% equity investment restriction, the fund is appropriate for conservative investors who are close to, or typically in, retirement and whose time horizon does not exceed five years. These investors may therefore seek lower levels of investment volatility and risk of short-term loss than those provided by a less conservative balanced fund.

DOMICILE

South Africa

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

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

FUND MANAGERS

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INCEPTION DATE

2 January 2014

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 - Medium Equity

PORTFOLIO SIZE

R862.2 million

MINIMUM LUMP SUM / MONTHLY

R50 000 / R1 000

UNIT PRICE (CLASS A)

1319.94 cents

NUMBER OF UNITS (CLASS A)

1.5 million

LAST DISTRIBUTIONS

26/02/2021: 9.86 cents per unit
31/08/2020: 11.60 cents per unit

BENCHMARK

CPI + 4% per annum

SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTIONS

Maximum equity exposure of 60%; maximum offshore exposure of 30%; complies with pension fund investment regulations (Reg 28).

INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS

End-February and end-August each year.

INCOME CHARACTERISTICS

Typically more than double that of the FTSE/JSE All Share Index dividend yield. The income yield is affected by the level of performance fees accrued.

PORTFOLIO ORIENTATION

Typically a medium to low weighting in JSE shares and includes exposure to listed property, commodity securities, bonds, money market instruments and foreign assets.

FOREIGN ASSETS

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

RISK OF LOSS

Medium in periods shorter than six months. Low in periods greater than one year.

TIME HORIZON

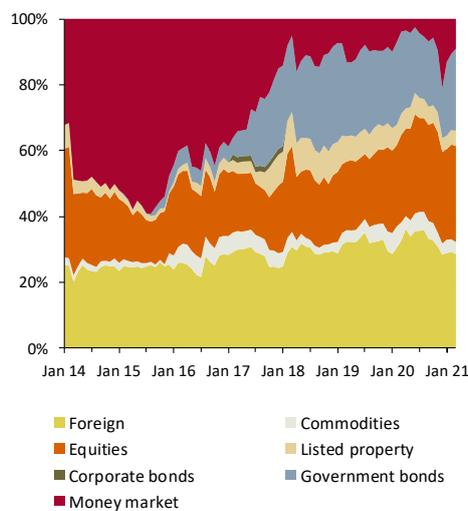
Shorter than five years.

ASSET ALLOCATION (MAX LIMITS IN BRACKETS*)

	SA %	FOREIGN %	TOTAL%
Equities	29.2	23.5	52.7 (60)
Listed property	4.7	0.8	5.5 (25)
Corporate bonds	0.0	0.9	0.9 (50)
Government bonds	24.8	0.0	24.8 (100)
Commodities	3.7	1.0	4.7 (10)
Money market	9.0	2.4	11.4 (100)
TOTAL	71.4 (100)	28.6 (30)	100.0

* Market value breaches (if any) to be rectified within 12 months

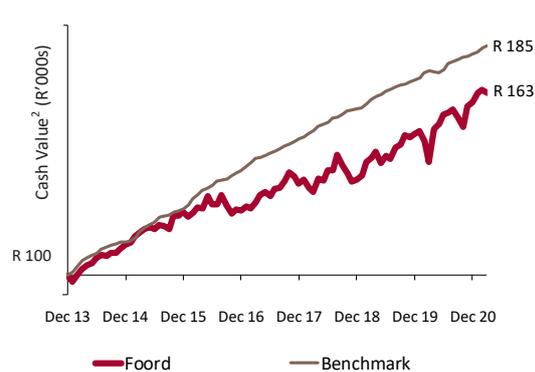
CHANGES IN PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION



TOP 10 INVESTMENTS

SECURITY	ASSET CLASS	MARKET	% OF FUND
Foord International Fund	Foreign assets	LUX	14.3
Foord Global Equity Fund	Foreign assets	SGP	14.3
RSA 10.5% (R186)	Gov bond	ZAF	8.9
RSA 8.0% (R2030)	Gov bond	ZAF	8.1
RSA 8.875% (R2035)	Gov bond	ZAF	4.3
NewGold	Commodity	ZAF	3.7
Naspers "N"	Equity	ZAF	3.4
RSA 8.25% (R2032)	Gov bond	ZAF	2.9
BHP Group	Equity	ZAF	2.8
Anheuser-Busch	Equity	ZAF	2.3

PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE VS BENCHMARK



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

	CASH VALUE ²	SINCE INCEPTION	LAST 7 YEARS	LAST 5 YEARS	LAST 3 YEARS	LAST 12 MONTHS	THIS MONTH
FOORD ³	R 162 721	6.9%	7.0%	6.3%	9.2%	20.3%	-0.7%
BENCHMARK ⁴	R 184 720	8.8%	8.5%	8.3%	7.9%	6.9%	0.7%
FOORD HIGHEST ^{3,5}		20.3%	20.3%	20.3%	20.3%	20.3%	
FOORD LOWEST ^{3,5}		-1.6%	-1.6%	-1.6%	-1.1%	20.3%	

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 Highest and lowest actual 12 month return achieved in the period

COMMENTARY

- Global equities (+2.7% in US dollars) rose on expectations for accelerating global growth following vaccine rollouts, further stimulus measures and ongoing accommodative monetary policy—developed market equities (+3.3%) outperformed while the emergence of more virulent COVID-19 strains weighed on emerging markets (-1.5%)
- Developed market bond yields rose again on higher inflation expectations—even as the US Federal Reserve downplayed inflation risks and reiterated its commitment to accommodative policy until unemployment and inflation exceeded its targets
- Industrial commodities oil (-3.9%) and copper (-2.2%) retraced on US dollar strength—precious metals gold (-0.8%) and silver (-10.1%) declined on the opportunity cost of higher bond yields and the benign inflation outlook from central banks
- The fund's foreign investments detracted most from performance—on rand strength and retracement by the fund's Chinese tech names after a strong recent run
- The FTSE/JSE Capped All Share Index (+2.0% in rands) rose on broad-based strength—industrials (+1.9%), financials (+1.7%) and resources (+1.2%) all posted positive returns after Q4 2020 economic growth surprised and on expectations for robust economic growth this year
- The fund's SA equities gained, with Anheuser-Busch InBev (+6.4%), Spurcorp (+18.2%) and FirstRand (+4.9%) contributing most—partially offset by Standard Bank (-5.9%) on an earnings' miss and BHP Group (-7.4%) and the NewGold ETF (-4.2%) on the stronger rand and weaker commodity prices
- The All Bond Index (-2.5%) declined with the yield curve steepening as longer maturity bond yields followed US Treasury yields higher—the SA listed property sector (+1.2%) rose with fund staple Capital & Counties (-4.2%) retracing after its rapid rise (+26.1%) last month
- The rand (+2.3% vs the US dollar) bucked emerging market currency weakness as Q4 2020 GDP growth surprised—the lack of competitiveness and strained public finances continue to make the currency 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; 0% when annual net-of-fee return falls below zero
Maximum annual fee	Uncapped
Foord global funds: – Foord International – Foord Global Equity	1.0% 0.5% plus 15% performance

TOTAL INVESTMENT CHARGE

	12 MONTHS	36 MONTHS
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.75%	1.34%
Manager's charge (basic)	1.00%	1.00%
Performance charge	0.24%	-0.07%
Foord global charges	0.28%	0.27%
VAT and sundry costs	0.23%	0.14%
Transaction costs (incl VAT)	0.06%	0.06%
Total investment charge	1.81%	1.40%

FEE STRUCTURE

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. No fees are levied when the annual net-of-fee portfolio return falls below zero. Fees accrue in the Foord global funds as disclosed.

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 CONSERVATIVE FUND (CLASS A)

	SCENARIO				
	A	B	C	D	E
Foord 1-year rolling return	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	2.0%	-2.0%**
Benchmark 1-year rolling return	8.0%	12.0%	10.0%	9.0%	9.0%
Relative performance	+2.0%	-2.0%	0.0%	-7.0%	-11.0%
Performance fee sharing rate	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	0.0%
Daily adjustment to 1% annual fee	+0.2%	-0.2%	0.0%	-0.7%	0.0%
Annual fee rate applied (excl. VAT)	1.2%	0.8%	1.0%	0.5%*	0.0%

* Minimum fees apply
** No fees are levied

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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 28 February 2021 was 1.52%.

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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