

## MARKETING COMMUNICATION

# **SYNOPSIS**

### **PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE**

	Fund <sup>1</sup>	Peer Group <sup>2</sup>	US Inflation <sup>3</sup>	MSCI World Equities	World Bonds <sup>4</sup>
	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>%</u>
Last 3 months	10.0	4.7	0.9	7.3	0.2
Last 9 months	28.8	10.6	2.2	17.4	7.4
Last 1 year	16.0	8.8	2.9	17.2	1.6
Last 3 years	9.6	11.0	3.0	23.7	2.5
Last 5 years	6.9	5.4	4.5	14.4	-3.0
Last 10 years	6.0	5.4	3.1	12.4	0.4
Last 20 years	5.9	5.2	2.5	8.5	1.9
Last 25 years	6.6	6.5	2.5	6.8	3.1
Since inception	6.5	6.4	2.5	7.8	3.1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on Class R performance return. The fund was launched on 2 April 2013 by contributions in-kind from the net assets of Foord International Trust ("FIT"), which was incepted on 10 March 1997. Investment returns prior to 2 April 2013 are those of the FIT's track record.

Returns for periods greater than one year are annualised.

## **FUND VALUE**

\$1.4 billion (30/06/2025: \$1.3 billion)

## **INVESTMENT OUTLOOK**

US equity valuations remain in the 98th percentile; lofty valuations not only limited to technology sectors

Disinflation trend continues, but upside risks persist from sticky services inflation and tariff measures.

Global growth expected to remain subdued amid trade fragmentation and diverging policy paths

The Federal Reserve expected to continue the easing cycle in Q4; one additional rate cut now priced in

Geopolitical risks remain elevated, particularly across the Middle East and Indo-Pacific

Gold retains safe-haven appeal on softening real yields and central bank accumulation

Corporate credit spreads remain tight, with asymmetric risks favors sovereign credit

Maintain preference for defensive, high-quality, dividend-paying equities and high-grade credit

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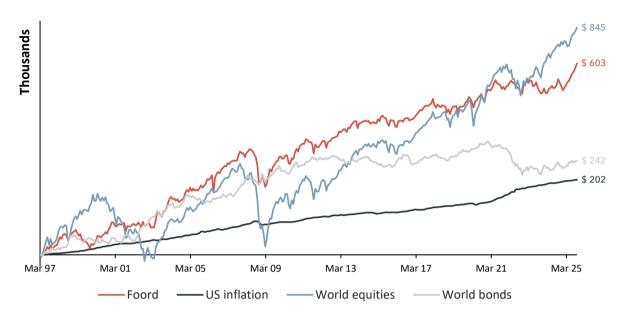
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> USD Flexible Allocation Morningstar category average

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> US inflation lagged by a month. Source: Bloomberg L.P.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> FTSE World Government Bond Index. Source: Bloomberg L.P.



### **PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE**



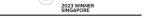
## PERFORMANCE COMMENTARY (PERCENTAGE RETURNS IN US DOLLAR UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

- Global developed market equities (+7.3%) rose easing inflation trends, the initiation of central bank rate
  cuts, and strong US 2Q corporate earnings drove markets higher. US equities (+8.0%) advanced though
  performance remained highly concentrated returns of the "magnificent seven" (+17.6%) dwarfed those
  of the broader market (+4.7%) driven by sustained investor enthusiasm for artificial intelligence and strong
  quarterly results
- European equities (+3.6%) increased fiscal policy support and loosening monetary policy provided a positive backdrop for European equity returns
- Emerging market equities (+10.6%) outperformed developed markets, led by Chinese (+20.7%) and partially offset by Indian (-7.6%) bourses Chinese equities rose on improving economic data and continued government policy support while Indian equities declined following the imposition of heavy tariffs on select US-bound Indian exports which began to weigh on investor sentiment
- The fund returned (+10.0%) with nearly all asset classes contributing positively equities (+12.0%) were the primary driver of returns during the quarter, supported by the fund's regional tilt towards Asia and strong performance from any of the fund's underlying equity holdings. Fixed income securities (+2.2%) made a modest positive contribution, while the fund's equity hedges (- 26.8%) detracted modestly
- Key contributors to fund performance included fund holding APR Corp (+59.7%) and Alibaba Group (+62.6%) shares of APR Corp, a South Korean designer and manufacturer of handheld beauty devices, surged as strong earnings and expanding SKUs drove investor optimism, while shares in Alibaba Group, a leading Chinese e-commerce and cloud computing company, rallied sharply after unveiling a next-generation AI model (Qwen3-Max) and increasing cloud investments
- Key detractors to fund performance included fund holdings Freeport-McMoRan (-9.2%) and FMC (-18.1%)

