

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

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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

R3.4 billion

MINIMUM LUMP SUM / MONTHLY

Fund is closed to new investment

UNIT PRICE (CLASS A)

4936.00 cents

NUMBER OF UNITS (CLASS A)

6.8 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.

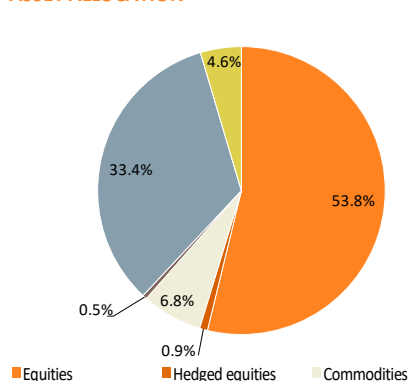
TIME HORIZON

Longer than three years.

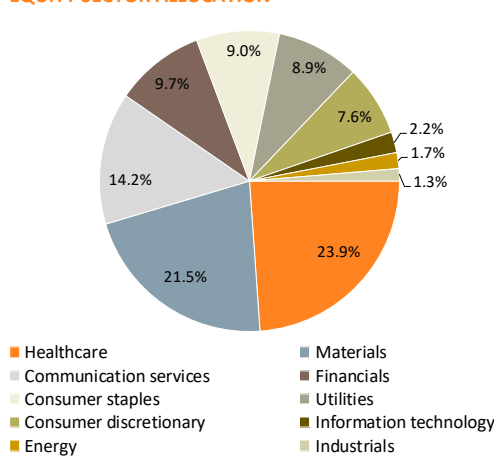
RETURNS IN US\$

Investment returns in US\$ may not reconcile exactly to those of Foord International Fund as pricing within the feeder fund lags by one valuation interval.

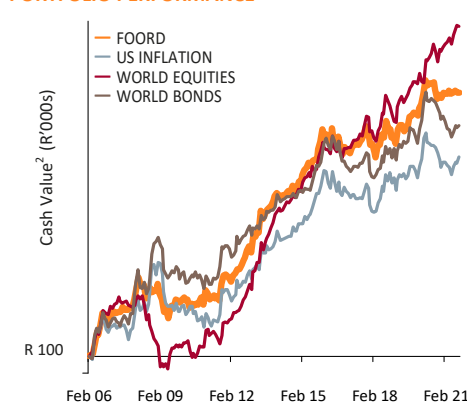
ASSET ALLOCATION



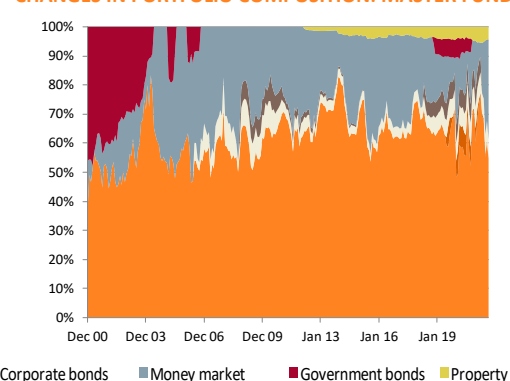
EQUITY SECTOR ALLOCATION



PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE



CHANGES IN PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION: MASTER FUND



GEOGRAPHIC EXPOSURE

	TOTAL PORTFOLIO %	REGIONAL EQUITY %	CASH %
North America	45	10	33
EM Latin America	-	-	-
Europe	31	25	-
EM Europe	-	-	-
Pacific	13	8	-
EM Asia	11	11	-
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TOP 10 INVESTMENTS

SECURITY	ASSET CLASS	MARKET	% OF FUND
FMC Corp	Equity	USA	6.9
ETFs Physical Gold	Commodity	GBR	6.4
Nestle	Equity	CHE	5.9
SSE PLC	Equity	GBR	5.9
CVS Health Corp	Equity	USA	4.6
Freeport-McMoran Inc	Equity	USA	4.2
Roche Holding	Equity	CHE	3.9
Alphabet Inc	Equity	USA	3.8
Johnson and Johnson	Equity	USA	3.7
Wheaton Precious Metals	Equity	USA	3.6

