

M&G Global Convertibles Fund Sterling Class I-H – Accumulation shares

Monthly Fund Review as at 31 March 2024

For investment professionals only

Highlights

- The fund's relative performance was supported by holdings in convertibles issued by Saipem, Box and BNP Paribas. Both oil field services company Saipem and Box, a company that develops cloud-based content management and file sharing tools for businesses, reported better-than-expected results. BNP Paribas was a beneficiary of the strength in bank shares in March.
- Conversely, convertible holdings issued by Soitec, Southwest Airlines and Lantheus, hurt relative returns.
- During the month we closed the fund's positions in convertibles issued by Bharti Airtel, Teladoc and Merit Medical Systems. New positions included convertibles issued by Infraneer, Rexford Industrial Realty and Uber Technologies. We reduced our holding in a convertible issued by MP Materials and began a position in one with a longer maturity. We also sold down an equity holding in Itron and began a position in a zero-coupon convertible issued by the same company.

The main risks associated with this fund

For any past performance shown, please note that past performance is not a guide to future performance.

The value and income from the fund's assets will go down as well as up. This will cause the value of your investment to fall as well as rise. There is no guarantee that the fund will achieve its objective and you may get back less than you originally invested.

Convertibles are subject to the risks associated with both bonds and company shares, and to risks specific to the asset class. Their value may change significantly depending on economic and interest rate conditions, the creditworthiness of the issuer and the performance of the underlying company shares. In addition, issuers of convertibles may fail to meet payment obligations and their credit ratings may be downgraded. Convertibles may also be harder to sell than the underlying company shares.

The fund may use derivatives to profit from an expected rise or fall in the value of an asset. Should the asset's value vary in an unexpected way, the fund will incur a loss. The fund's use of derivatives may be extensive and exceed the value of its assets (leverage). This has the effect of magnifying the size of losses and gains, resulting in greater fluctuations in the value of the fund.

The hedging process seeks to minimise, but cannot eliminate, the effect of movements in exchange rates on the performance of the hedged share class. Hedging also limits the ability to gain from favourable movements in exchange rates.

Further risk factors that apply to the fund can be found in the fund's Prospectus.

Key information

Fund manager(s)	Léonard Vinville
Fund manager tenure from	13 July 2007
Deputy fund manager(s)	David Romani, Yannis Karachalios
ISIN	GB00B8J73758
Launch date of fund	13 July 2007
Launch of share class	28 September 2012
Fund size (millions)	£ 192.30
Benchmark(s)	Refinitiv Global Focus GBP Hedged Convertible Bond Index
Benchmark type	Target
Sector	Morningstar Convertible Bond - Global, GBP Hedged sector
Number of holdings	76
Historic yield	3.15%
Modified duration (years)	1.03
Portfolio turnover over 12 months	45.17%
VaR	9.30%
Average coupon	1.30
Delta	0.55
Convexity	4.0%
Points over bond floor to maturity	0.2%
Elasticity	52.0%
Expected life	2.0
Portfolio yield (%)	-1.92%
Payment dates	Mar
Ex-dividend dates	Feb

Charges

Maximum entry charge	0.00%
Ongoing charge	0.88%

Things you should know

The fund allows for the extensive use of derivatives.