   shares of Freeport-McMoRan, a leading global copper producer, declined sharply after a disruption at its
   Grasberg mine forced the company to lower its 3Q copper and gold production guidance, while shares of
   FMC Corp, a US-based agricultural sciences company, underperformed amid investor caution over margin pressures, competitive and regulatory headwinds in the agrochemical sector

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# PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE<sup>1</sup>

# **Effective Exposure**

# Changes since last quarter

Equities	
Cash	
Government bonds	
Commodities	
Hedged equities	
Property	
Corporate bonds	

72	<b>A</b>	15.1
8	•	-7.3
5	•	-3.8
8	•	0.4
0	•	-3.6
4	•	-0.1
2	•	-0.7

## **TOP 10 INVESTMENTS**

SECURITY	ASSET CLASS	LISTING	% OF FUND
APR Corp/Korea	Equity	KOR	8.3
ETFS Physical Gold	Commodity	GBR	6.3
Wheaton Precious Metal	Equity	USA	5.7
SSE PLC	Equity	GBR	5.1
Alibaba Group Holding	Equity	HKG	4.6
Wharf REIT	Real estate	HKG	2.9
Air Products & Chemicals	Equity	USA	2.9
TSMC	Equity	TWN	2.6
Nestle	Equity	CHE	2.5
Freeport-McMoran	Equity	USA	2.1

## **GEOGRAPHIC GROSS EXPOSURE ANALYSIS**

Gross exposure

REGION (%)	TOTAL	EQUITY	CASH
North America	37	22	8
Europe	27	20	-
Pacific	12	8	-
Emerging Asia	24	23	-
Africa & Middle East	1	-	-
TOTAL	100	73	8

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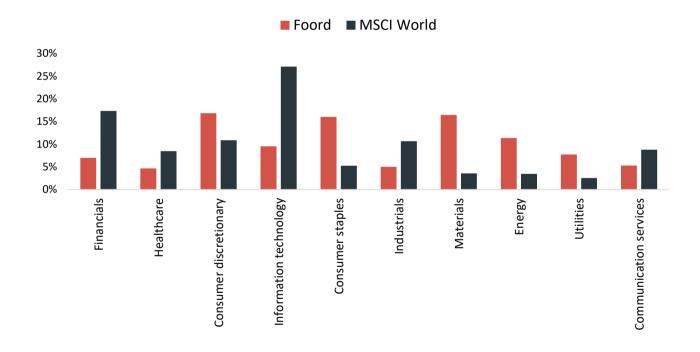
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Figures may vary and totals may not cast perfectly due to rounding



# **PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE (CONTINUED)**

EQUITY SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)		last quarter		
Consumer discretionary		17	•	1.7
Materials		16	•	-1.8
Consumer staples		16	<b>A</b>	1.2
Energy		11	•	-1.0
Information technology		10	<b>A</b>	3.2
Utilities		8	•	-1.9
Financials		7	•	-1.2
Communication services		5	<b>A</b>	0.7
Industrials		5	•	-0.3
Healthcare		5	•	-0.6

