M&G Investments

M&G Investment Funds (4)

Interim report and unaudited financial statements for the six months ended 30 April 2025

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Authorised Corporate Director's Report

The Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) of M&G Investment Funds (4) presents its interim report and unaudited financial statements for the six months ended 30 April 2025.

The unaudited financial statements of M&G Investment Funds (4), the Authorised Corporate Director's Reports including the portfolio statements, financial highlights and the unaudited financial statements and notes of each sub-fund are presented in their individual sections of this report as set out in the contents page.

Please note that an explanation of key investment terminology is available on our website at mandg.com/private-investor/glossary
A printed copy of the glossary is available upon request by calling customer services and administration as shown within the 'Investor information' section of this report.

Company information

M&G Investment Funds (4) is an umbrella Open-Ended Investment Company (OEIC) and contains seven sub-funds, hereinafter referred to as 'funds' in the rest of this report. The Company is a non-UCITS Retail Scheme (NURS) and, for the purposes of the AIFMD, qualifies as an alternative investment fund (AIF), as issued (and amended) by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). This OEIC is an Investment Company with Variable Capital (ICVC) incorporated under the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001. It is authorised and regulated by the FCA under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

The Company was authorised on 20 February 2002 and was launched on 20 June 2002. The M&G Episode Allocation Fund was launched on 16 February 2007. The M&G Climate Aware Multi Asset Fund (formerly M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Fund) was launched on 14 February 2019. The M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Balanced Fund, M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Cautious Fund and M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Growth Fund were launched on 8 December 2020.

At the shareholder meeting on 6 November 2024, mergers of the M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Balanced Fund and M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Cautious Fund into the M&G Episode Allocation Fund were approved by shareholders. The effective date of the merger was 22 November 2024. As at the date of publication of this report, no termination dates have been set for the funds.

At the shareholder meeting on 6 November 2024, a merger of the M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Growth Fund into the M&G Episode Growth Fund was approved by shareholders. The effective date of the merger was 22 November 2024. As at the date of publication of this report, no termination date has been set for the fund.

The Company's principal activity is to carry out business as an OEIC. The Company is structured as an umbrella company, and different funds may be established by the ACD from time to time with the agreement of the Depositary and approval from the FCA. The funds are operated separately and the assets of each fund are managed in accordance with the investment objective and policy applicable to that fund.

As at 30 April 2025, none of the funds held shares of the other funds within this OEIC.

A shareholder is not liable for the debts of the Company and will never be liable to make any further payment to the Company after paying the purchase price of the shares.

Fund managers

The following fund managers are employed by M&G FA Limited which is an associate of M&G Securities Limited.

M&G Climate Aware Multi Asset Fund (formerly M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Fund)
Maria Municchi

M&G Episode Allocation Fund
Tony Finding and Stuart Canning

M&G Episode Growth Fund
Craig Simpson and Tony Finding

M&G Managed Growth Fund
Craig Simpson

M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Balanced Fund (closed)
Maria Municchi

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M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Cautious Fund (closed)
Maria Municchi

M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Growth Fund (closed)
Maria Municchi

ACD

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(Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. M&G Securities Limited is a member of the Investment Association and of The Investing and Saving Alliance)

Directors of the ACD

M Arona*, N J Brooks, C Dobson (non executive director), S C Ellis** (non executive director), S A Fitzgerald***, P R Jelfs, M McGrade (non executive director), L J Mumford

* Appointed 13 January 2025.
** Appointed 12 March 2025.
*** Resigned 13 January 2025.

Investment manager

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Registrar

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Essex SS15 5FS, UK
(Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority)

Depositary

NatWest Trustee & Depositary Services Limited
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Edinburgh EH12 1HQ, UK
(Authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority)

Independent auditor

Ernst & Young LLP
Atria One, 144 Morrison Street, Edinburgh EH3 8EX, UK

Annual value assessment

An annual assessment report is available which shows the value provided to investors in each of M&G's UK-based funds. The assessment report evaluates whether M&G's charges are justified in the context of the overall service delivered to its investors. The latest report to 31 March 2024 can be found on our website at mandg.com/investments/valueassessment

Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)

We have produced TCFD reports in compliance with the FCA's rules on climate-related financial disclosures. The TCFD fund reports are designed to help you understand the impact these funds have on the climate and equally how climate change could influence the performance of these funds. The reports will also give you the ability to compare a range of climate metrics with other funds. To understand the governance, strategy and risk management that M&G has in place to manage the risks and opportunities related to climate change, please refer to the M&G Investments Management TCFD report.

These reports are available via the Sustainability Disclosures page on our website at mandg.com/footer/sustainability-disclosures

Important information

The events in Ukraine continue to bring uncertainty. The ACD continues to monitor the associated risks that are posed to the Company.

At the shareholder meeting on 6 November 2024, mergers of the M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Balanced Fund and M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Cautious Fund into the M&G Episode Allocation Fund were approved by shareholders. The effective date of the mergers was 22 November 2024. As a result of these mergers, the financial statements of the merging funds for the period to 30 April 2025 have been prepared on a break up basis. Termination of the M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Balanced Fund and M&G Sustainable Multi Asset

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Cautious Fund will be completed once all of the assets and liabilities have been settled.

At the shareholder meeting on 6 November 2024, a merger of the M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Growth Fund into the M&G Episode Growth Fund was approved by shareholders. The effective date of the merger was 22 November 2024. As a result of this merger, the financial statements of the merging fund for the period to 30 April 2025 have been prepared on a break up basis. Termination of M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Growth Fund will be completed once all of the assets and liabilities have been settled.

Since January 2025 the operating charge does not include the underlying charges for closed-ended-funds, such as investment trusts and real estate investment trusts. There is no change to what you are currently being charged, this is a presentational change to align with the latest industry guidance issued by the Investment Association.

On 14 February 2025 M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Fund changed its name to M&G Climate Aware Multi Asset Fund. The fund also adopted a new investment objective, policy and approach as at the same date.

Please refer to the 'Investment review' section for further details on significant events during the period. Investment reviews may become quickly outdated in relation to ongoing economic and geopolitical events.

Investor information

The Prospectus, Instrument of Incorporation, Key Investor Information Documents, costs and charges illustration, the latest annual or interim investment report and financial statements as well as a list of purchases and sales are available free of charge on request from the following address. The Instrument of Incorporation can also be inspected at our offices or at the office of the Depositary.

Customer services and administration for UK clients:

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Please remember to quote your name and M&G client reference and sign any written communication to M&G. Failure to provide this will affect your ability to transact with us.

Telephone: 0800 390 390 (UK only)

For security purposes and to improve the quality of our service, we may record and monitor telephone calls. You will require your M&G client reference. Failure to provide this will affect your ability to transact with us.

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Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities

The Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) is required to prepare annual and interim reports for the Company. The ACD must ensure that the financial statements, contained in this report, for each of the funds are prepared in accordance with the Investment Association Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds (SORP) and UK Financial Reporting Standards, and give a true and fair view of the net revenue or expenses and net capital gains or losses for the accounting period, and the financial position at the end of that period.

The ACD is required to keep proper accounting records, and to manage the Company in accordance with the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, as issued (and amended) by the FCA, the Instrument of Incorporation and the Prospectus, and to take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities. Additionally, the ACD is responsible for preparing the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the Company will not continue in operation.

For the reasons stated in the ACD's Report and the Notes to the financial statements on page 5, the financial statements of the M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Balanced Fund, M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Cautious Fund and M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Growth Fund have been prepared on a break-up basis as the funds are no longer going concerns.

Directors' statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, as issued and amended by the FCA.

M&G Securities Limited
27 June 2025

Financial statements and notes

The financial statements for M&G Investment Funds (4) comprise the individual financial statements for each fund and the notes below.

Notes to the financial statements

Accounting policies

There are no material events that have been identified that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of twelve months from the date these financial statements are authorised for issue. The ACD believes that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. The ACD has made an assessment of each fund's ability to continue as a going concern which is made as at the date of issue of these financial statements and considers liquidity, declines in global capital markets, investor intention, known redemption levels, expense projections and key service provider's operational resilience.

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2024. They are prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 and amended in June 2017.

M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Balanced Fund, M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Cautious Fund and M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Growth Fund were closed on 22 November 2024. The ACD intends to terminate these funds and as a result, the financial statements of these funds have been prepared on a break-up basis. Under this basis, assets are recorded at their recoverable value and liabilities are recorded at their expected settlement value. Any additional costs in respect of the termination of the fund will be borne by the ACD.

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For the purposes of these financial statements, the Prospectus dated 28 February 2025 has been used.

This product does not have a UK sustainable investment label. Sustainability Labels help investors find products that have a specific sustainability goal. This product does not have a specific sustainability goal and therefore does not use a Sustainability Label.

Investment objective

The fund aims to provide a total return (capital growth plus income) of 4% to 8% per annum over any five-year period, net of the ongoing charges figure, while applying ESG criteria, including climate aware criteria.

There is no guarantee that the fund will achieve a positive return over five years or any other period and investors may not get back the original amount they invested.

Investment policy

The fund invests globally across a range of asset classes, including equities and equity-related securities, fixed income securities, cash and near cash. Exposure to these assets is typically gained directly, but may also be gained indirectly, via collective investment schemes (including funds managed by M&G) or derivatives. The fund may also invest indirectly in other asset classes such as property and gold.

The fund will typically invest 20%-60% of its assets in equities and equity-related instruments and 20%-80% in fixed income securities or cash. These allocations reflect the net exposure of the portfolio.

The currency exposure of the fund will be actively managed, seeking to enhance returns, with a minimum of 70% of the fund exposed to sterling.

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes, efficient portfolio management and hedging.

Investment approach

The fund manager has a flexible top-down approach to the allocation of capital between different types of assets in response to changes in economic conditions and asset values. This approach combines in-depth research to work out the value of assets over the medium to long term, with analysis of market reactions to events to identify investment opportunities. In particular, the fund manager seeks to respond when asset prices move away from a reasonable sense of 'fair' long-term value due to market reactions to events.

The fund seeks to manage risk by investing globally across multiple asset classes, sectors, currencies and countries. The fund's annualised volatility is expected to be between 4% and 9%, over any five-year period.

For information on 'Environmental, Social and Governance Criteria (ESG Criteria)', please refer to the Prospectus.

Benchmark

None

The fund is actively managed and it has no benchmark. Investors can assess the performance of the fund by its objective to provide a total return of 4% to 8% per annum over any five-year period. The fund's annual report for each financial year will include details of the fund's performance in relation to its objective.

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Risk profile

For details of the risks associated with this fund, please refer to the Prospectus.

The following table shows the risk number associated with the fund and is based on Sterling Class 'A' shares.

Low risk — High risk

Typically lower rewards — Typically higher rewards

1	2	3	4	**5**	6	7

The above number:

- is based on the rate at which the value of the fund has moved up and down in the past and is based on historical data so may not be a reliable indicator of the future risk profile of the fund.
- is not guaranteed and may change over time and the lowest risk number does not mean risk free.
- has not changed during this period.

Investment review

For the six months ended 30 April 2025

Performance against objective

For the six months under review, the M&G Climate Aware Multi Asset Fund delivered positive total return (the combination of income and capital growth) across all its share classes except for share classes 'A' and 'R'.

Over five years, the fund's share classes 'L' and 'PP' met their objective of providing a combination of capital growth and income of between 4% and 8% pa, net of the ongoing charge figure, while other share classes did not achieve their objective. The annualised five-year return for the Sterling Class 'I' Accumulation share was 3.9% pa (net of fees).

For the performance of each share class, please refer to the 'Long-term performance by share class' table in the 'Financial highlights' section of this report.

Performance review

Financial markets ended 2024 on a mixed note with significant equity rallies and bond sell-offs, influenced by central bank actions and political developments. In the first half of the review period, multi asset portfolios were especially impacted by the government bond market sell-off as US Treasuries experienced heightened volatility due to the election, and following Trump's victory, long-term yields spiked on fears of inflationary policies. In the UK, the new Labour government's 'tax and spend' budget put pressure on government bonds (gilts), while European bonds were affected by political turmoil, especially in France. Many equity markets also endured a reversal of fortune towards the end of 2024, after posting impressive gains for much of the year. Risk assets faltered as inflation rates began to edge up in several countries driven mainly by the services sectors, and the outlook for post-US election rate cuts started to fade.

Entering 2025, significant uncertainty emerged due to an escalating US trade war, which dampened the already-elevated US growth outlook and contributed to a period of underperformance in US equities compared to other regions. In Europe, fears over trade tariffs and defence-related concerns led to increased fiscal spending plans, which partially alleviated the weak growth outlook and supported investment returns in the region.

Against this backdrop, the fund registered a small positive return for the period, primarily driven by its fixed income exposure. Investment-grade corporate bonds contributed the most. Within the government bond market, UK and Mexican bonds were notable contributors to the performance. On the other hand, the fund's listed infrastructure investments also weighed on performance as the renewable energy sector (in which several of our holdings lie) continued to struggle. Our equity exposure was also a drag, specifically allocations to equities in US, Denmark and Taiwan. However, we saw positive contributions from non-US equity markets, particularly across parts of Europe as well as Japan. Additionally, currency movements detracted from overall returns.

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On 14 February 2025 the fund made changes to its sustainability characteristics. However, as the fund already had an overarching climate focus, the changes did not result in any major adjustments to the portfolio. The new changes give the fund greater flexibility in terms of a greater number of securities now being compliant with the investible universe. This means the portfolio is less restricted but while still retaining a strong focus on climate awareness.

Investment activities

In the first half of the period under review, we reduced our high yield bond holdings in favour of attractively valued UK equities. The UK equity market represents a favourable long-term opportunity, in our view. Within our Japanese equity exposure, we rotated into some of our analyst's best ideas while maintaining our exposure to climate aware assets. We also reduced active risk in our Asia ex Japan and US equity exposure, incorporating our analysts' best ideas and maintaining exposure to climate-aware assets in both regions.

In our emerging market bond allocation, we sold positions in Chile and South Africa, opting instead for an environmental-themed bond in Mexico, a Turkish Lira-denominated supranational bond, an intermediate-dated environmental-themed UK gilt, and a short-dated supranational bond denominated in Brazilian real. The Chile positions had become less appealing from a yield and currency perspective in our view, and we aimed to capitalise on attractive yields elsewhere and asset price weakness in Brazil.

In our developed market bond allocation, we switched from 10-year US Treasuries to an Australian environmental-themed bond, maintaining fund duration while improving diversification. Responding to pressure at the long end of the government bond market in January, we increased duration exposure by adding long-dated gilts and bunds, funded by reducing credit exposure. In February, we closed positions in Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) supranational bonds, as the investment team believed it was most exposed to the credit risk, however, remained confident on the credit quality of remaining supranational exposure across the fund. The proceeds were reallocated to a Colombian environmental-themed bond and US Ultra T-Bond future for better yields and portfolio flexibility.