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

	CASH VALUE ²	SINCE INCEPTION	LAST 15 YEARS	LAST 10 YEARS	LAST 7 YEARS	LAST 5 YEARS	LAST 3 YEARS	LAST 12 MONTHS	THIS MONTH
IN RANDS									
FOORD ^{3,4}	R 494 604	10.8%	9.3%	12.3%	8.5%	6.7%	7.4%	-1.5%	0.5%
PEER GROUP ^{4,5}	R 350 374	8.4%	6.9%	10.8%	7.7%	7.4%	8.0%	2.2%	1.3%
US INFLATION ⁶	R 334 816	8.1%	6.6%	8.4%	6.3%	4.5%	4.9%	-5.4%	4.0%
WORLD EQUITIES ⁷	R 738 936	13.7%	12.2%	20.6%	15.8%	16.5%	16.1%	16.4%	-0.5%
WORLD BONDS ⁸	R 404 642	9.4%	7.9%	7.6%	6.0%	3.3%	5.9%	-13.0%	1.4%
FOORD HIGHEST ^{3,4,9}		42.1%	42.1%	42.1%	36.6%	32.8%	32.8%	-1.5%	
FOORD LOWEST ^{3,4,9}		-18.5%	-18.5%	-12.0%	-12.0%	-6.6%	-6.6%	-1.5%	

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

⁴ Net of fees and expenses

⁵ USD Flexible Allocation Morningstar category (provisional). Source: Morningstar

⁶ US headline consumer price index. Source: Bloomberg L.P., performance as calculated by Foord (lagged by one month)

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

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

⁹ Highest and lowest actual 12 month rand return achieved in the period

COMMENTARY

- Developed market equities (-4.2%) fell for the first time in eight months—a likely peak in global growth, increasingly hawkish central banks, the imminent US debt ceiling and potential credit default by China’s largest property developer were too much for investors to shrug off when coupled with elevated valuations
- Emerging market equities (-4.0%) also fell, with Brazilian equities (-13.0%) faltering after the central bank raised the benchmark interest rate for the fifth time this year to combat near double-digit inflation—while investors in Chinese bourses (-5.0%) reflected expectations for slowing growth and a potential credit default by the country’s largest property developer, Evergrande
- Developed market bond yields, including the US 10-year, rose on worries that rising global inflation may not be as transitory as first believed—while Chairman Powell continues to walk a fine monetary policy line, it is becoming increasingly probable the US Fed will begin its bond tapering program within the next two months and we continue to expect a lift-off in rates sometime in 2022
- The US dollar advanced strongly against the other majors—with investors now more actively positioning for a moderation of the prevailing accommodative US monetary policy and the subsequent rise in interest rates
- Precious metals platinum (-4.8%), silver (-10.5%) and gold (-3.3%) moved lower on US dollar strength—with palladium (-22.6%) falling on continued auto production problems
- Industrial commodities including iron ore (-24.9%) and copper (-6.2%) fell on concerns of a slowdown in Chinese economic growth compounded by Chinese power supply constraints—oil (+7.6%), gas (+87.5%) and coal (+53.4%) rose sharply as alternative fuels capable of enabling Chinese power generation
- The fund’s US S&P 500 market index hedges contributed the most to fund performance—while leading global copper miner Freeport-McMoran (-10.6%) and US-based gold streamer Wheaton Precious Metals (-16.6%) detracted the most from fund performance
- The rand (-3.8% vs the US dollar) weakened on broad-based dollar strength and negative emerging market sentiment with investors now more actively positioning for a moderation of the prevailing accommodative US monetary policy and the subsequent rise in interest rates—the currency remains vulnerable as the short-term platinum group metals price terms of trade bonus starts to dissipate

FEE RATES (CLASS A)

Initial, exit and switching fees	0.0%
Annual fee	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%)

TOTAL INVESTMENT CHARGE

	12 MONTHS	36 MONTHS
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.41%	1.63%
Manager’s charge (basic)	0.35%	0.35%
Performance charge	-	-
Foord global charges	1.00%	1.21%
VAT and sundry costs	0.06%	0.07%
Transaction costs (incl VAT)	-	-
Total investment charge	1.41%	1.63%

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.

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.

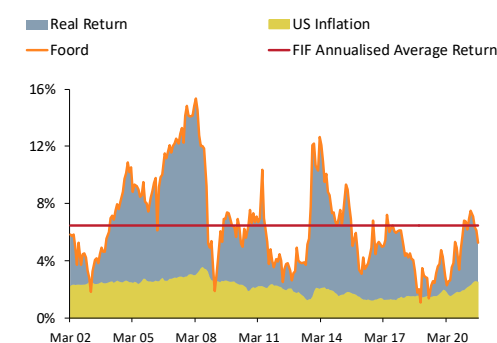
Given the speculative fever in equity markets and the entrenched Foord investment philosophy of protecting investors from permanent capital losses, the managers changed the fund’s investment policy to one of flexible asset allocation. Investment grade interest bearing assets in excess of 40% of the portfolio 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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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 1.51%.

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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