# **EQUITY SECTOR WEIGHTING RELATIVE TO MSCI WORLD INDEX**



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#### **FUND CONSTRUCTION**

- The fund's equity exposure rose the inception of US interest rate reductions, coupled with strong US 2Q corporate earnings, and subdued, albeit above target, US inflation data is constructive for risk assets.
   Against this backdrop, the fund's managers decreased the fund's equity hedges
- The fund's fixed income weight declined the managers modestly reduced allocations to longer dated US
  amid ongoing fiscal concerns and better opportunities elsewhere. While the managers continue to hold
  core positions in short- to intermediate-duration sovereign bonds, maturing sovereign and corporate bond
  exposure during the quarter was reallocated to cash
- The managers maintain a meaningful allocation to gold the allocation serves as a reliable hedge against
  macroeconomic and geopolitical uncertainty further supported by sustained central bank demand, a
  weaker dollar, and uncertainty around global developed market sovereign balance sheets
- The managers maintain their preference for defensive equities with attractive structural growth prospects, including in the utilities sector. SSE, a UK-based regulated utility, and Edison International, a Southern California regulated utility, each well-positioned well placed to benefit from supportive government policies, a growing regulated asset base, and the global push toward decarbonization. With a robust pipeline of onshore wind and hydroelectric projects, SSE offers both earnings visibility and long-duration growth tied to the electrification of energy systems
- The fund remains well positioned to benefit from ongoing policy shifts in China reflecting the managers' conviction in the country's continued recovery. While investor sentiment remains cautious, targeted fiscal and monetary support measures, combined with stabilizing credit growth and improving forward earnings visibility, support continued exposure to attractively valued Chinese equities. The fund remains focused on quality franchises with durable competitive advantages and exposure to consumption and innovation-led recovery themes
- Though the fund's managers maintain a relatively modest weight to the expensive, global technology sector, two new fund holdings were purchased in this sector during the quarter – Unity Software and EPAM Systems, each leading outsourced software and information technology services businesses, offering double-digit earnings growth while trading at attractive valuations
- The fund's equity hedges were reduced the more constructive near-term backdrop highlighted above
  including robust corporate earnings and declining interest rates has resulted in the previously narrow
  market leadership to broaden out. The managers maintain the flexibility to reintroduce hedges should
  valuations rise further, volatility re-emerge, or economic fundamentals weaken
- The managers view cash as an important asset class and the fund's cash position increased slightly during the quarter cash holdings preserve optionality and allow the fund's managers the ability to take advantage of expected volatility-driven opportunities across global markets

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#### **VOTING RESOLUTIONS**

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We typically vote against any resolution that could dilute the interests of existing shareholders. Examples include placing shares under the blanket control of directors, authorising loans and financial assistance to directors, associate companies or subsidiaries and blanket authority to issue shares. On the rare occasion, we have voted in favour of such resolutions, we were able to gain the required conviction in the specifics of the strategic rationale for such activities and could gain comfort that such activities are indeed to be used to the reasons stated.

The firm also has a strong philosophy regarding management remuneration models. We believe in rewarding good managers with appropriate cash remuneration on achievement of relevant performance metrics that enhance long-term shareholder value. We are generally not in favour of share option schemes given the inherent asymmetry between risk and reward typical of such schemes.

In addition, we do not believe that existing shareholders should be diluted by the issuing of new shares to management as is the case with most option schemes. We are in favour of the alignment created between management and shareholders when management has acquired its stake in the company through open market share trading and paid for out of management's own cash earnings.

	Total vote	For	Against	Abstain
Adopt financials	6	100%	0%	0%
Auditor/risk/social/ethics related	13	100%	0%	0%
Buy back shares	3	100%	0%	0%
Dividend related	3	100%	0%	0%
Issue shares	10	10%	90%	0%
Re/elect director or members of supervisory board	36	100%	0%	0%
Remuneration policy including directors' remuneration	9	11%	89%	0%
Others	14	86%	14%	0%

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