Outlook

The economic policy environment remains very chaotic, prompting volatility in markets. As ever, it is our aim to use that volatility to our investors' advantage by shifting asset allocation in response to opportunities as we see them.

We are fairly neutral on equities, but we retain our preference for non-US equities versus the US. Non-US equities still appear attractively valued despite the recent price action.

We like long-dated US Treasuries as an attractively priced form of portfolio insurance. Long-dated UK gilts also look good value to us, given inflation expectations and as the Bank of England base rate remains elevated. We retain positions in a well-diversified basket of emerging market government bonds in local currency, as they appear to us to be an attractive source of medium-term returns.

Maria Municchi

Fund manager

An employee of M&G FA Limited which is an associate of M&G Securities Limited.

Please note that the views expressed in this Report should not be taken as a recommendation or advice on how the fund or any holding mentioned in the Report is likely to perform. If you wish to obtain financial advice as to whether an investment is suitable for your needs, you should consult a Financial Adviser.

Portfolio statement

Investments

Holding		as at 30.04.25 £'000	as at 30.04.25 %	as at 31.10.24 %
	Equities	**14,384**	**48.09**	**50.20**
	United Kingdom	**2,245**	**7.50**	**8.00**
	UK equities	**2,245**	**7.50**	**8.00**
28,495	Aviva PLC	160	0.53	
6,010	Compass Group PLC	148	0.49	
360,748	Greencoat U.K. Wind PLC	422	1.41	
7,998	GSK PLC	119	0.40	
685,199	Home REIT PLC[a]	97	0.32	
3,129	Lion Finance Group PLC	186	0.62	
1,189	London Stock Exchange Group PLC	138	0.46	
25,919	NatWest Group PLC	122	0.41	
543,894	Octopus Renewables Infrastructure Trust PLC	370	1.24	
4,320	RELX PLC	175	0.59	
3,489	Unilever PLC	165	0.55	
195,175	Vodafone Group PLC	143	0.48	
	Belgium	**94**	**0.31**	**0.30**
	Belgian equities	**94**	**0.31**	**0.30**
1,362	KBC Group NV	94	0.31	
	Denmark	**568**	**1.90**	**2.03**
	Danish equities	**568**	**1.90**	**2.03**
8,545	ALK-Abello AS	148	0.50	
2,939	Novo Nordisk AS	147	0.49	
4,558	Orsted AS	134	0.45	
13,973	Vestas Wind Systems AS	139	0.46	
	France	**385**	**1.29**	**1.19**
	French equities	**385**	**1.29**	**1.19**
474	L'Oreal SA	156	0.52	
1,307	Schneider Electric SE	229	0.77	
	Germany	**1,142**	**3.82**	**3.76**
	German equities	**1,142**	**3.82**	**3.76**
705	Allianz SE	219	0.73	
2,897	Bayerische Motoren Werke AG	186	0.62	
4,097	Fresenius Medical Care AG	155	0.52	

Portfolio statement

Investments (continued)

Holding		as at 30.04.25 £'000	as at 30.04.25 %	as at 31.10.24 %
	Equities (continued)			
	Germany (continued)			
	German equities (continued)			
391	Hannover Rueck SE	94	0.31	
3,867	Infineon Technologies AG	97	0.33	
1,008	SAP SE	219	0.73	
992	Siemens AG	172	0.58	
	Guernsey	**377**	**1.26**	**1.38**
	Guernsey equities	**377**	**1.26**	**1.38**
468,526	Renewables Infrastructure Group Ltd.	377	1.26	
	Ireland	**378**	**1.26**	**1.54**
	Irish equities	**378**	**1.26**	**1.54**
595,729	Greencoat Renewables PLC[b]	378	1.26	
	Netherlands	**345**	**1.15**	**1.19**
	Dutch equities	**345**	**1.15**	**1.19**
410	ASML Holding NV	205	0.68	
9,646	ING Groep NV	140	0.47	
	Spain	**397**	**1.33**	**1.29**
	Spanish equities	**397**	**1.33**	**1.29**
22,994	CaixaBank SA	130	0.44	
22,146	EDP Renovaveis SA	156	0.52	
22,146	EDP Renovaveis SA Rights 07/05/2025	2	0.01	
2,725	Industria de Diseno Textil SA	109	0.36	
	Switzerland	**77**	**0.26**	**0.31**
	Swiss equities	**77**	**0.26**	**0.31**
581	Cie Financiere Richemont SA	77	0.26	
	United States	**5,386**	**18.01**	**19.07**
	US equities	**5,386**	**18.01**	**19.07**
1,492	Agilent Technologies, Inc.	120	0.40	
2,058	Alphabet, Inc. A	246	0.82	
2,687	AMERISAFE, Inc.	100	0.33	
441	Amgen, Inc.	95	0.32	
465	ANSYS, Inc.	111	0.37	

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Investments (continued)

Holding		as at 30.04.25 £'000	as at 30.04.25 %	as at 31.10.24 %
	Equities (continued)			
	United States (continued)			
	US equities (continued)			
2,127	Apple, Inc.	335	1.12	
518	Autodesk, Inc.	106	0.35	
3,156	Ball Corp.	124	0.42	
693	Becton Dickinson & Co.	107	0.36	
32	Booking Holdings, Inc.	118	0.39	
1,396	Bright Horizons Family Solutions, Inc.	129	0.43	
1,458	Broadcom, Inc.	207	0.69	
2,606	eBay, Inc.	131	0.44	
2,359	Enphase Energy, Inc.	83	0.28	
2,875	International Paper Co.	100	0.33	
1,166	Johnson & Johnson	136	0.46	
4,472	Johnson Controls International PLC	275	0.92	
1,583	Lam Research Corp.	83	0.28	
988	Lowe's Cos., Inc.	165	0.55	
1,466	Marsh & McLennan Cos., Inc.	243	0.81	
379	Mastercard, Inc.	153	0.51	
514	Meta Platforms, Inc.	211	0.71	
1,042	Microsoft Corp.	308	1.03	
114	Netflix, Inc.	96	0.32	
1,735	NIKE, Inc.	74	0.25	
3,876	NVIDIA Corp.	309	1.03	
4,369	ON Semiconductor Corp.	125	0.42	
546	Procter & Gamble Co.	66	0.22	
1,226	QUALCOMM, Inc.	136	0.46	
991	Quest Diagnostics, Inc.	132	0.44	
977	Republic Services, Inc.	181	0.61	
350	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.	112	0.37	
296	UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	91	0.30	
776	Visa, Inc.	200	0.67	
2,486	Walmart, Inc.	178	0.60	

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Investments (continued)

Holding		as at 30.04.25 £'000	as at 30.04.25 %	as at 31.10.24 %
	Equities (continued)			
	Canada	**0**	**0.00**	**0.21**
	Canadian equities	**0**	**0.00**	**0.21**
	Japan	**925**	**3.09**	**3.06**
	Japanese equities	**925**	**3.09**	**3.06**
11,900	Astellas Pharma, Inc.	89	0.30	
7,700	Hitachi Ltd.	142	0.47	
2,570	Horiba Ltd.	131	0.44	
5,900	Katitas Co. Ltd.	64	0.21	
204,000	Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp.	159	0.53	
1,200	Recruit Holdings Co. Ltd.	50	0.17	
134,900	SoftBank Corp.	152	0.51	
7,000	Sony Group Corp.	138	0.46	
	Australia	**218**	**0.73**	**1.15**
	Australian equities	**218**	**0.73**	**1.15**
22,163	Brambles Ltd.	218	0.73	
	China	**386**	**1.29**	**0.00**
	Chinese equities	**386**	**1.29**	**0.00**
2,500	BYD Co. Ltd.	89	0.30	
5,350	JD.com, Inc.	66	0.22	
5,000	Tencent Holdings Ltd.	231	0.77	
	Hong Kong	**267**	**0.89**	**1.67**
	Hong Kong equities	**267**	**0.89**	**1.67**
47,552	AIA Group Ltd.	267	0.89	
	India	**286**	**0.96**	**0.49**
	Indian equities	**286**	**0.96**	**0.49**
5,243	HDFC Bank Ltd. ADR	286	0.96	
	Indonesia	**153**	**0.51**	**0.59**
	Indonesian equities	**153**	**0.51**	**0.59**
881,300	Bank Rakyat Indonesia Persero Tbk. PT	153	0.51	

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Holding		as at 30.04.25 £'000	as at 30.04.25 %	as at 31.10.24 %
	Equities (continued)			
	South Korea	**373**	**1.25**	**0.48**
	South Korean equities	**373**	**1.25**	**0.48**
2,954	KB Financial Group, Inc.	140	0.47	
7,980	Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	233	0.78	
	Taiwan	**382**	**1.28**	**2.49**
	Taiwanese equities	**382**	**1.28**	**2.49**
18,000	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	382	1.28	
	Fixed income	**13,703**	**45.82**	**46.87**
	United Kingdom	**7,512**	**25.12**	**18.71**
	Government bonds	**7,108**	**23.77**	**16.67**
£2,280,000	U.K. Gilts 0.875% 31/07/2033	1,747	5.84	
£4,300,000	U.K. Gilts 1.5% 31/07/2053	1,991	6.66	
£1,450,000	U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 04/08/2025	1,434	4.79	
£763,000	U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 18/08/2025	753	2.52	
£1,200,000	U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 01/09/2025	1,183	3.96	
	Investment grade corporate bonds	**404**	**1.35**	**2.04**
IDR6,600,000,000	European Bank for Reconstruction & Development 4.25% 07/02/2028	284	0.95	
TRY7,800,000	European Bank for Reconstruction & Development 28% 27/09/2027	120	0.40	
	Belgium	**0**	**0.00**	**0.46**
	Investment grade corporate bonds	**0**	**0.00**	**0.46**
	France	**0**	**0.00**	**1.39**
	Investment grade corporate bonds	**0**	**0.00**	**1.39**
	Germany	**2,273**	**7.60**	**5.88**
	Government bonds	**2,273**	**7.60**	**5.20**
€645,000	Bundesrepublik Deutschland Bundesanleihe 0% 15/08/2030	494	1.65	
€1,947,000	Bundesrepublik Deutschland Bundesanleihe 1.8% 15/08/2053	1,314	4.39	
€547,000	Bundesrepublik Deutschland Bundesanleihe 2.3% 15/02/2033	465	1.56	
	Investment grade corporate bonds	**0**	**0.00**	**0.68**

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Investments (continued)

Holding		as at 30.04.25 £'000	as at 30.04.25 %	as at 31.10.24 %
	Fixed income (continued)			
	Italy	**0**	**0.00**	**0.53**
	Investment grade corporate bonds	**0**	**0.00**	**0.53**
	Luxembourg	**1,112**	**3.72**	**3.97**
	Investment grade corporate bonds	**1,112**	**3.72**	**3.97**
ZAR14,400,000	European Investment Bank 0% 18/10/2032	307	1.03	
US$1,100,000	European Investment Bank 3.75% 14/02/2033	805	2.69	
	Netherlands	**0**	**0.00**	**1.13**
	Investment grade corporate bonds	**0**	**0.00**	**1.13**
	Sweden	**0**	**0.00**	**0.55**
	Investment grade corporate bonds	**0**	**0.00**	**0.55**
	United States	**1,336**	**4.47**	**9.36**
	Investment grade corporate bonds	**1,336**	**4.47**	**9.36**
MXN11,950,000	International Bank for Reconstruction & Development 4.25% 22/01/2026	443	1.48	
BRL4,800,000	International Bank for Reconstruction & Development 5% 22/01/2026	603	2.02	
INR32,500,000	International Bank for Reconstruction & Development 6.85% 24/04/2028	290	0.97	
	Chile	**0**	**0.00**	**1.09**
	Government bonds	**0**	**0.00**	**1.09**
	Colombia	**399**	**1.33**	**0.95**
	Government bonds	**399**	**1.33**	**0.95**
COP2,750,000,000	Colombia TES 7% 26/03/2031	399	1.33	
	Mexico	**494**	**1.65**	**1.57**
	Government bonds	**494**	**1.65**	**1.57**
MXN14,000,000	Mexico Bonos 8% 24/05/2035	494	1.65	
	Australia	**581**	**1.94**	**1.72**
	Government bonds	**581**	**1.94**	**1.72**
AU$1,198,000	Australia Government Bonds 4.25% 21/06/2034	581	1.94	
	Debt derivatives	**(4)**	**(0.01)**	**(0.44)**
	Interest rate futures	**(4)**	**(0.01)**	**(0.44)**
25	CBOT Ultra Long-Term U.S. Treasury Bond Futures Jun 2025	(4)	(0.01)	

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Investments (continued)

Holding		as at 30.04.25 £'000	as at 30.04.25 %	as at 31.10.24 %
	Fixed income portfolios	**1,475**	**4.93**	**0.73**
	Other	**1,475**	**4.93**	**0.73**
140,200	iShares $ Corp. Bond ESG SRIfr 1/64 3/16 UCITS ETF	527	1.76	
232,370	iShares EUR Corp. Bond ESG SRI UCITS ETF	948	3.17	
	Currency	**(21)**	**(0.07)**	**(0.11)**
	Forward currency contracts	**(21)**	**(0.07)**	**(0.11)**
US$512,336	Bought for KRW756,469,439 (expires 11.07.25)	(16)	(0.05)	
US$428,827	Bought for TWD14,083,973 (expires 11.07.25)	(12)	(0.04)	
AU$(1,685,392)	Sold for £808,977 (expires 31.07.25)	2	0.01	
DKK(4,725,308)	Sold for £542,137 (expires 31.07.25)	0	0.00	
€(7,029,383)	Sold for £6,010,372 (expires 31.07.25)	1	0.00	
HK$(6,167,572)	Sold for £596,865 (expires 31.07.25)	1	0.00	
CHF(121,248)	Sold for £110,707 (expires 31.07.25)	(1)	0.00	
US$(4,370,734)	Sold for £3,275,215 (expires 31.07.25)	4	0.01	
Total portfolio		**29,541**	**98.77**	**97.69**
Net other assets/(liabilities)		**369**	**1.23**	**2.31**
Net assets attributable to shareholders		**29,910**	**100.00**	**100.00**

All securities are on an official stock exchange listing except where referenced.

[a] Suspended/delisted.

[b] AIM quoted.