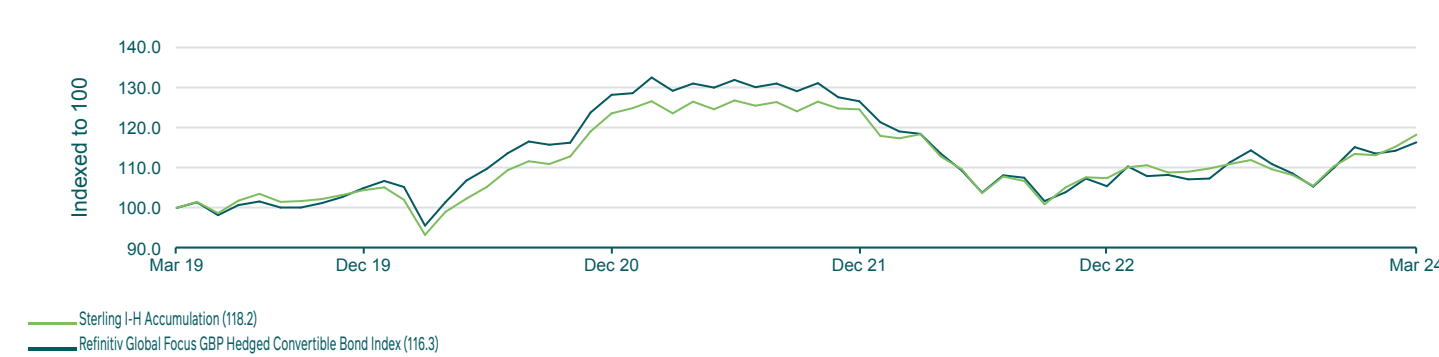
Fund ratings as at 31 March 2024

Morningstar Medalist Rating™	Analyst-Driven %	
 Bronze	10	
	Data Coverage %	
	95	
Overall Morningstar rating		★★★★
Financial Express Crown Rating		
Source of Morningstar ratings: Morningstar		
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Single year performance (5 years)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
■ Sterling I-H Accumulation	5.6%	-13.7%	0.7%	18.4%	9.4%
■ Refinitiv Global Focus GBP Hedged Convertible Bond Index	9.2%	-16.7%	-1.3%	22.1%	11.4%
■ Sector	7.2%	-15.8%	0.3%	18.6%	10.4%

Performance over 5 years



Fund performance

	1 month	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.
■ Sterling I-H Accumulation	2.6%	4.2%	4.2%	8.6%	-1.5%	3.4%
■ Refinitiv Global Focus GBP Hedged Convertible Bond Index	1.8%	1.1%	1.1%	7.5%	-3.4%	3.1%
■ Sector	1.9%	2.1%	2.1%	6.6%	-2.8%	2.9%

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Performance comparison: The fund is actively managed. The benchmark is a target which the fund seeks to outperform. The index has been chosen as the fund's target benchmark as it best reflects the scope of the fund's investment policy. The target benchmark is used solely to measure the fund's performance and does not constrain the fund's portfolio construction.

Until 24 February 2020 the name of the benchmark was Thomson Reuters Global Focus Convertible Bond Index.

Source: Morningstar, Inc and M&G, as at 31 March 2024. Returns are calculated on a price to price basis with income reinvested. Benchmark returns stated in GBP terms.

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Industry breakdown (%)

	Fund
Consumer discretionary	22.8
Technology	20.0
Industrials	15.7
Health care	12.6
Financials	7.6
Telecommunications	5.7
Real Estate	5.0
Basic materials	3.4
Energy	2.5
Consumer staples	1.9
Utilities	1.0
Cash	1.8

Credit rating breakdown (%)

	Net exposure
AAA	0.0
AA	0.0
A	8.1
BBB	19.7
BB	10.6
B	5.2
CCC	1.3
CC	0.0
C	0.0
D	0.0
No rating	55.1

Currency breakdown (%)

	Fund
US dollar	66.7
Euro	20.9
Hong Kong dollar	4.7
British pound	4.0
Japanese yen	2.3
Australian dollar	1.5
Singapore dollar	0.0

Largest holdings (%)

	Fund
Uber Technologies	4.9
Prysmian	3.6
Seagate Technology HDD Holdings	3.5
Barclays Bank	3.2
BOX	3.0
JPMorgan Chase Financial Company	2.8
Lantheus Holdings	2.7
Jazz Investments I	2.5
Cellnex Telecom	2.4
Southwest Airlines	2.4

Country breakdown (%)

	Fund
US	47.0
China	14.9
UK	7.6
Italy	6.7
France	4.1
Germany	4.0
Japan	3.0
Spain	2.4
Other	8.5
Cash	1.8

Fund codes and charges

Share class	ISIN	Bloomberg	Currency	Share class launch date	Ongoing charge	Historic yield	Minimum initial investment	Minimum top up investment
Sterling A Acc	GB00B1Z68163	MGGLCON LN	GBP	13/07/2007	1.25%	2.81%	£500	£100
Sterling A Inc	GB00B1Z68270	MGGLCAI LN	GBP	13/07/2007	1.25%	4.15%	£500	£100
Sterling A-H Acc	GB00B8J73Y29	MGCVAHG LN	GBP	28/09/2012	1.28%	2.79%	£500	£100
Sterling I Acc	GB00B1Z68387	MGGLCIA LN	GBP	13/07/2007	0.85%	3.18%	£500,000	£10,000
Sterling I Inc	GB00B758PJ12	MGGCVII LN	GBP	03/08/2012	0.85%	4.14%	£500,000	£10,000
Sterling I-H Acc	GB00B8J73758	MGCVIHG LN	GBP	28/09/2012	0.88%	3.15%	£500,000	£10,000
Sterling R Acc	GB00B7L56P93	MGGCVRA LN	GBP	03/08/2012	1.10%	2.95%	£500	£100
Sterling R Inc	GB00B6T8JQ52	MGGCVRI LN	GBP	03/08/2012	1.10%	4.15%	£500	£100
Sterling R-H Acc	GB00B8J72X47	MGCVRHG LN	GBP	28/09/2012	1.13%	2.93%	£500	£100

