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# FOORD FLEX INCOME FUND – CLASS A

The fund aims to achieve high levels of income with some prospects of capital gain from a dynamic mix of listed and unlisted South African fixed interest securities and listed property counters, some select foreign securities and active currency management. The fund is appropriate for investors seeking high income yields with a low probability of capital loss over an investment horizon not exceeding two years. Available as a tax free investment account.

**DOMICILE**  
South Africa

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

**FUND MANAGERS**  
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**INCEPTION DATE**  
1 October 2022

**BASE CURRENCY**  
South African rands

**CATEGORY**  
South African – Multi Asset – Income

**BENCHMARK**  
110% of Alexander Forbes Short-term  
Fixed-interest Call Deposit Index  
(Stefi Call)

**MINIMUM LUMP SUM / MONTHLY**  
R20 000 / R1 000

**PORTFOLIO SIZE**  
R1.2 billion

**UNIT PRICE**  
1046.63 cents

**NUMBER OF UNITS**  
1.5 million

**LAST DISTRIBUTIONS**  
31/03/2025: 18.35 cents  
31/12/2024: 20.32 cents

**INCOME DISBURSMENTS**  
End-March, end-June, end-September  
and end-December each year.

**INCOME CHARACTERISTICS**  
High income yield, expected to exceed  
average money market yields.

**PORTFOLIO ORIENTATION**  
A dynamic mix of listed and unlisted SA  
fixed interest securities and listed property  
counters, with some select foreign  
securities and active currency  
management. Weighted average duration  
is typically less than three years.

**SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTIONS**  
Maximum equity exposure of 10%;  
maximum property exposure of 25%;  
maximum offshore exposure of 45%;  
complies with pension fund investment  
regulations (Regulation 28).

**FOREIGN ASSETS**  
Direct investment in global hard-currency  
securities, with active currency  
management.

**RISK OF LOSS**  
Low in periods longer than one year,  
moderate in periods shorter than six  
months.

**TIME HORIZON**  
One to two years.

**ISIN NUMBER**  
ZAE000313524

## PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE % Change since 31 March 2025

	SA	FOREIGN	TOTAL	CHANGE
Cash and call	2	-	2	▲ 1.3
Money market	28	2	30	▼ 1.7
Floating rate notes	34	-	34	▲ 2.0
Fixed rate bonds	2	1	3	▲ 0.2
Fixed rate NCDs	-	-	-	-
Inflation linked bonds	18	4	22	▲ 0.3
Preference shares	4	-	4	▲ 0.8
Convertible bonds	-	3	3	▼ 0.1
Property	2	-	2	▲ 0.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>100</b>	
Foreign currency hedge		(7)		
Foreign currency exposure		3		

## PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

Yield <sup>1</sup>	9.50%
Spread to JIBAR	1.97%
<b>SA duration<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>0.84</b>
– SA fixed rate duration	0.15
– SA floating rate duration	0.08
– SA inflation linked duration	0.62
<b>Offshore duration<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>0.20</b>
– Offshore fixed rate duration	0.07
– Offshore inflation linked	0.13

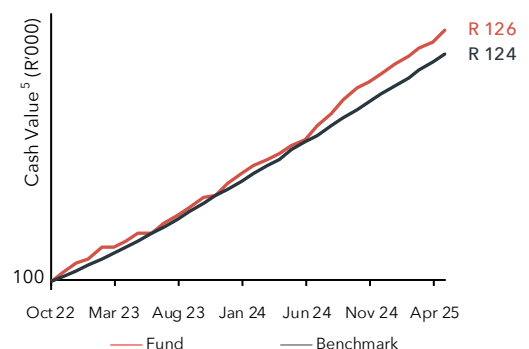
## MATURITY SPREAD %

0–1 years	35
1–3 years	19
3–7 years	37
7–12 years	1
> 12 years	3
Perpetual	5

## CREDIT EXPOSURE BREAKDOWN %

RATING <sup>4</sup>	%	SECTOR	%
F1+	32	Big four banks	37
F1	-	SA Corporates	10
AAA	51	SA Government	46
AA	12	US Government	5
A	-	Other	2
Other	6		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

## PORTFOLIO VS BENCHMARK



## PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE % (PERIODS GREATER THAN ONE YEAR ARE ANNUALISED<sup>6</sup>)

	CASH VALUE <sup>5</sup>	SINCE INCEPTION	1 YEAR	6 MONTHS	3 MONTHS	YTD	THIS MONTH
Fund <sup>7</sup>	R 126,461	9.3	10.6	4.5	2.3	2.9	0.9
Benchmark	R 123,559	8.6	8.7	4.1	2.0	2.7	0.7
Fund highest <sup>7,8</sup>		11.0	10.6				
Fund lowest <sup>7,8</sup>		7.6	10.6				

\*Please refer footnotes overleaf.

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### MONTHLY PERFORMANCE %

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2022										0.77	1.16	0.35
2023	1.17	0.08	0.65	0.65	-0.01	1.07	0.72	0.87	0.84	0.29	1.11	0.98
2024	0.68	0.63	0.46	0.80	0.54	1.35	0.97	1.26	1.01	0.55	0.75	0.84
2025	0.56	0.73	0.60	0.94								

### FEE RATES

Initial, exit and switching fees	0.0%
Manager's charge	0.5% plus VAT

### TOTAL INVESTMENT CHARGE %

	12 MONTHS	36 MONTHS*
Total expense ratio (TER)	0.61	0.60
– Manager's charge (basic)	0.50	0.50
– VAT and sundry costs	0.11	0.10
Transaction costs (incl VAT)	0.01	0.01
<b>Total investment charge</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>0.61</b>

\*Estimated as the fund was inception less than three years ago. The manager has applied the best estimate of the costs annualised for a year which is grounded on fair principles of ASISA's standard on the Calculation and Disclosure of Total Expense Ratios and Transaction costs.

A 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 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 31 March 2025 was 0.62%

<sup>1</sup> The yield for an interest bearing security is its annual income divided by its current price expressed as a percentage. For the fund, the yield is a weighted average yield of all underlying interest bearing securities as at the last day of the month. It is subject to change as market rates and underlying investments change.

<sup>2</sup> Duration is the measure of the sensitivity of the price of the instrument to a change in interest rates, with a smaller number indicating less sensitivity and a larger number indicating more sensitivity.

<sup>3</sup> Treasury inflation-protected securities.

<sup>4</sup> Average credit rating from rating agencies.

<sup>5</sup> Current value of R100 000 notional lump sum invested at inception, distributions reinvested (graphically represented in R'000s above)

<sup>6</sup> Converted to reflect the average yearly return for each period presented.

<sup>7</sup> Net of fees and expenses.

<sup>8</sup> Highest and lowest actual 12 month rand return achieved in the period.

Note: Totals may not cast perfectly due to rounding.

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