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Top ten portfolio transactions for the six months to 30 April 2025

Largest purchases	£'000
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 04/08/2025	1,693
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 01/09/2025	1,178
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 02/06/2025	1,037
U.K. Gilts 1.5% 31/07/2053	988
iShares EUR Corp. Bond ESG SRI UCITS ETF	924
Bundesrepublik Deutschland Bundesanleihe 1.8% 15/08/2053	772
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 18/08/2025	747
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 07/04/2025	734
iShares $ Corp. Bond ESG SRIfr 1/64 3/16 UCITS ETF	557
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 29/09/2025	510
Other purchases	2,604
Total purchases	**11,744**

Largest sales	£'000
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 09/12/2024	1,768
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 02/06/2025	1,053
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 07/04/2025	1,047
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 10/03/2025	894
Inter-American Development Bank 4.375% 24/01/2044	732
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 29/09/2025	510
Chile Government International Bonds 1.25% 29/01/2040	383
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 04/08/2025	266
European Investment Bank 3.75% 14/02/2033	243
Mercedes-Benz Group AG 0.75% 11/03/2033	240
Other sales	9,331
Total sales	**16,467**

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Fund performance

Please note past performance is not a guide to future performance and the value of investments, and the income from them, will fluctuate. This will cause the fund price to fall as well as rise and you may not get back the original amount you invested.

As different share classes have different attributes, for example charging structures and minimum investments, please be aware that their performance may be different.

For additional information, including monthly fund commentaries, fund facts, historic prices, distribution rates, performance information (including a range of performance graphs) and other documents, please visit our website at mandg.com/investments

Long-term performance by share class

To give an indication of the performance of the fund, the following table shows the compound rate of return, per annum, over the period. Calculated on a price to price basis with income reinvested. Please refer to 'Comparative tables' for the share class launch dates.

Share class	Six months %[a]	Three years % pa	Five years % pa	Ten years % pa
Sterling				
Class 'A' Income	-0.1	+1.1	+3.6	n/a
Class 'A' Accumulation	-0.1	+1.1	+3.6	n/a
Class 'I' Income	+0.0	+1.4	+3.9	n/a
Class 'I' Accumulation	+0.0	+1.4	+3.9	n/a
Class 'L' Income	+0.1	+1.6	+4.1	n/a
Class 'L' Accumulation	+0.1	+1.6	+4.1	n/a
Class 'PP' Income	+0.1	+1.5	+4.0	n/a
Class 'PP' Accumulation	+0.1	+1.5	+4.0	n/a
Class 'R' Income	-0.1	+1.2	+3.7	n/a
Class 'R' Accumulation	-0.1	+1.2	+3.7	n/a

[a] Not annualised.

Comparative tables

'Operating charges' is calculated as a percentage of average net asset value and represents an annual rate. Where there is a change in the charging structure, you may see variances in the 'operating charges' between the comparative and current period figures.

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Sterling Class 'A' Income shares

The share class was launched on 20 February 2019.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	846	829	929
Number of shares	859,138	826,718	1,007,005
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	98.50	100.30	92.23
Operating charges (%)	1.05	1.05	1.13

Sterling Class 'A' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 20 February 2019.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	403	522	350
Number of shares	337,816	437,410	330,175
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	119.30	119.42	105.95
Operating charges (%)	1.05	1.05	1.13

Sterling Class 'I' Income shares

The share class was launched on 20 February 2019.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	3,802	3,977	4,472
Number of shares	3,752,687	3,862,549	4,743,422
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	101.30	102.95	94.29
Operating charges (%)	0.65	0.65	0.73

Sterling Class 'I' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 20 February 2019.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	11,527	12,557	12,336
Number of shares	9,447,732	10,297,803	11,439,345
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	122.01	121.94	107.84
Operating charges (%)	0.65	0.65	0.73

Sterling Class 'L' Income shares

The share class was launched on 20 February 2019.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	9	9	20
Number of shares	9,000	9,000	20,700
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	102.56	104.13	95.18
Operating charges (%)	0.45	0.45	0.53

Sterling Class 'L' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 20 February 2019.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	10,990	14,937	20,212
Number of shares	8,912,820	12,130,872	18,590,154
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	123.30	123.13	108.72
Operating charges (%)	0.45	0.45	0.53

Sterling Class 'PP' Income shares

The share class was launched on 5 August 2019.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	261	320	302
Number of shares	263,069	316,963	327,385
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	99.34	100.91	92.32
Operating charges (%)	0.55	0.55	0.63

Sterling Class 'PP' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 April 2019.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	901	891	1,052
Number of shares	751,452	743,855	993,330
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	119.92	119.80	105.87
Operating charges (%)	0.55	0.55	0.63

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Sterling Class 'R' Income shares

The share class was launched on 20 February 2019.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	321	197	179
Number of shares	321,785	193,880	192,444
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	99.68	101.43	93.13
Operating charges (%)	0.90	0.90	0.98

Sterling Class 'R' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 20 February 2019.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	850	893	899
Number of shares	705,410	740,644	841,687
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	120.51	120.55	106.83
Operating charges (%)	0.90	0.90	0.98

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Statement of total return

for the six months to 30 April	2025		2024	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains/(losses)		(362)		3,186
Revenue	596		869	
Expenses	(96)		(127)	
Interest payable and similar charges	0		(1)	
Net revenue/(expense) before taxation	500		741	
Taxation	(75)		(118)	
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation		425		623
Total return before distributions		**63**		**3,809**
Distributions		(444)		(644)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		**(381)**		**3,165**

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

for the six months to 30 April	2025		2024	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		**35,132**		**40,751**
Amounts received on issue of shares	2,080		7,044	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares	(7,273)		(1,859)	
		(5,193)		5,185
Dilution adjustments		7		11
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(381)		3,165
Retained distributions on Accumulation shares		345		557
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		**29,910**		**49,669**

The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2025 differs to the closing position in 2024 by the change in net assets attributable to shareholders for the second half of the comparative financial year.

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Balance sheet

as at	30 April 2025 £'000	31 October 2024 £'000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	29,574	34,517
Current assets		
Debtors	145	376
Cash and bank balances	539	936
Total assets	**30,258**	**35,829**
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	(33)	(198)
Creditors		
Distribution payable	(46)	(45)
Other creditors	(269)	(454)
Total liabilities	**(348)**	**(697)**
Net assets attributable to shareholders	**29,910**	**35,132**

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Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 'Accounting policies' set out on page 5.

Distribution policy

In determining the amount available for distribution to Income shares, the annual charge is offset against capital, increasing the amount available for distribution whilst restraining capital performance to an equivalent extent.

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For the purposes of these financial statements, the Prospectus dated 28 February 2025 has been used.

Investment objective

The fund aims to deliver a total return (the combination of capital growth and income) of at least 5% per annum above the Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA), before any charges are taken, over any five-year period.

There is no guarantee that the fund will achieve a positive return over five years, or any other period, and investors may not get back the original amount they invested.

Investment policy

The fund is a multi-asset fund that invests across a range of asset classes, including equities, fixed income securities, convertibles, cash and near cash. Exposure to these assets may be gained either directly or indirectly via collective investment schemes or derivatives. The fund may also invest indirectly via collective investment schemes or derivatives in other asset classes such as property and gold.

The currency exposure of the fund will be actively managed, seeking to enhance returns, with a minimum of 30% of the fund exposed to sterling and a minimum of 60% in developed market currencies (including sterling).

Over 35% of the fund's assets may be invested in government and other public securities issued by any one of:

- the government of the United Kingdom (including the Scottish Administration, the Executive Committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly and the National Assembly of Wales);
- the governments of Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden;
- the governments of Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, USA;
- Eurofima, European Economic Community, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Investment Bank, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Financial Corporation.

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes, efficient portfolio management and hedging.

Investment approach

The fund manager has a flexible top-down approach to the allocation of capital between different types of assets in response to changes in economic conditions and asset values. This approach combines in-depth research to work out the value of assets over the medium to long term, with analysis of market reactions to events to identify investment opportunities. In particular, the manager seeks to respond when asset prices move away from a reasonable sense of 'fair' long-term value due to market reactions to events.

The fund seeks to manage risk by investing globally across multiple asset classes, sectors, currencies and countries. The fund will typically invest 20-60% of its assets in equities and convertibles, 30-75% in fixed income securities or cash, and up to 20% in other assets. These allocations reflect the net exposure of the portfolio.

The fund will typically take investment positions at index or sector level, but it may also take positions in individual shares or bonds. The fund's investment strategy may involve the use of derivatives to take long or short positions.

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Benchmark

SONIA + 5%

The fund is actively managed. The benchmark is a target which the fund seeks to achieve. The rate has been chosen as the fund's target benchmark as it is an achievable performance target given the fund's investment policy. The target benchmark is used solely to measure the fund's performance objective and does not constrain the fund's portfolio construction.

For each share class the benchmark will be a cash rate of the relevant share class currency. The benchmark for each share class will be shown in its respective KIID.

Risk profile

For details of the risks associated with this fund, please refer to the Prospectus.

The following table shows the risk number associated with the fund and is based on Sterling Class 'A' shares.

Low risk — High risk

Typically lower rewards — Typically higher rewards

1	2	3	4	**5**	6	7

The above number:

- is based on the rate at which the value of the fund has moved up and down in the past and is based on historical data so may not be a reliable indicator of the future risk profile of the fund.
- is not guaranteed and may change over time and the lowest risk number does not mean risk free.
- has not changed during this period.

Investment review

For the six months ended 30 April 2025

Performance against objective

Over the review period, the M&G Episode Allocation Fund produced a positive total return (the combination of income and growth of capital), but lagged its benchmark*, the Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA) + 5%, across all of its share classes. The benchmark returned 4.8% over the period. SONIA reflects the average interest rate that banks pay to borrow sterling overnight from other financial institutions.

Over five years, the fund produced a positive return and was behind its benchmark, which had an annualised five-year return of 7.7% over the period. Therefore the fund has not met its objective to deliver a total return (the combination of capital growth and income) of at least 5% per annum above the Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA), before any charges are taken, over any five-year period.

For the performance of each share class, please refer to the 'Long-term performance by share class' table in the 'Financial highlights' section of this report.

* Prior to 20 July 2021 the benchmark was to 3-month GBP LIBOR + 5%. Thereafter it is SONIA + 5%.

Performance review

Over the six months to the end of April 2025, financial markets experienced significant volatility, driven by geopolitical developments, shifting interest rate expectations and erratic policy making decisions by US President Donald Trump.

Developed market, 10-year government bond yields ended the period broadly unchanged and bond prices recorded a positive return, but there were wild swings along the way. In November 2024, yields fell, particularly in Europe, as investors anticipated faster interest rate cuts. However, December saw a sharp reversal in yields, as expectations of rate cuts in 2025 were reined in.

Bonds have enjoyed mixed fortunes so far in 2025. US Treasury yields fell sharply in February on recession fears, while German bund yields rose for a short while in March, following the suspension of fiscal constraints to boost defence spending, before falling again in April.

Elsewhere in fixed income, credit spreads on corporate bonds and emerging market hard currency debt initially tightened, before ending the period wider, against an increasingly volatile backdrop. Despite the widening in

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credit spreads, returns on corporate and emerging market bonds were positive in the six months. (Credit spreads are a measure of the difference between the yields of corporate bonds and those of government bonds of the same maturity and are seen as an indicator of investors' risk appetite.)

There were notable regional divergences in the performance of stockmarkets. US equities (company shares), which initially rallied following Donald Trump's re-election as US president in November 2024, ultimately underperformed, due to rising concerns over trade tariffs and perceived stretched valuations in the technology sector. In particular, on 2 April, the date President Trump labelled 'liberation day', the announcement of more severe-than-expected trade tariffs, saw the US stockmarket and others around the world fall sharply, before recovering much of their losses.

In contrast, non-US equities delivered stronger returns, in a reversal of recent fortunes. Proposals to ramp up European defence spending propelled regional equities higher, with the German DAX index among the best performers. China benefited from continued stimulus measures and the success of its artificial intelligence (AI) newcomer, DeepSeek. Mexico was another notable winner, while Brazil also ended the period with a positive return.

Our allocation to equities was the main driver of fund returns, with our preference for non-US equities in the UK, Europe, Japan, China and Latin America particularly beneficial. However, exposure to the US, South Korea and Indonesia held back returns.

In fixed income, the fund's holdings in corporate bonds and emerging market government bonds in Mexico and Brazil recorded gains. Conversely, our holdings of US Treasuries and those of South African government bonds lost value.

The fund's holdings of cash and overall currency exposure also aided performance.

Investment activities

In December 2024, we responded to correlated Brazilian asset price weakness by beginning a new position in Brazilian equities (target 2%) and increasing our target exposure to the Brazilian real from 2% to 4%. Brazilian equities look attractively valued to us and the new position broadens the fund's non-US equity exposure.

Early in the first quarter of 2025, in response to a significant rise in UK government bond yields, we increased the fund's target weighting in 30-year UK gilts from 8% to 13%. The rise in yields from the start of December represented a significant valuation improvement in our view, with the price action becoming more 'episodic' ahead of our investment. The investment was funded from cash and cash equivalents.

In April, we cut our exposure to Mexican shares from 3% to a new target of 2% and closed the fund's 2% position in long-dated Mexican government bonds, as we had accumulated outsized positions after the 2024 episodic action at the time of the Mexican election. We also cut our exposure to the Mexican peso from 5% to a new target of 2% and we raised US dollar exposure from 4.5% to a new target of 7.5%.

Outlook

The economic policy environment remains very chaotic, prompting volatility in markets. As ever, it is our aim to use that volatility to our investors' advantage by shifting asset allocation in response to opportunities as we see them.

We retain a preference for non-US equities. US equities remain expensive versus the rest of the world and Treasury bonds in our view, on valuation measures such as earnings yield. Our favoured markets include Hong Kong/China, Europe and Japan, where we see more attractive valuations.

Developed market government bonds currently offer an attractive risk/reward trade-off and valuations offer an attractive starting point, in our view, with room to rally should economic growth disappoint. At current real

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yield levels, long-dated US, UK and German real yields look attractive versus their domestic economic conditions.

We continue to see opportunities in emerging market bonds. Inflation has moved significantly lower across most emerging markets in recent years given early action from central banks, resulting in attractive real yields. Credit spreads, meanwhile, suggest limited upside for corporate bonds. While underlying credit fundamentals do not show signs of stress, current spread levels already imply default rates towards the lower end of historical ranges.

Tony Finding and Stuart Canning

Co-fund managers

Employees of M&G FA Limited which is an associate of M&G Securities Limited.

Please note that the views expressed in this Report should not be taken as a recommendation or advice on how the fund or any holding mentioned in the Report is likely to perform. If you wish to obtain financial advice as to whether an investment is suitable for your needs, you should consult a Financial Adviser.