Any ongoing charge figure with * indicates an estimate. The ongoing charge figure may vary from year to year and excludes portfolio transaction costs. The charges are mostly, if not exclusively, the Annual Charge which may be discounted depending on the size of the fund. For further details, please see the fund's Key Investor Information Document (KIID). The fund's annual report for each financial year will include details on the exact charges made. Please go to www.mandg.co.uk/literature to view the Costs and charges illustration which contains information on the costs and charges applicable to your chosen fund and share class.

Please note that not all of the share classes listed above might be available in your country. Please see the Important Information for Investors document and the relevant fund's Prospectus for more information on the risks associated with this fund and which share classes are available for which product and which investor type.

Approach to responsible investment

	Yes	No	N/A
ESG integration	✓		
Additional ESG specifications		✓	
Exclusions	✓		
Cluster munitions & anti personnel landmines	✓		
Other exclusions or restrictions		✓	
Voting	✓		
Engagement	✓		

Please see glossary for further explanation of these terms.

Climate Metrics

	Weighted Average Carbon Intensity	Coverage by portfolio weight (%)
Sterling I-H Accumulation	72.60	93.26%
Benchmark	332.95	94.08%

Source: MSCI

ESG Standard Glossary

Additional ESG specifications: In the context of M&G, these are funds managed with an explicit ESG objective, outcome or in accordance with specific ESG criteria, and will have a number of minimum exclusions in place.

Engagement: Interaction with company management on various financial and non-financial, including ESG, issues. Engagement allows investors to better understand how a company is undertaking its operations and how it is interacting with its stakeholders, as well as advising on and influencing company behaviour and disclosures where appropriate.

ESG integration: Describes the explicit and systematic inclusion of Environmental, Social and Governance factors in investment analysis and investment decisions. It underpins a responsible investment approach, and allows investors to better manage risk and generate sustainable, long-term returns.

Exclusions: The exclusion or restriction of investments based on the sector in which they operate, the products or services they provide or for other specific criteria, i.e. they are deemed to be in breach of the United Nations Global Compact principles on human rights, labour the environment and anti-corruption.

Voting: As the partial owners of a company, shareholders have the right to vote on resolutions put forward at a company's annual general meeting. These resolutions include the re-election of directors, executive remuneration and business strategy, among others, and may include resolutions put forward by shareholders.

Explanation of our climate metrics

The Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (WACI) is the metric used to report our funds' carbon emissions. It is a measure of how much CO2 is being emitted per US\$ million of sales by each company that the fund invests in. This can be used to determine the likely effect a company is having on the environment. It can also help to compare the impact different companies have on the environment, and to compare companies against the broad market or the financial benchmark for the fund. However, this metric does not take into account the difference in carbon characteristics among sectors.

The WACI metric is one of many greenhouse gas emissions data points, each offering a different aspect of analysis on climate impact. M&G have selected this metric as it is applicable to multi-asset, equity and fixed income funds and it is aligned to the recommendations from the Taskforce for Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD). It has also been chosen to align with M&G's groupwide target of transparency when it comes to the disclosure of climate emissions.

At M&G we currently use MSCI as our main third-party data provider for carbon intensity data as we consider its coverage to be the broadest of the current providers. As with any mass data collection, there are methodology limitations; this also applies to MSCI. We make every effort to check its data and are currently building our own tools which will use a variety of data sources to gather and map the carbon emissions of our funds.

For the avoidance of doubt, this fund is not managed to a carbon emission objective and, the benchmark WACI (should funds have a benchmark) has been included for information purposes only.

Important information

With effect from November 2023, we are reporting using our internal accounting book of record (ABOR) moving away from the investment book of record (IBOR) used for reporting up to October 2023. Cash may be held on deposit and/or in the Northern Trust Cash Funds, a range of collective investment schemes.

Currency breakdown - Hedged to relevant share class currency.

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