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Investments

Holding		as at 30.04.25 £'000	as at 30.04.25 %	as at 31.10.24 %
	Equities	**177**	**0.06**	**0.00**
	United Kingdom	**177**	**0.06**	**0.00**
	UK equities	**177**	**0.06**	**0.00**
1,246,395	Home REIT PLC[a]	177	0.06	
	Equity derivatives	**18**	**0.01**	**(0.06)**
	Other	**18**	**0.01**	**(0.06)**
	Other equity futures	**18**	**0.01**	**(0.06)**
105	HKG Hang Seng China Enterprises Index Futures May 2025	(7)	(0.00)	
39	HKG Hang Seng Index Futures May 2025	25	0.01	
	Equity portfolios	**119,093**	**41.76**	**41.74**
	United Kingdom	**8,441**	**2.96**	**4.16**
2,002,360	M&G Recovery Fund[b]	8,441	2.96	
	Other	**110,652**	**38.80**	**37.58**
50,639	Amundi Euro STOXX 50 UCITS ETF DR	5,743	2.01	
1,369,092	Amundi FTSE 100 UCITS ETF	20,364	7.14	
868,097	Amundi MSCI Japan UCITS ETF	12,165	4.27	
156,820	Amundi MSCI Korea UCITS ETF	7,042	2.47	
308,808	Amundi S&P 500 II UCITS ETF	13,162	4.62	
107,368	HSBC MSCI Indonesia UCITS ETF	4,956	1.74	
174,490	iShares Core MSCI World UCITS ETF	13,889	4.87	
377,287	iShares MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF USD Dist	6,213	2.18	
33,339	Xtrackers DAX UCITS ETF	6,015	2.11	
189,437	Xtrackers FTSE MIB UCITS ETF	5,944	2.08	
1,235,823	Xtrackers MSCI Mexico UCITS ETF	5,885	2.06	
2,097,743	Xtrackers MSCI Singapore UCITS ETF	3,022	1.06	
181,758	Xtrackers Spain UCITS ETF	6,252	2.19	
	Fixed income	**106,880**	**37.48**	**36.37**
	United Kingdom	**89,350**	**31.33**	**28.45**
	Government bonds	**89,350**	**31.33**	**28.45**
£48,770,000	U.K. Gilts 3.75% 22/10/2053	38,364	13.45	
£21,700,000	U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 27/05/2025	21,633	7.59	
£23,620,000	U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 14/07/2025	23,415	8.21	
£6,000,000	U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 28/07/2025	5,938	2.08	

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Investments (continued)

Holding		as at 30.04.25 £'000	as at 30.04.25 %	as at 31.10.24 %
	Fixed income (continued)			
	United States	**6,920**	**2.43**	**2.62**
	Government bonds	**6,920**	**2.43**	**2.62**
US$14,800,000	U.S. Treasury Inflation-Indexed Bonds 0.125% 15/02/2052	6,920	2.43	
	Brazil	**5,581**	**1.96**	**1.90**
	Government bonds	**5,581**	**1.96**	**1.90**
BRL46,500,000	Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional 10% 01/01/2029	5,581	1.96	
	Mexico	**0**	**0.00**	**1.84**
	Government bonds	**0**	**0.00**	**1.84**
	South Africa	**5,164**	**1.81**	**2.23**
	Government bonds	**5,164**	**1.81**	**2.23**
ZAR155,000,000	Republic of South Africa Government Bonds 8.5% 31/01/2037	5,164	1.81	
	Debt derivatives	**(135)**	**(0.05)**	**(0.67)**
	Interest rate futures	**(135)**	**(0.05)**	**(0.67)**
308	CBOT Ultra Long-Term U.S. Treasury Bond Futures Jun 2025	(135)	(0.05)	
	Fixed income portfolios	**38,392**	**13.47**	**13.93**
	Other	**38,392**	**13.47**	**13.93**
173,211	iShares Core GBP Corp. Bond UCITS ETF	21,052	7.38	
80,876	iShares USD High Yield Corp. Bond UCITS ETF	5,776	2.03	
72,210	M&G Total Return Credit Investment Fund[b]	11,564	4.06	
	Currency	**(386)**	**(0.14)**	**0.04**
	Forward currency contracts	**(386)**	**(0.14)**	**0.04**
US$13,049,031	Bought for KRW19,267,024,077 (expires 11.07.25)	(418)	(0.15)	
€(27,107,157)	Sold for £23,177,582 (expires 31.07.25)	4	0.00	
¥(762,995,383)	Sold for £4,026,754 (expires 31.07.25)	(5)	0.00	
SG$(3,212,143)	Sold for £1,842,284 (expires 31.07.25)	(7)	0.00	
US$(35,998,214)	Sold for £26,981,615 (expires 31.07.25)	40	0.01	
Total portfolio		**264,174**	**92.64**	**92.02**
Net other assets/(liabilities)		**20,975**	**7.36**	**7.98**
Net assets attributable to shareholders		**285,149**	**100.00**	**100.00**

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[a] Suspended/delisted.

[b] Related party.

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Portfolio statement

Top ten portfolio transactions for the six months to 30 April 2025

Largest purchases	£'000
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 14/07/2025	23,378
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 22/04/2025	22,967
U.K. Gilts 3.75% 22/10/2053	21,474
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 27/05/2025	21,248
Amundi FTSE 100 UCITS ETF	6,975
iShares MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF USD Dist	6,070
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 28/07/2025	5,908
iShares Core GBP Corp. Bond UCITS ETF	5,252
Amundi MSCI Japan UCITS ETF	2,946
Amundi MSCI Korea UCITS ETF	2,299
Other purchases	20,142
Total purchases	**138,659**

Largest sales	£'000
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 22/04/2025	23,385
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 16/12/2024	21,246
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 20/01/2025	16,957
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 31/03/2025	9,403
Mexico Bonos 8% 07/11/2047	5,711
Xtrackers MSCI Mexico UCITS ETF	3,605
Amundi FTSE 100 UCITS ETF	1,909
M&G Recovery Fund[a]	1,287
Xtrackers DAX UCITS ETF	1,206
Amundi Euro STOXX 50 UCITS ETF	1,054
Other sales	1,890
Total sales	**87,653**

[a] Related party.

Purchases and sales exclude the cost and proceeds of 'AAA' rated money market funds.

Financial highlights

Fund performance

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Long-term performance by share class

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Share class	Six months %[a]	Three years % pa	Five years % pa	Ten years % pa
Sterling				
Class 'A' Income	+1.6	+5.4	+6.6	+3.5
Class 'A' Accumulation	+1.6	+5.4	+6.6	+3.5
Class 'I' Income	+1.7	+5.8	+7.0	+4.0
Class 'I' Accumulation	+1.7	+5.8	+7.0	+4.0
Class 'PP' Income	+1.8	+5.9	+7.1	n/a
Class 'PP' Accumulation	+1.7	+5.9	+7.1	n/a
Class 'R' Income	+1.6	+5.6	+6.8	+3.8
Class 'R' Accumulation	+1.6	+5.6	+6.8	+3.8
Benchmark[b]	**+4.8**	**+9.5**	**+7.7**	**+6.7**

[a] Not annualised.

[b] Prior to 20 July 2021, the benchmark was the 3-month GBP LIBOR +5%. Thereafter it is the SONIA +5%.

Comparative tables

'Operating charges' is calculated as a percentage of average net asset value and represents an annual rate. Where there is a change in the charging structure, you may see variances in the 'operating charges' between the comparative and current period figures.

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Sterling Class 'A' Income shares

The share class was launched on 16 February 2007.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	29,497	26,487	24,260
Number of shares	20,353,270	18,270,735	18,426,940
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	144.92	144.97	131.66
Operating charges (%)	1.05	1.05	1.05

Sterling Class 'A' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 16 February 2007.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	38,907	37,867	32,837
Number of shares	16,982,766	16,788,263	16,686,718
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	229.10	225.55	196.79
Operating charges (%)	1.05	1.05	1.05

Sterling Class 'I' Income shares

The share class was launched on 3 August 2012.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	13,705	13,808	13,073
Number of shares	969,418	978,236	1,023,888
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	1,413.79	1,411.54	1,276.78
Operating charges (%)	0.65	0.65	0.65

Sterling Class 'I' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 3 August 2012.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	140,717	138,791	123,225
Number of shares	7,282,014	7,306,833	7,459,472
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	1,932.40	1,899.46	1,651.93
Operating charges (%)	0.65	0.65	0.65

Sterling Class 'PP' Income shares

The share class was launched on 5 August 2019.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	349	96	89
Number of shares	323,585	89,007	91,465
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	107.86	107.49	97.13
Operating charges (%)	0.55	0.55	0.55

Sterling Class 'PP' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 April 2019.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	55,559	6,111	4,669
Number of shares	44,310,378	4,959,048	4,359,639
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	125.39	123.24	107.10
Operating charges (%)	0.55	0.55	0.55

Sterling Class 'R' Income shares

The share class was launched on 3 August 2012.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	2,023	1,845	1,841
Number of shares	1,472,958	1,344,760	1,478,771
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	137.32	137.23	124.44
Operating charges (%)	0.90	0.90	0.90

Sterling Class 'R' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 3 August 2012.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	4,392	3,092	2,896
Number of shares	2,327,682	1,665,787	1,790,214
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	188.67	185.64	161.77
Operating charges (%)	0.90	0.90	0.90

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Statement of total return

for the six months to 30 April	2025		2024	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains/(losses)		1,250		19,471
Revenue	5,133		4,072	
Expenses	(1,029)		(833)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(17)		(3)	
Net revenue/(expense) before taxation	4,087		3,236	
Taxation	(637)		(568)	
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation		3,450		2,668
Total return before distributions		**4,700**		**22,139**
Distributions		(3,655)		(2,860)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		**1,045**		**19,279**

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

for the six months to 30 April	2025		2024	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		**228,097**		**202,890**
Amounts received on issue of shares	12,290		11,166	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares	(30,072)		(9,413)	
Transfer from M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Balanced Fund and M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Cautious Fund	70,904		0	
		53,122		1,753
Dilution adjustments		1		9
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		1,045		19,279
Retained distributions on Accumulation shares		2,884		2,196
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		**285,149**		**226,127**

The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2025 differs to the closing position in 2024 by the change in net assets attributable to shareholders for the second half of the comparative financial year.

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Balance sheet

as at	30 April 2025 £'000	31 October 2024 £'000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	264,746	211,666
Current assets		
Debtors	311	873
Cash and bank balances	12,334	9,577
Cash equivalents	9,826	9,452
Total assets	**287,217**	**231,568**
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	(572)	(1,760)
Creditors		
Distribution payable	(348)	(510)
Other creditors	(1,148)	(1,201)
Total liabilities	**(2,068)**	**(3,471)**
Net assets attributable to shareholders	**285,149**	**228,097**

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Notes to the financial statements

Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 'Accounting policies' set out on page 5.

Distribution policy

In determining the amount available for distribution to Income shares, the annual charge is offset against capital, increasing the amount available for distribution whilst restraining capital performance to an equivalent extent.

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For the purposes of these financial statements, the Prospectus dated 28 February 2025 has been used.

Investment objective

The fund aims to provide a higher total return (the combination of capital growth and income) net of the ongoing charge figure, than the average return of the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% shares sector over any five-year period.

Investment policy

The fund is a multi-asset fund that invests across a range of asset classes, including equities, fixed income securities, convertibles, cash and near cash. Exposure to these assets may be gained either directly or indirectly via collective investment schemes or derivatives. The fund may also invest indirectly via collective investment schemes or derivatives in other asset classes such as property and gold.

The currency exposure of the fund will be actively managed, seeking to enhance returns, with a minimum of 25% of the fund exposed to sterling and a minimum of 50% in developed market currencies (including sterling).

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes, efficient portfolio management and hedging.

Investment approach

The fund manager has a flexible top-down approach to the allocation of capital between different types of assets in response to changes in economic conditions and asset values. This approach combines in-depth research to work out the value of assets over the medium to long term, with analysis of market reactions to events to identify investment opportunities. In particular, the manager seeks to respond when asset prices move away from a reasonable sense of 'fair' long-term value due to market reactions to events.

The fund seeks to manage risk by investing globally across multiple asset classes, sectors, currencies and countries. The fund will typically invest 40-85% of its assets in equities and convertibles, 15-50% in fixed income securities and cash, and up to 10% in other assets. These allocations reflect the net exposure of the portfolio.

The fund will typically take investment positions at index or sector level, but it may also take positions in individual shares or bonds. The fund's investment strategy may involve the use of derivatives to take long or short positions.

Benchmark

IA Mixed Investment 40-85% shares sector

The benchmark is a target which the fund seeks to outperform. The sector has been chosen as the fund's benchmark as the fund is a constituent of the sector. The benchmark is used solely to measure the fund's performance and does not constrain the fund's portfolio construction.

The fund is actively managed. The fund manager has complete freedom in choosing which investments to buy, hold and sell in the fund.

For each share class the benchmark will be denominated or hedged into the relevant share class currency. The benchmark for each share class will be shown in its respective KIID.

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Risk profile

For details of the risks associated with this fund, please refer to the Prospectus.

The following table shows the risk number associated with the fund and is based on Sterling Class 'A' shares.

Low risk ← → High risk

Typically lower rewards — Typically higher rewards

1	2	3	4	**5**	6	7

The above number:

- is based on the rate at which the value of the fund has moved up and down in the past and is based on historical data so may not be a reliable indicator of the future risk profile of the fund.
- is not guaranteed and may change over time and the lowest risk number does not mean risk free.
- has not changed during this period.

Investment review

For the six months ended 30 April 2025

Performance against objective

Over the review period, the M&G Episode Growth Fund produced a positive total return (the combination of income and growth of capital) across all its share classes, ahead of its benchmark the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares Sector, which had a return of -1.1%.

Over five years, the fund produced a positive return, and outperformed its benchmark*, which delivered an annualised return of 6.2%, across all its share classes. The fund therefore met its objective of providing a higher total return, net of the ongoing charge figure, than the average return of the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares Sector over any five-year period.

For the performance of each share class, please refer to the 'Long-term performance by share class' table in the 'Financial highlights' section of this report.

* The benchmark prior to 10 December 2019 was a composite index comprising 2/3 MSCI ACWI Index and 1/3 Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index. From 10 December 2019 to 1 February 2021 the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index was changed to the GBP Hedged version. Thereafter, the benchmark is the average return of IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares sector.

Performance review

Over the six months to the end of April 2025, financial markets experienced significant volatility, driven by geopolitical developments, shifting interest rate expectations and erratic policymaking decisions by US President Donald Trump.

Developed market 10-year government bond yields ended the period broadly unchanged and bond prices recorded a positive return, but there were wild swings along the way. In November 2024, yields fell, particularly in Europe, as investors anticipated faster interest rate cuts. However, December saw a sharp reversal in yields, as expectations of rate cuts in 2025 were reined in.

Bonds have enjoyed mixed fortunes so far in 2025. US Treasury yields fell sharply in February on recession fears, while German bund yields rose for a short while in March, following the suspension of fiscal constraints to boost defence spending, before falling again in April.

Elsewhere in fixed income, credit spreads on corporate bonds and emerging market hard currency debt initially tightened, before ending the period wider, against an increasingly volatile backdrop. Despite the widening in credit spreads, returns on corporate and emerging market bonds were positive in the six months. (Credit spreads are a measure of the difference between the yields of corporate bonds and those of government bonds of the same maturity and are seen as an indicator of investors' risk appetite.)

There were notable regional divergences in the performance of stockmarkets. US equities (company shares), which initially rallied following Donald Trump's re-election as US president in November 2024, ultimately underperformed, due to rising concerns over

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trade tariffs and perceived stretched valuations in the technology sector. In particular, on 2 April, the date President Trump labelled 'liberation day', the announcement of more severe than expected trade tariffs saw the US stockmarket and others around the world fall sharply, before recovering much of their losses.

In contrast, non-US equities delivered stronger returns, in a reversal of recent fortunes. Proposals to ramp up European defence spending propelled regional equities higher, with the German DAX index among the best performers. China benefited from continued stimulus measures and the success of its artificial intelligence (AI) newcomer DeepSeek. Mexico was another notable winner, while Brazil also ended the period with a positive return.

Our allocation to equities was the main driver of fund returns, with our preference for non-US equities in the UK and Europe particularly beneficial. Performance was supported by holdings in Japan, Mexico and Brazil. However, exposure to Asia ex Japan hurt returns.

In fixed income, the fund's holdings in UK gilts (government bonds), corporate bonds and emerging market government bonds in South Africa contributed to performance during the period. Conversely, our holdings of long-dated US Treasuries detracted.

The fund's holdings of cash and overall currency exposure also cost some performance.

Investment activities

In December 2024, we responded to correlated Brazilian asset price weakness by beginning a new position in Brazilian equities, with a target of 2%. We also increased our target exposure to the Brazilian real from 2% to 4%. Brazilian equities looked attractively valued to us and the new position broadened the fund's non-US equity exposure.

We started a new position in 30-year UK government bonds in January 2025, with a 5% target, as the yield had risen sharply since the start of December, in a significant valuation improvement. We saw the price action as becoming more episodic and UK-centric, therefore an opportunity to buy. By contrast, we lowered our UK investment grade corporate bonds target to 7% from 9%.

In April, we cut our exposure to Mexican shares from 3% to a new target of 2% and to the Mexican peso from 5% to a new target of 2%, locking in some profit, having increased the position after the 2024 episodic action at the time of the Mexican election. We increased US dollar exposure from 22% to a new target of 23% and our sterling exposure from 54% to a new target of 56%.

Outlook

The economic policy environment remains very chaotic, prompting volatility in markets. As ever, it is our aim to use that volatility to our investors' advantage by shifting asset allocation in response to opportunities as we see them.

We retain a preference for non-US equities. US equities remain expensive versus the rest of the world and Treasury bonds in our view, on valuation measures such as earnings yield. Our favoured markets include HK/China, Europe and Japan, where we see more attractive valuations.

Developed market government bonds offer an attractive risk/reward trade-off and valuations offer an attractive starting point, in our view, with room to rally should economic growth disappoint. At current real yield levels (real yields take inflation into account), long-dated US, UK and German real yields look attractive to us in the context of their domestic economic conditions.

We continue to see opportunities in emerging market bonds. Inflation has moved significantly lower across most emerging markets in recent years given early action from central banks, resulting in attractive real yields. Credit spreads meanwhile suggest limited

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upside for corporate bonds. While underlying credit fundamentals do not show signs of stress, current spread levels already imply default rates towards the lower end of historical ranges.

Craig Simpson and Tony Finding

Co-fund managers

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Investments

Holding		as at 30.04.25 £'000	as at 30.04.25 %	as at 31.10.24 %
	Equities	**623,806**	**72.13**	**71.97**
	United Kingdom	**56**	**0.01**	**0.00**
397,101	Home REIT PLC[a]	56	0.01	
	Equity portfolios	**623,750**	**72.12**	**71.97**
	United Kingdom	**14,986**	**1.73**	**1.98**
4,811,954	M&G Smaller Companies Fund[b]	14,986	1.73	
	Asia Pacific	**30,355**	**3.51**	**3.66**
1,850,016	M&G Asian Fund[b]	30,355	3.51	
	Other	**578,409**	**66.88**	**66.33**
119,844	Amundi Euro STOXX 50 UCITS ETF DR	13,591	1.57	
12,489,870	Amundi FTSE 100 UCITS ETF	185,774	21.48	
2,775,569	Amundi MSCI Japan UCITS ETF	38,897	4.50	
2,129,422	iShares Core MSCI World UCITS ETF	169,499	19.60	
1,106,870	iShares MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF USD Dist	18,227	2.11	
312,254	iShares MSCI EM Asia UCITS ETF	42,620	4.93	
1,083,845	iShares PLC - iShares Core FTSE 100 UCITS ETF	9,022	1.04	
2,347,595	Vanguard FTSE Developed Europe ex U.K. UCITS ETF	82,741	9.57	
3,788,152	Xtrackers MSCI Mexico UCITS ETF	18,038	2.08	
	Fixed income	**211,553**	**24.46**	**23.57**
	Fixed income portfolios	**62,219**	**7.19**	**8.85**
	Other	**62,219**	**7.19**	**8.85**
511,921	iShares Core GBP Corp. Bond UCITS ETF	62,219	7.19	
	Government bonds	**149,725**	**17.31**	**15.39**
	United Kingdom	**134,161**	**15.51**	**13.43**
£56,600,000	U.K. Gilts 3.75% 22/10/2053	44,524	5.15	
£43,500,000	U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 12/05/2025	43,442	5.02	
£47,000,000	U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 29/09/2025	46,195	5.34	
	South Africa	**15,564**	**1.80**	**1.96**
ZAR209,752,738	Republic of South Africa Government Bonds 8.25% 31/03/2032	7,831	0.91	
ZAR214,428,536	Republic of South Africa Government Bonds 8.875% 28/02/2035	7,733	0.89	

Portfolio statement

Investments (continued)

Holding		as at 30.04.25 £'000	as at 30.04.25 %	as at 31.10.24 %
	Fixed income (continued)			
	Debt derivatives	**(391)**	**(0.04)**	**(0.67)**
	Interest rate futures	**(391)**	**(0.04)**	**(0.67)**
891	CBOT Ultra Long-Term U.S. Treasury Bond Futures Jun 2025	(391)	(0.04)	
	Currency	**(245)**	**(0.03)**	**(0.04)**
	Forward currency contracts	**(245)**	**(0.03)**	**(0.04)**
US$14,085,984	Bought for TWD462,625,968 (expires 30.06.25)	(403)	(0.05)	
US$14,065,855	Bought for TWD462,625,966 (expires 11.07.25)	(405)	(0.05)	
US$78,968,683	Bought for £59,181,386 (expires 31.07.25)	(79)	(0.01)	
BRL127,437,117	Bought for $21,412,785 (expires 16.07.25)	672	0.08	
AU$(10,812,953)	Sold for £5,190,148 (expires 31.07.25)	11	0.00	
€(6,045,452)	Sold for £5,169,076 (expires 31.07.25)	1	0.00	
HK$(211,652,238)	Sold for £20,482,570 (expires 31.07.25)	33	0.01	
¥(1,602,417,145)	Sold for £8,456,853 (expires 31.07.25)	(10)	0.00	
CHF(18,650,000)	Sold for £17,028,682 (expires 31.07.25)	(65)	(0.01)	
Total portfolio		**835,114**	**96.56**	**95.50**
Net other assets/(liabilities)		**29,711**	**3.44**	**4.50**
Net assets attributable to shareholders		**864,825**	**100.00**	**100.00**

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[b] Related party.

Portfolio statement

Top portfolio transactions for the six months to 30 April 2025

Purchases	£'000
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 29/09/2025	46,035
U.K. Gilts 3.75% 22/10/2053	43,226
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 12/05/2025	42,559
iShares MSCI Brazil UCITS ETF USD Dist	17,808
iShares Core GBP Corp. Bond UCITS ETF	2,717
Total purchases	**152,345**

Sales	£'000
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 24/02/2025	44,639
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 07/04/2025	37,972
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 25/11/2024	33,578
iShares Core GBP Corp. Bond UCITS ETF	15,926
iShares Core MSCI World UCITS ETF	15,239
Xtrackers MSCI Mexico UCITS ETF	6,784
Total sales	**154,138**

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Financial highlights

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Long-term performance by share class

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Share class	Six months %[a]	Three years % pa	Five years % pa	Ten years % pa
Sterling				
Class 'A' Income	+1.5	+6.6	+8.4	+5.2
Class 'A' Accumulation	+1.5	+6.6	+8.4	+5.2
Class 'C' Income	+1.8	+7.4	+9.3	+6.3
Class 'I' Income	+1.6	+6.9	+8.7	+5.7
Class 'I' Accumulation	+1.6	+6.9	+8.7	+5.7
Class 'PP' Income	+1.6	+6.9	+8.8	n/a
Class 'PP' Accumulation	+1.6	+6.9	+8.8	n/a
Class 'R' Income	+1.5	+6.7	+8.5	+5.5
Class 'R' Accumulation	+1.5	+6.7	+8.5	+5.5
Benchmark[b]	**-1.1**	**+3.2**	**+6.2**	**+7.3**

[a] Not annualised.

[b] The benchmark prior to 10 December 2019 was a composite index comprising 2/3 MSCI ACWI Index and 1/3 Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index. From 10 December 2019 to 2 February 2021 the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index was changed to the GBP Hedged version. Thereafter it is the IA Mixed Investment 40-85% Shares sector.

Comparative tables

'Operating charges' is calculated as a percentage of average net asset value and represents an annual rate. Where there is a change in the charging structure, you may see variances in the 'operating charges' between the comparative and current period figures.

Financial highlights

Sterling Class 'A' Income shares

The share class was launched on 1 October 2002.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	571,860	582,523	546,487
Number of shares	815,133,639	831,138,855	884,635,517
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	70.16	70.09	61.78
Operating charges (%)	1.05	1.05	1.05

Sterling Class 'A' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 1 October 2002.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	53,198	51,663	45,292
Number of shares	45,274,600	44,614,713	45,840,771
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	117.50	115.80	98.80
Operating charges (%)	1.05	1.05	1.05

Sterling Class 'C' Income shares

Sterling Class 'C' shares are not generally available to all investors.

The share class was launched on 16 June 2011.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	22,439	20,063	15,145
Number of shares	26,723,590	24,033,825	20,786,341
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	83.97	83.48	72.86
Operating charges (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00

Sterling Class 'I' Income shares

The share class was launched on 3 August 2012.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	51,235	50,929	47,063
Number of shares	2,867,129	2,857,598	3,006,411
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	1,786.98	1,782.21	1,565.43
Operating charges (%)	0.65	0.65	0.65

Sterling Class 'I' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 3 August 2012.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	102,906	91,920	62,160
Number of shares	4,328,090	3,926,284	3,117,716
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	2,377.64	2,341.15	1,993.75
Operating charges (%)	0.65	0.65	0.65

Sterling Class 'PP' Income shares

The share class was launched on 5 August 2019.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	777	797	845
Number of shares	597,092	614,303	741,908
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	130.14	129.73	113.84
Operating charges (%)	0.55	0.55	0.55

Sterling Class 'PP' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 April 2019.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	5,381	1,638	953
Number of shares	3,724,412	1,151,896	787,392
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	144.47	142.20	121.00
Operating charges (%)	0.55	0.55	0.55

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Sterling Class 'R' Income shares

The share class was launched on 3 August 2012.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	8,369	8,350	8,195
Number of shares	4,811,395	4,807,166	5,357,574
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	173.95	173.70	152.96
Operating charges (%)	0.90	0.90	0.90

Sterling Class 'R' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 3 August 2012.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	48,660	48,299	44,441
Number of shares	20,952,197	21,099,709	22,758,916
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	232.24	228.91	195.27
Operating charges (%)	0.90	0.90	0.90

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Statement of total return

for the six months to 30 April	2025		2024	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains/(losses)		5,117		94,089
Revenue	12,192		11,192	
Expenses	(4,095)		(3,928)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(5)		(9)	
Net revenue/(expense) before taxation	8,092		7,255	
Taxation	(61)		(1)	
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation		8,031		7,254
Total return before distributions		**13,148**		**101,343**
Distributions		(11,130)		(10,472)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		**2,018**		**90,871**

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

for the six months to 30 April	2025		2024	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		**856,182**		**770,581**
Amounts received on issue of shares	26,946		26,794	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares	(31,753)		(35,749)	
Transfer from M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Growth Fund	9,490		0	
		4,683		(8,955)
Dilution adjustments		0		19
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		2,018		90,871
Retained distributions on Accumulation shares		1,937		1,633
Unclaimed distributions		5		6
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		**864,825**		**854,155**

The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2025 differs to the closing position in 2024 by the change in net assets attributable to shareholders for the second half of the comparative financial year.

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Balance sheet

as at	30 April 2025 £'000	31 October 2024 £'000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	836,467	823,836
Current assets		
Debtors	983	858
Cash and bank balances	14,579	16,971
Cash equivalents	20,717	31,349
Total assets	**872,746**	**873,014**
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	(1,353)	(6,190)
Creditors		
Bank overdrafts	(1,486)	0
Distribution payable	(3,878)	(8,978)
Other creditors	(1,204)	(1,664)
Total liabilities	**(7,921)**	**(16,832)**
Net assets attributable to shareholders	**864,825**	**856,182**

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Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the ‘Accounting policies’ set out on page 5.

Distribution policy

In determining the amount available for distribution to Income shares, the annual charge is offset against capital, increasing the amount available for distribution whilst restraining capital performance to an equivalent extent.

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For the purposes of these financial statements, the Prospectus dated 28 February 2025 has been used.

Investment objective

The fund aims to provide a higher total return (the combination of capital growth and income) net of the ongoing charge figure, than the average return of the IA Flexible Investment Sector over any five-year period.

Investment policy

The fund is a multi-asset fund that invests at least 70% of its assets in other collective investment schemes in order to gain exposure to assets from anywhere in the world, including equities, fixed income, convertibles, cash, or near cash. The fund may also invest directly in these assets.

In aggregate, the fund will invest at least 70% of its assets in equities, either directly or via collective investment schemes.

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes, efficient portfolio management and hedging.

Investment approach

The fund manager's investment views are mainly implemented by investing in other funds. This will typically be via M&G's own funds, but the fund may also invest in funds managed by other companies where appropriate in order to best reflect the fund manager's investment views.

The fund manager has a flexible top-down approach to the allocation of capital between different types of assets in response to changes in economic conditions and asset values. This approach combines in-depth research to work out the value of assets over the medium to long term, with analysis of market reactions to events to identify investment opportunities. In particular, the fund manager seeks to respond when asset prices move away from a reasonable sense of 'fair' long-term value due to the market's reaction to events.

Benchmark

IA Flexible Investment Sector

The benchmark is a target which the fund seeks to outperform. The sector has been chosen as the fund's benchmark as the fund is a constituent of the sector. The benchmark is used solely to measure the fund's performance and does not constrain the fund's portfolio construction.

The fund is actively managed. The fund manager has complete freedom in choosing which investments to buy, hold and sell in the fund.

For each share class the benchmark will be denominated or hedged into the relevant share class currency. The benchmark for each share class will be shown in its respective KIID.

Risk profile

For details of the risks associated with this fund, please refer to the Prospectus.

The following table shows the risk number associated with the fund and is based on Sterling Class 'A' shares.

Low risk ← → High risk

Typically lower rewards — Typically higher rewards

1	2	3	4	**5**	6	7

The above number:

- is based on the rate at which the value of the fund has moved up and down in the past and is based on historical data so may not be a reliable indicator of the future risk profile of the fund.
- is not guaranteed and may change over time and the lowest risk number does not mean risk free.
- has not changed during this period.

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Investment review

For the six months ended 30 April 2025

Performance against objective

Over the review period, the M&G Managed Growth Fund delivered a negative total return (the combination of capital growth and income) across all share classes, but was ahead of its target benchmark*, which is the IA Flexible Investment Sector, which delivered -1.4% over the six months.

Over five years, the fund has delivered a positive total return across all share classes and has met its objective of delivering a higher total return, net of the ongoing charge figure, than the IA Flexible Investment Sector over any five-year period, which returned 6.9% per annum.

* The benchmark prior to 1 September 2018 was the FTSE World Index. From 1 September 2018 it was a composite index comprising 85% MSCI ACWI Index and 15% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index. From 9 December 2019 to 2 February 2021 the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index was changed to the GBP-hedged version. Thereafter it is the IA Flexible Investment Sector.

For the performance of each share class, please refer to the 'Long-term performance by share class' table in the 'Financial highlights' section of this report.

Performance review

Over the six months to the end of April 2025, financial markets experienced significant volatility, driven by geopolitical developments, shifting interest rate expectations and erratic policymaking decisions by US President Donald Trump.

Developed market, 10-year government bond yields ended the period broadly unchanged and recorded a positive return, but there were wild swings along the way. In November 2024, yields fell, particularly in Europe, as investors anticipated faster interest rate cuts. However, December saw a sharp reversal in yields, as expectations of rate cuts in 2025 were reined in.

Bonds have enjoyed mixed fortunes so far in 2025. US Treasury yields fell sharply in February on recession fears, while German bund yields rose for a short while in March, following the suspension of fiscal constraints to boost defence spending, before falling again in April.

Elsewhere in fixed income, credit spreads on corporate bonds and emerging market hard currency debt initially tightened, before ending the period wider, amidst an increasingly volatile backdrop. Despite the widening in credit spreads, returns on corporate and emerging market bonds were positive in the six months. (Credit spread is a measure of the difference between the yield of a corporate bond and a government bond of the same maturity.)

There were notable regional divergences in the performance of stockmarkets. US equities, which initially rallied following Donald Trump's re-election in November 2024, ultimately underperformed, due to rising concerns over trade tariffs and perceived stretched valuations in the technology sector. In particular, on 2 April, the date President Trump labelled 'liberation day', the announcement of more severe than expected trade tariffs, saw the US stockmarket and others around the world fall sharply, before recovering much of their losses.

In contrast, non-US equities delivered stronger returns, in a reversal of recent fortunes. Proposals to ramp up European defence spending propelled regional equities higher, with the German DAX index among the best performers. China, benefited from continued stimulus measures and the success of its artificial intelligence (AI) newcomer DeepSeek. Mexico and Brazil were other notable winners.

Against this backdrop, the fund delivered a negative return over the six-month period, but outperformed its benchmark.

The fund is invested in other funds – typically those managed by M&G – providing exposure primarily to equities. Generally, funds invested in non-US equities performed better than funds invested in the US or with a heavy US equity weighting.

Equity exposure making the biggest contributions to returns included M&G funds invested in Europe and Japan and non-M&G funds invested in Mexico and the World ex UK. Our holdings of value funds, the M&G (Lux) European Strategic Value Fund and the M&G Global Strategic Value Fund also recorded gains. The

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fund's position in the M&G (Lux) Episode Macro Fund, also aided performance. So far in 2025, this fund has benefited from its long positions in non-US equities and short position in the S&P 500 Index, as well as its long positions in developed market government bonds and its currency basket of high yielding emerging market currencies.

Conversely, the fund's holdings in the M&G North American Value Fund, the M&G North American Dividend Fund and the M&G Global Sustain Paris Aligned Fund held back returns.

Investment activities

Early in January 2025, we increased the fund's weight in 30-year UK gilts from 3% to 5% and reduced exposure to the M&G (Lux) Global Target Return Fund. The rise in gilt yields from the start of December 2024 represented a significant valuation improvement in our view, with the price action becoming more 'episodic' ahead of our investment.

The majority of the fund remains invested in equities, which we believe will most likely be the primary driver of returns.

Outlook

The economic policy environment remains very chaotic, prompting volatility in markets. As ever, it is our aim to use that volatility to our investors' advantage by shifting asset allocation in response to opportunities as we see them.

We retain a preference for non-US equities. US equities remain expensive versus the rest of the world and Treasury bonds in our view, on valuation measures such as earnings yield. Our favoured markets include Hong Kong/China, Europe and Japan, where we see more attractive valuations.

Developed market government bonds currently offer an attractive risk/reward trade-off, and valuations offer an attractive starting point with room to rally should economic growth disappoint. At current real yield levels, long-dated US, UK and German real yields look attractive versus their domestic economic conditions.

Craig Simpson

Fund manager

An employee of M&G FA Limited which is an associate of M&G Securities Limited.

Please note that the views expressed in this Report should not be taken as a recommendation or advice on how the fund or any holding mentioned in the Report is likely to perform. If you wish to obtain financial advice as to whether an investment is suitable for your needs, you should consult a Financial Adviser.

M&G Managed Growth Fund

Portfolio statement

Investments

Holding		as at 30.04.25 £'000	as at 30.04.25 %	as at 31.10.24 %
	Equities	**905,280**	**91.03**	**92.05**
	Equity portfolios	**905,280**	**91.03**	**92.05**
	United Kingdom	**81,950**	**8.24**	**8.28**
28,231,285	M&G Recovery Fund[a]	35,105	3.53	
1,650,244	M&G UK Sustain Paris Aligned Fund[a]	46,845	4.71	
	United States	**117,594**	**11.82**	**12.93**
43,919,941	M&G North American Dividend Fund[a]	78,569	7.90	
1,135,365	M&G North American Value Fund[a]	39,025	3.92	
	Japan	**81,826**	**8.23**	**8.02**
110,115,041	M&G Japan Fund[a]	81,826	8.23	
	Asia Pacific	**69,088**	**6.95**	**7.14**
4,210,675	M&G Asian Fund[a]	69,088	6.95	
	Other	**554,822**	**55.79**	**55.68**
7,862,037	M&G (Lux) Episode Macro Fund[a]	110,624	11.12	
2,931,874	M&G (Lux) European Strategic Value Fund[a]	44,603	4.48	
1,358,784	M&G (Lux) Global Target Return Fund[a]	14,379	1.45	
3,335,536	M&G (Lux) Pan European Sustain Paris Aligned Fund[a]	93,092	9.36	
22,271,610	M&G Global Emerging Markets Fund[a]	62,517	6.29	
15,528,022	M&G Global Strategic Value Fund[a]	46,595	4.68	
11,608,867	M&G Global Sustain Paris Aligned Fund[a]	75,765	7.62	
2,166,562	M&G Global Themes Fund[a]	27,913	2.81	
7,788,251	Xtrackers MSCI Mexico UCITS ETF	37,085	3.73	
1,633,353	Xtrackers MSCI World ex USA UCITS ETF	42,249	4.25	
	Fixed income	**75,902**	**7.63**	**5.55**
	Fixed income portfolios	**24,842**	**2.50**	**2.56**
	Other	**24,842**	**2.50**	**2.56**
8,050,000	iShares USD Treasury Bond 20+yr UCITS ETF	24,842	2.50	

Portfolio statement

Investments (continued)

Holding		as at 30.04.25 £'000	as at 30.04.25 %	as at 31.10.24 %
	Fixed income (continued)			
	Government bonds	**51,060**	**5.13**	**2.99**
	United Kingdom	**51,060**	**5.13**	**2.99**
£58,200,000	U.K. Gilts 4.375% 31/07/2054	51,060	5.13	
	Currency	**(90)**	**(0.01)**	**(0.06)**
	Forward currency contracts	**(90)**	**(0.01)**	**(0.06)**
HK$67,507,017	Bought for £6,532,968 (expires 31.07.25)	(11)	0.00	
US$25,745,358	Bought for £19,294,306 (expires 31.07.25)	(26)	0.00	
AU$(16,164,560)	Sold for £7,758,886 (expires 31.07.25)	16	0.00	
DKK(161,710,233)	Sold for £18,553,039 (expires 31.07.25)	12	0.00	
€(85,275,371)	Sold for £72,913,470 (expires 31.07.25)	11	0.00	
¥(8,416,725,788)	Sold for £44,419,776 (expires 31.07.25)	(53)	(0.01)	
CHF(11,308,120)	Sold for £10,325,061 (expires 31.07.25)	(39)	0.00	
Total portfolio		**981,092**	**98.65**	**97.54**
Net other assets/(liabilities)		**13,407**	**1.35**	**2.46**
Net assets attributable to shareholders		**994,499**	**100.00**	**100.00**

All securities are on an official stock exchange listing except where referenced.

[a] Related party.

Portfolio statement

Top portfolio transactions for the six months to 30 April 2025

Purchases	£'000
U.K. Gilts 4.375% 31/07/2054	22,081
Total purchases	**22,081**

Sales	£'000
M&G (Lux) Global Target Return Fund[a]	5,112
Total sales	**5,112**

[a] Related party.

Purchases and sales exclude the cost and proceeds of 'AAA' rated money market funds.

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Fund performance

Please note past performance is not a guide to future performance and the value of investments, and the income from them, will fluctuate. This will cause the fund price to fall as well as rise and you may not get back the original amount you invested.

As different share classes have different attributes, for example charging structures and minimum investments, please be aware that their performance may be different.

For additional information, including monthly fund commentaries, fund facts, historic prices, distribution rates, performance information (including a range of performance graphs) and other documents, please visit our website at mandg.com/investments

Long-term performance by share class

To give an indication of the performance of the fund, the following table shows the compound rate of return, per annum, over the period. Calculated on a price to price basis with income reinvested. Please refer to 'Comparative tables' for the share class launch dates.

Share class	Six months %[a]	Three years % pa	Five years % pa	Ten years % pa
Sterling				
Class 'A' Income	-0.5	+7.2	+11.0	+7.6
Class 'A' Accumulation	-0.5	+7.3	+11.1	+7.8
Class 'C' Income	-0.2	+7.8	+11.9	+8.7
Class 'I' Income	-0.4	+7.3	+11.3	+8.1
Class 'I' Accumulation	-0.4	+7.3	+11.3	+8.1
Class 'PP' Income	-0.4	+7.4	+11.4	n/a
Class 'PP' Accumulation	-0.4	+7.4	+11.4	n/a
Class 'R' Income	-0.5	+7.1	+11.0	+7.8
Class 'R' Accumulation	-0.5	+7.1	+11.0	+7.8
Benchmark[b]	**-1.4**	**+3.1**	**+6.9**	**+8.3**

a Not annualised.

b The benchmark prior to 1 September 2018 was the FTSE World Index. From 1 September 2018 it was a composite index comprising 85% MSCI ACWI Index and 15% Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index. From 9 December 2019 to the 2 February 2021 the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Index was changed to the GBP hedged version. Thereafter it is the IA Flexible Investment Sector average.

Comparative tables

'Operating charges' is calculated as a percentage of average net asset value and represents an annual rate. Where there is a change in the charging structure, you may see variances in the 'operating charges' between the comparative and current period figures.

Financial highlights

Sterling Class 'A' Income shares

The share class was launched on 1 October 2002.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	448,509	461,355	419,805
Number of shares	311,210,738	315,675,098	334,932,501
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	144.12	146.15	125.34
Operating charges (%)	1.03	1.05	1.05

Sterling Class 'A' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 1 October 2002.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	64,847	61,684	50,604
Number of shares	34,176,990	32,434,463	31,811,609
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	189.74	190.18	159.07
Operating charges (%)	1.03	1.05	1.05

Sterling Class 'C' Income shares

Sterling Class 'C' shares are not generally available to all investors.

The share class was launched on 21 June 2012.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	187,939	193,640	151,922
Number of shares	118,496,254	120,949,208	111,625,287
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	158.62	160.10	136.10
Operating charges (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00

Sterling Class 'I' Income shares

The share class was launched on 3 August 2012.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	67,577	70,191	61,495
Number of shares	3,170,161	3,253,647	3,331,758
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	2,131.66	2,157.31	1,845.71
Operating charges (%)	0.63	0.65	0.65

Sterling Class 'I' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 3 August 2012.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	152,991	141,621	89,637
Number of shares	5,739,774	5,293,040	4,012,727
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	2,665.46	2,675.60	2,233.82
Operating charges (%)	0.63	0.65	0.65

Sterling Class 'PP' Income shares

The share class was launched on 5 August 2019.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	1,618	1,347	1,407
Number of shares	1,186,718	976,506	1,193,784
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	136.33	137.91	117.87
Operating charges (%)	0.53	0.55	0.55

Sterling Class 'PP' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 April 2019.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	7,829	4,632	2,828
Number of shares	5,022,382	2,961,507	2,167,338
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	155.88	156.41	130.48
Operating charges (%)	0.53	0.55	0.55

Financial highlights

Sterling Class 'R' Income shares

The share class was launched on 3 August 2012.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	6,949	6,901	6,324
Number of shares	3,329,203	3,263,105	3,486,093
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	208.72	211.50	181.40
Operating charges (%)	0.88	0.90	0.90

Sterling Class 'R' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 3 August 2012.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	56,240	57,029	50,327
Number of shares	21,664,953	21,864,111	23,064,165
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	259.59	260.83	218.20
Operating charges (%)	0.88	0.90	0.90

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Statement of total return

for the six months to 30 April	2025		2024	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains/(losses)		(8,921)		124,476
Revenue	9,146		7,291	
Expenses	(3,704)		(3,522)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		(11)	
Net revenue/(expense) before taxation	5,441		3,758	
Taxation	(472)		(1)	
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation		4,969		3,757
Total return before distributions		**(3,952)**		**128,233**
Distributions		(7,816)		(6,019)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		**(11,768)**		**122,214**

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

for the six months to 30 April	2025		2024	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		**998,400**		**834,349**
Amounts received on issue of shares	45,572		39,106	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares	(39,337)		(33,956)	
		6,235		5,150
Dilution adjustments		0		3
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(11,768)		122,214
Retained distributions on Accumulation shares		1,627		818
Unclaimed distributions		5		6
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		**994,499**		**962,540**

The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2025 differs to the closing position in 2024 by the change in net assets attributable to shareholders for the second half of the comparative financial year.

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Balance sheet

as at	30 April 2025 £'000	31 October 2024 £'000
Assets		
Fixed assets		
Investments	981,221	974,385
Current assets		
Debtors	1,612	1,928
Cash and bank balances	4,985	1,592
Cash equivalents	14,674	43,121
Total assets	**1,002,492**	**1,021,026**
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	(129)	(583)
Creditors		
Bank overdrafts	0	(6,994)
Distribution payable	(6,155)	(13,493)
Other creditors	(1,709)	(1,556)
Total liabilities	**(7,993)**	**(22,626)**
Net assets attributable to shareholders	**994,499**	**998,400**

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Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 'Accounting policies' set out on page 5.

Distribution policy

In determining the amount available for distribution to Income shares, the annual charge is offset against capital, increasing the amount available for distribution whilst restraining capital performance to an equivalent extent.

M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Balanced Fund (closed)

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The M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Balanced Fund merged into M&G Episode Allocation Fund on 22 November 2024. For the purposes of these financial statements, the Prospectus dated 28 February 2025 has been used, covering the period until the fund closed.

Investment objective up to 22 November 2024

The fund has two aims:

- To limit the average volatility to 12% per annum over any five-year period while providing a total return (the combination of capital growth and income) over that period; and
- To invest in assets which meet the fund's preferred ESG standards and/or those that provide a positive societal impact through addressing the world's major social and environmental challenges.

Investment policy up to 22 November 2024

The fund invests globally across a range of asset classes, including equities and equity-related securities, fixed income securities, cash and near cash. Exposure to these assets is typically gained directly, but may also be gained indirectly, via funds (including funds managed by M&G) or derivatives. The fund may also invest to a limited extent indirectly in other asset classes such as property and gold.

Typically, the fund holds 20-60% of its net asset value in equities and equity related securities, but there is no obligation on the fund manager to hold a particular level of equity exposure.

The fund aims to exclude securities issued by:

- Companies that are assessed to be in breach of the United Nations Global Compact principles on human rights, labour rights, the environment and anti-corruption;
- Companies involved in the production of tobacco, alcohol, adult entertainment, controversial weapons, thermal coal, or the provision of gambling services;
- Companies that derive more than 10% of their revenue from the distribution of tobacco, unconventional oil and gas extraction, and the production or distribution of other weapons;
- Conventional oil and gas extraction companies that derive less than 40% of their revenue from activities related to natural gas extraction or renewable energy sources; and
- Electricity utilities companies that derive more than 10% of their power production from coal, more than 30% from oil and gas, or nuclear fuel sources. However, the fund may hold companies that have a clear business model of accelerating the transition to low-carbon power production, up to a maximum total limit of 5% of the fund's net asset value.

Where the fund invests directly, these investments meet the fund's ESG criteria or impact criteria:

- The ESG criteria are designed to consider key ESG risks and identify companies and governments which meet preferred standards of ESG behaviour.
- The impact criteria are designed to identify investments that have a positive societal impact. Typically, the fund holds 20%-50% of its net asset value in positive impact assets. It always holds at least 20% of its net asset value in positive impact assets and there is no cap on the level of positive impact exposure.

Indirect investments are not subject to the same ESG and/or impact restrictions as securities held directly. The fund manager will assess the suitability of such investments relative to the fund's non-financial objective. For further details please see the M&G website.

The only investments that are not subject to assessment relative to the fund's non-financial objective are: the use of derivatives to take advantage

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of short-term market movements and to hedge currency exposures, and cash.

The currency exposure of the fund will be actively managed, seeking to enhance returns, with a minimum of 70% of the fund exposed to sterling.

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes, efficient portfolio management and hedging.

Investment approach up to 22 November 2024

The fund's approach to sustainable investment is to invest in securities issued by companies or governments that uphold high standards of ESG behaviour, as assessed using the fund's ESG criteria. In addition, the fund maintains a core holding of assets that have a positive societal impact, as assessed using the fund's impact criteria. As part of the investment process, the fund manager considers the long-term sustainability of assets, including carbon intensity and climate adaptability.

The fund manager's assessment of ESG criteria and impact criteria relies upon the use of third-party ESG information and/or proprietary analysis. Further information on M&G's approach to ESG standards and exclusions and impact criteria can be found on the M&G website.

Volatility is managed by using research to estimate the variation in value and risk of different types of assets. The fund seeks to manage volatility and risk through flexible asset allocation, by investing globally across multiple asset classes, sectors, currencies and countries, in response to changes in economic conditions and asset values. This approach combines research to work out the anticipated value of assets over the medium to long term, with analysis of market reactions to events to identify investment opportunities.

The fund's volatility management objective may limit potential gains as well as losses.

Benchmark up to 22 November 2024

IA Mixed Investment 20-60% shares sector

The benchmark is a comparator for the fund's financial objective against which the fund's financial performance can be measured. The sector has been chosen as the fund's benchmark as it reflects the financial aspects of the fund's investment policy. The comparator benchmark does not constrain the fund's portfolio construction.

The fund is actively managed. The fund manager has complete freedom in choosing which investments to buy, hold and sell in the fund within the constraints set by the fund's objective and investment policy.

An annual ESG and Positive Impact Review to provide an assessment of the non-financial objective of the fund will be made available on the M&G website.

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Risk profile up to 22 November 2024

For details of the risks associated with this fund, please refer to the Prospectus.

The following table shows the risk number associated with the fund and is based on Sterling Class 'A' shares.

Low risk — High risk

Typically lower rewards — Typically higher rewards

1	2	3	**4**	5	6	7

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- is based on the rate at which the value of the fund has moved up and down in the past and is based on historical data so may not be a reliable indicator of the future risk profile of the fund.
- is not guaranteed and may change over time and the lowest risk number does not mean risk free.
- has not changed during this period.

Investment review

For the period ending 22 November 2024

Performance against objective

For the performance of each share class, please refer to the 'Long-term performance by share class' table in the 'Financial highlights' section of this report.

Investment activities

The fund was merged into the M&G Episode Allocation Fund on 22 November 2024 following investor notification.

In the period leading up to the merger, all the investments were divested, except for Home REIT, which was transferred to the receiving fund.

For the major investment activities during the period to the merger date, please refer to 'Top portfolio transactions' table in the 'Portfolio Statement' section of this report.

Maria Municchi

Fund manager

An employee of M&G FA Limited which is an associate of M&G Securities Limited.

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Portfolio Statement

Investments

The fund had no holdings as at the end of the period.

Top portfolio transactions for the period to 30 April 2025

Purchases	£'000
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 10/03/2025	1,230
Total purchases	**1,230**

Largest sales	£'000
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 09/12/2024	3,201
U.K. Gilts 0.875% 31/07/2033	2,440
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 10/03/2025	2,069
U.K. Gilts 1.5% 31/07/2053	1,729
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 02/12/2024	1,461
Inter-American Development Bank 4.375% 24/01/2044	1,459
European Investment Bank 3.75% 14/02/2033	1,450
Australia Government Bonds 4.25% 21/06/2034	1,044
Bundesrepublik Deutschland Bundesanleihe 1.8% 15/08/2053	939
Bundesrepublik Deutschland Bundesanleihe 0% 15/08/2030	888
Other sales	34,311
Total sales	**50,991**

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Fund performance

Please note past performance is not a guide to future performance and the value of investments, and the income from them, will fluctuate. This will cause the fund price to fall as well as rise and you may not get back the original amount you invested.

As different share classes have different attributes, for example charging structures and minimum investments, please be aware that their performance may be different.

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Long-term performance by share class

To give an indication of the performance of the fund, the following table shows the compound rate of return, per annum, over the period. Calculated on a price to price basis with income reinvested. Please refer to 'Comparative tables' for the share class launch dates.

Share class	For the period to 22.11.24 %[a]	Three years % pa	Five years % pa	Ten years % pa
Sterling				
Class 'A' Income	+0.5	+1.8	n/a	n/a
Class 'A' Accumulation	+0.5	+1.8	n/a	n/a
Class 'I' Income	+0.5	+2.2	n/a	n/a
Class 'I' Accumulation	+0.5	+2.2	n/a	n/a
Class 'PP' Income	+0.5	+2.2	n/a	n/a
Class 'PP' Accumulation	+0.5	+2.2	n/a	n/a
Class 'R' Income	+0.5	+1.9	n/a	n/a
Class 'R' Accumulation	+0.5	+1.9	n/a	n/a
Benchmark	**+1.0**	**+3.3**	**n/a**	**n/a**

[a] Not annualised.

Comparative tables

'Operating charges' is calculated as a percentage of average net asset value and represents an annual rate. Where there is a change in the charging structure, you may see variances in the 'operating charges' between the comparative and current period figures.

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Sterling Class 'A' Income shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	1,238	1,214
Number of shares	0	1,315,450	1,410,944
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	94.13	86.05
Operating charges (%)	1.05	1.05	1.13

Sterling Class 'A' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	912	800
Number of shares	0	868,532	862,889
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	105.01	92.78
Operating charges (%)	1.05	1.05	1.13

Sterling Class 'I' Income shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	137	229
Number of shares	0	143,535	262,955
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	95.60	87.04
Operating charges (%)	0.65	0.65	0.73

Sterling Class 'I' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	1,968	2,488
Number of shares	0	1,850,445	2,656,832
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	106.33	93.64
Operating charges (%)	0.65	0.65	0.73

Sterling Class 'PP' Income shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	179	173
Number of shares	0	186,500	198,045
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	95.98	87.30
Operating charges (%)	0.55	0.55	0.63

Sterling Class 'PP' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	45,881	26,276
Number of shares	0	43,014,864	27,993,230
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	106.66	93.86
Operating charges (%)	0.55	0.55	0.63

Sterling Class 'R' Income shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	313	291
Number of shares	0	330,370	337,166
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	94.67	86.41
Operating charges (%)	0.90	0.90	0.98

Sterling Class 'R' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	1,186	1,164
Number of shares	0	1,124,515	1,249,955
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	105.49	93.09
Operating charges (%)	0.90	0.90	0.98

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Statement of total return

for the six months to 30 April	2025		2024	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains/(losses)		218		3,568
Revenue	130		905	
Expenses	(18)		(139)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(8)		0	
Net revenue/(expense) before taxation	104		766	
Taxation	(13)		(120)	
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation		91		646
Total return before distributions		**309**		**4,214**
Distributions		(84)		(656)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		**225**		**3,558**

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

for the six months to 30 April	2025		2024	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		**51,814**		**45,819**
Amounts received on issue of shares	147		2,317	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares	(15,213)		(1,559)	
Movement in amounts since closure due to M&G Episode Allocation Fund	(9)		0	
Transfer to M&G Episode Allocation Fund	(37,018)		0	
		(52,093)		758
Dilution adjustments		0		3
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		225		3,558
Retained distributions on Accumulation shares		54		626
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		**0**		**50,764**

The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2025 differs to the closing position in 2024 by the change in net assets attributable to shareholders for the second half of the comparative financial year.
The fund closed on 22 November 2024.

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Balance sheet

as at	30 April 2025 £'000	31 October 2024 £'000
Assets		
Current assets		
Investments	0	49,536
Debtors	0	387
Cash and bank balances	227	2,519
Total assets	**227**	**52,442**
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	0	(266)
Creditors		
Distribution payable	0	(15)
Other creditors	(227)	(347)
Total liabilities	**(227)**	**(628)**
Net assets attributable to shareholders	**0**	**51,814**

The fund closed on 22 November 2024.

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Accounting policies

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Distribution policy

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Investment objective up to 22 November 2024

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of short-term market movements and to hedge currency exposures, and cash.

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Investment approach up to 22 November 2024

The fund's approach to sustainable investment is to invest in securities issued by companies or governments that uphold high standards of ESG behaviour, as assessed using the fund's ESG criteria. In addition, the fund maintains a core holding of assets that have a positive societal impact, as assessed using the fund's impact criteria. As part of the investment process, the fund manager considers the long-term sustainability of assets, including carbon intensity and climate adaptability.

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The fund's volatility management objective may limit potential gains as well as losses.

Benchmark up to 22 November 2024

IA Mixed Investment 0-35% Shares Sector

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The fund is actively managed. The fund manager has complete freedom in choosing which investments to buy, hold and sell in the fund within the constraints set by the fund's objective and investment policy.

An annual ESG and Positive Impact Review to provide an assessment of the non-financial objective of the fund will be made available on the M&G website.

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Risk profile up to 22 November 2024

For details of the risks associated with this fund, please refer to the Prospectus.

The following table shows the risk number associated with the fund and is based on Sterling Class 'A' shares.

Low risk — High risk

Typically lower rewards — Typically higher rewards

1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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- has not changed during this period.

Investment review

For the period ending 22 November 2024

Performance against objective

For the performance of each share class, please refer to the 'Long-term performance by share class' table in the 'Financial highlights' section of this report.

Investment activities

The fund was merged into the M&G Episode Allocation Fund on 22 November 2024 following investor notification.

In the period leading up to the merger, all the investments were divested, except for Home REIT, which was transferred to the receiving fund.

For the major investment activities during the period to the merger date, please refer to 'Top portfolio transactions' table in the 'Portfolio Statement' section of this report.

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Fund manager

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Portfolio Statement

Investments

The fund had no holdings as at the end of the period.

Top portfolio transactions for the period to 30 April 2025

Purchases	£'000
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 10/03/2025	600
Total purchases	**600**

Largest sales	£'000
U.K. Gilts 0.875% 31/07/2033	3,129
iShares EUR Corp. Bond ESG SRI UCITS ETF	2,552
U.K. Gilts 1.5% 31/07/2053	2,075
European Investment Bank 3.75% 14/02/2033	1,894
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 10/03/2025	1,882
Inter-American Development Bank 4.375% 24/01/2044	1,810
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 18/11/2024	1,399
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 02/12/2024	1,323
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 25/11/2024	1,261
Australia Government Bonds 4.25% 21/06/2034	1,214
Other sales	27,725
Total sales	**46,264**

Financial highlights

Fund performance

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Long-term performance by share class

To give an indication of the performance of the fund, the following table shows the compound rate of return, per annum, over the period. Calculated on a price to price basis with income reinvested. Please refer to 'Comparative tables' for the share class launch dates.

Share class	For the period to 22.11.24 %[a]	Three years % pa	Five years % pa	Ten years % pa
Sterling				
Class 'A' Income	+0.3	-0.3	n/a	n/a
Class 'A' Accumulation	+0.3	-0.3	n/a	n/a
Class 'I' Income	+0.3	-0.0	n/a	n/a
Class 'I' Accumulation	+0.3	-0.0	n/a	n/a
Class 'PP' Income	+0.3	+0.1	n/a	n/a
Class 'PP' Accumulation	+0.3	+0.1	n/a	n/a
Class 'R' Income	+0.3	-0.2	n/a	n/a
Class 'R' Accumulation	+0.3	-0.2	n/a	n/a
Benchmark	**+0.7**	**+1.9**	**n/a**	**n/a**

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Comparative tables

'Operating charges' is calculated as a percentage of average net asset value and represents an annual rate. Where there is a change in the charging structure, you may see variances in the 'operating charges' between the comparative and current period figures.

Financial highlights

Sterling Class 'A' Income shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	229	257
Number of shares	0	272,862	321,184
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	83.95	80.16
Operating charges (%)	1.05	1.05	1.11

Sterling Class 'A' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	298	299
Number of shares	0	318,008	346,122
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	93.77	86.34
Operating charges (%)	1.05	1.05	1.11

Sterling Class 'I' Income shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	62	54
Number of shares	0	72,343	66,726
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	85.28	81.10
Operating charges (%)	0.65	0.65	0.71

Sterling Class 'I' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	518	593
Number of shares	0	545,745	680,266
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	94.95	87.14
Operating charges (%)	0.65	0.65	0.71

Sterling Class 'PP' Income shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	124	125
Number of shares	0	144,390	153,611
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	85.61	81.34
Operating charges (%)	0.55	0.55	0.61

Sterling Class 'PP' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	45,620	22,747
Number of shares	0	47,893,289	26,039,447
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	95.25	87.36
Operating charges (%)	0.55	0.55	0.61

Sterling Class 'R' Income shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	74	74
Number of shares	0	88,057	91,944
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	84.44	80.51
Operating charges (%)	0.90	0.90	0.96

Sterling Class 'R' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	215	207
Number of shares	0	227,783	238,917
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	94.21	86.65
Operating charges (%)	0.90	0.90	0.96

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Statement of total return

for the six months to 30 April	2025		2024	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains/(losses)		85		1,648
Revenue	178		844	
Expenses	(16)		(110)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(7)		0	
Net revenue/(expense) before taxation	155		734	
Taxation	(27)		(127)	
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation		128		607
Total return before distributions		**213**		**2,255**
Distributions		(124)		(609)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		**89**		**1,646**

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

for the six months to 30 April	2025		2024	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		**47,140**		**36,627**
Amounts received on issue of shares	187		4,938	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares	(13,606)		(255)	
Movement in amounts since closure due to M&G Episode Allocation Fund	(7)		0	
Transfer to M&G Episode Allocation Fund	(33,886)		0	
		(47,312)		4,683
Dilution adjustments		0		8
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		89		1,646
Retained distributions on Accumulation shares		83		617
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		**0**		**43,581**

The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2025 differs to the closing position in 2024 by the change in net assets attributable to shareholders for the second half of the comparative financial year.
The fund closed on 22 November 2024.

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Balance sheet

as at	2025 £'000	2024 £'000
Assets		
Current assets		
Investments	0	45,591
Debtors	0	379
Cash and bank balances	283	1,771
Total assets	**283**	**47,741**
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	0	(291)
Creditors		
Distribution payable	0	(4)
Other creditors	(283)	(306)
Total liabilities	**(283)**	**(601)**
Net assets attributable to shareholders	**0**	**47,140**

The fund closed on 22 November 2024.

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Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the 'Accounting policies' set out on page 5.

Distribution policy

In determining the amount available for distribution to Income shares, the annual charge is offset against capital, increasing the amount available for distribution whilst restraining capital performance to an equivalent extent.

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The M&G Sustainable Multi Asset Growth Fund merged into M&G Episode Growth Fund on 22 November 2024. For the purposes of these financial statements, the Prospectus dated 28 February 2025 has been used, covering the period until the fund closed.

Investment objective up to 22 November 2024

The fund has two aims:

- To limit the average volatility to 17% per annum over any five-year period while providing a total return (the combination of capital growth and income) over that period; and
- To invest in assets which meet the fund's preferred ESG standards and/or those that provide a positive societal impact through addressing the world's major social and environmental challenges.

Investment policy up to 22 November 2024

The fund invests globally across a range of asset classes, including equities and equity-related securities, fixed income securities, cash and near cash. Exposure to these assets is typically gained directly, but may also be gained indirectly, via funds (including funds managed by M&G) or derivatives. The fund may also invest to a limited extent indirectly in other asset classes such as property and gold.

Typically, the fund holds 55-100% of its net asset value in equities and equity-related securities, but there is no obligation on the fund manager to hold a particular level of equity exposure.

The fund aims to exclude securities issued by:

- Companies that are assessed to be in breach of the United Nations Global Compact principles on human rights, labour rights, the environment and anti-corruption;
- Companies involved in the production of tobacco, alcohol, adult entertainment, controversial weapons, thermal coal, or the provision of gambling services;
- Companies that derive more than 10% of their revenue from the distribution of tobacco, unconventional oil and gas extraction, and the production or distribution of other weapons;
- Conventional oil and gas extraction companies that derive less than 40% of their revenue from activities related to natural gas extraction or renewable energy sources; and
- Electricity utilities companies that derive more than 10% of their power production from coal, more than 30% from oil and gas, or nuclear fuel sources. However, the fund may hold companies that have a clear business model of accelerating the transition to low-carbon power production, up to a maximum total limit of 5% of the fund's net asset value.

Where the fund invests directly, these investments meet the fund's ESG criteria or impact criteria:

- The ESG criteria are designed to consider key ESG risks and identify companies and governments which meet preferred standards of ESG behaviour.
- The impact criteria are designed to identify investments that have a positive societal impact. Typically, the fund holds 20%-50% of its net asset value in positive impact assets. It always holds at least 20% of its net asset value in positive impact assets and there is no cap on the level of positive impact exposure.

Indirect investments are not subject to the same ESG and/or impact restrictions as securities held directly. The fund manager will assess the suitability of such investments relative to the fund's non-financial objective. For further details please see the M&G website.

The only investments that are not subject to assessment relative to the fund's non-financial objective are: the use of derivatives to take advantage

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of short-term market movements and to hedge currency exposures, and cash.

The currency exposure of the fund will be actively managed, seeking to enhance returns, with a minimum of 70% of the fund exposed to sterling.

Derivatives may be used for investment purposes, efficient portfolio management and hedging.

Investment approach up to 22 November 2024

The fund's approach to sustainable investment is to invest in securities issued by companies or governments that uphold high standards of ESG behaviour, as assessed using the fund's ESG criteria. In addition, the fund maintains a core holding of assets that have a positive societal impact, as assessed using the fund's impact criteria. As part of the investment process, the fund manager considers the long-term sustainability of assets, including carbon intensity and climate adaptability.

The fund manager's assessment of ESG criteria and impact criteria relies upon the use of third-party ESG information and/or proprietary analysis. Further information on M&G's approach to ESG standards and exclusions and impact criteria can be found on the M&G website.

Volatility is managed by using research to estimate the variation in value and risk of different types of assets. The fund seeks to manage volatility and risk through flexible asset allocation, by investing globally across multiple asset classes, sectors, currencies and countries, in response to changes in economic conditions and asset values. This approach combines research to work out the anticipated value of assets over the medium to long term, with analysis of market reactions to events to identify investment opportunities.

The fund's volatility management objective may limit potential gains as well as losses.

Benchmark up to 22 November 2024

IA Flexible Investment Sector

The benchmark is a comparator for the fund's financial objective against which the fund's financial performance can be measured. The sector has been chosen as the fund's benchmark as it reflects the financial aspects of the fund's investment policy. The comparator benchmark does not constrain the fund's portfolio construction.

The fund is actively managed. The fund manager has complete freedom in choosing which investments to buy, hold and sell in the fund within the constraints set by the fund's objective and investment policy.

An annual ESG and Positive Impact Review to provide an assessment of the non-financial objective of the fund will be made available on the M&G website.

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Risk profile up to 22 November 2024

For details of the risks associated with this fund, please refer to the Prospectus.

The following table shows the risk number associated with the fund and is based on Sterling Class 'A' shares.

Low risk ← → High risk

Typically lower rewards ← → Typically higher rewards

1	2	3	4	**5**	6	7

The above number:

- is based on the rate at which the value of the fund has moved up and down in the past and is based on historical data so may not be a reliable indicator of the future risk profile of the fund.
- is not guaranteed and may change over time and the lowest risk number does not mean risk free.
- has not changed during this period.

Investment review

For the period ending 22 November 2024

Performance against objective

For the performance of each share class, please refer to the 'Long-term performance by share class' table in the 'Financial highlights' section of this report.

Investment activities

The fund was merged into the M&G Episode Growth Fund on 22 November 2024 following investor notification.

In the period leading up to the merger, all the investments were divested, except for Home REIT, which was transferred to the receiving fund.

For the major investment activities during the period to the merger date, please refer to 'Top portfolio transactions' table in the 'Portfolio Statement' section of this report.

Maria Municchi

Fund manager

An employee of M&G FA Limited which is an associate of M&G Securities Limited.

Please note that the views expressed in this Report should not be taken as a recommendation or advice on how the fund or any holding mentioned in the Report is likely to perform. If you wish to obtain financial advice as to whether an investment is suitable for your needs, you should consult a Financial Adviser.

Portfolio Statement

Investments

The fund had no holdings as at the end of the period.

Top portfolio transactions for the period to 30 April 2025

Purchases	£'000
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 10/03/2025	620
Total purchases	**620**

Largest sales	£'000
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 10/03/2025	1,163
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 02/12/2024	1,008
U.K. Gilts 0.875% 31/07/2033	618
U.K. Gilts 1.5% 31/07/2053	403
European Investment Bank 3.75% 14/02/2033	380
Greencoat U.K. Wind PLC	365
Greencoat Renewables PLC	362
U.K. Treasury Bills 0% 09/12/2024	328
Renewables Infrastructure Group Ltd.	316
AMERISAFE, Inc.	308
Other sales	20,474
Total sales	**25,725**

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Fund performance

Please note past performance is not a guide to future performance and the value of investments, and the income from them, will fluctuate. This will cause the fund price to fall as well as rise and you may not get back the original amount you invested.

As different share classes have different attributes, for example charging structures and minimum investments, please be aware that their performance may be different.

For additional information, including monthly fund commentaries, fund facts, historic prices, distribution rates, performance information (including a range of performance graphs) and other documents, please visit our website at mandg.com/investments

Long-term performance by share class

To give an indication of the performance of the fund, the following table shows the compound rate of return, per annum, over the period. Calculated on a price to price basis with income reinvested. Please refer to 'Comparative tables' for the share class launch dates.

Share class	For the period to 22.11.24 %[a]	Three years % pa	Five years % pa	Ten years % pa
Sterling				
Class 'A' Income	+0.5	+3.6	n/a	n/a
Class 'A' Accumulation	+0.5	+3.6	n/a	n/a
Class 'I' Income	+0.6	+4.0	n/a	n/a
Class 'I' Accumulation	+0.6	+4.0	n/a	n/a
Class 'PP' Income	+0.6	+4.0	n/a	n/a
Class 'PP' Accumulation	+0.6	+4.0	n/a	n/a
Class 'R' Income	+0.5	+3.8	n/a	n/a
Class 'R' Accumulation	+0.5	+3.8	n/a	n/a
Benchmark	**+2.2**	**+5.1**	**n/a**	**n/a**

[a] Not annualised.

Comparative tables

'Operating charges' is calculated as a percentage of average net asset value and represents an annual rate. Where there is a change in the charging structure, you may see variances in the 'operating charges' between the comparative and current period figures.

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Sterling Class 'A' Income shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	620	550
Number of shares	0	595,541	599,094
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	104.16	91.72
Operating charges (%)	1.05	1.05	1.13

Sterling Class 'A' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	669	615
Number of shares	0	578,419	623,205
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	115.67	98.74
Operating charges (%)	1.05	1.05	1.13

Sterling Class 'I' Income shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	128	84
Number of shares	0	121,623	90,376
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	105.66	92.66
Operating charges (%)	0.65	0.65	0.73

Sterling Class 'I' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	2,499	1,878
Number of shares	0	2,131,533	1,882,950
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	117.22	99.74
Operating charges (%)	0.65	0.65	0.73

Sterling Class 'PP' Income shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	20	22
Number of shares	0	19,312	23,614
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	106.04	92.91
Operating charges (%)	0.55	0.55	0.63

Sterling Class 'PP' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	21,153	4,338
Number of shares	0	17,989,144	4,338,966
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	117.59	99.98
Operating charges (%)	0.55	0.55	0.63

Sterling Class 'R' Income shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	104	131
Number of shares	0	99,035	142,346
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	104.71	92.06
Operating charges (%)	0.90	0.90	0.98

Sterling Class 'R' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 December 2020 and closed on 22 November 2024.

	30.04.25	31.10.24	31.10.23
Closing NAV (£'000)	0	868	902
Number of shares	0	746,593	910,178
Closing NAV per share (UK p)	0.00	116.28	99.14
Operating charges (%)	0.90	0.90	0.98

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Statement of total return

for the six months to 30 April	2025		2024	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains/(losses)		141		2,449
Revenue	48		388	
Expenses	(9)		(66)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(4)		0	
Net revenue/(expense) before taxation	35		322	
Taxation	(2)		(43)	
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation		33		279
Total return before distributions		**174**		**2,728**
Distributions		(28)		(283)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		**146**		**2,445**

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

for the six months to 30 April	2025		2024	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		**26,061**		**22,565**
Amounts received on issue of shares	103		607	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares	(16,825)		(550)	
Movement in amounts since closure due to M&G Episode Growth Fund	(4)		0	
Transfer to M&G Episode Growth Fund	(9,490)		0	
		(26,216)		57
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		146		2,445
Retained distributions on Accumulation shares		9		271
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		**0**		**25,338**

The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2025 differs to the closing position in 2024 by the change in net assets attributable to shareholders for the second half of the comparative financial year.
The fund closed on 22 November 2024.

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as at	2025 £'000	2024 £'000
Assets		
Current assets		
Investments	0	24,940
Debtors	0	167
Cash and bank balances	62	1,169
Total assets	**62**	**26,276**
Liabilities		
Investment liabilities	0	(81)
Creditors		
Distribution payable	0	(6)
Other creditors	(62)	(128)
Total liabilities	**(62)**	**(215)**
Net assets attributable to shareholders	**0**	**26,061**

The fund closed on 22 November 2024.

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Distribution policy

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