

# M&G Global Dividend Fund Sterling Class I – Income shares

Monthly Fund Review as at 29 February 2024

For investment professionals only

## Highlights

- Global equities extended gains, with the MSCI ACWI Index ending the month at an all-time high. The fund generated a positive return but underperformed the MSCI ACWI Index. Imperial Brands led the detractors as defensive stocks struggled in a market led higher by a handful of new economy giants. Not owning NVIDIA held back performance relative to the MSCI ACWI Index, although this was somewhat mitigated by a large active position in Broadcom, which rose 10% as a potential beneficiary of the structural growth in Artificial Intelligence (AI). Siemens and Treasury Wine Estates added value in industrials and consumer staples respectively.
- We bought Meta Platforms after the announcement of its maiden dividend. We also initiated a new holding in US home improvements retailer Home Depot.
- Dividends from the fund's holdings continued on a positive footing, with solid increases from a variety of sectors and countries. Growth was particularly pronounced in financials, where DBS Group and NN Group reported double-digit increases.

## 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.

The fund holds a small number of investments, and therefore a fall in the value of a single investment may have a greater impact than if it held a larger number of investments.

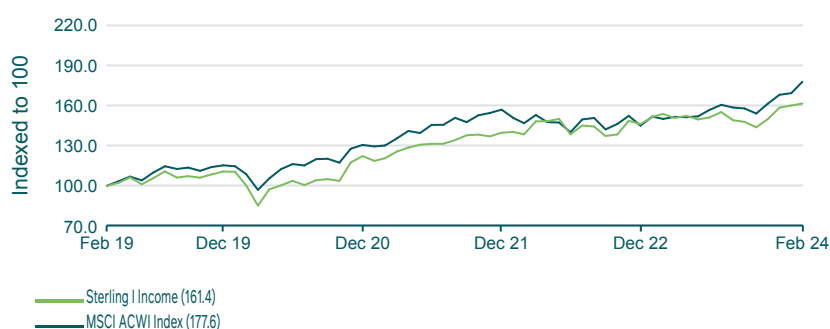
The fund can be exposed to different currencies. Movements in currency exchange rates may adversely affect the value of your investment.

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

## Single year performance (5 years)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
■ Sterling I Income	8.4%	4.6%	14.2%	10.4%	19.6%
■ MSCI ACWI Index	15.9%	-7.6%	20.1%	13.2%	22.4%
■ Sector	9.3%	-1.1%	18.9%	3.4%	18.9%

## Performance over 5 years



## Fund performance

	1 month	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.
■ Sterling I Income	0.9%	7.8%	1.9%	5.1%	10.2%	10.0%
■ MSCI ACWI Index	5.0%	10.1%	5.8%	18.4%	10.9%	12.2%
■ Sector	2.3%	7.4%	3.0%	9.2%	9.8%	9.0%

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**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 income objective and does not constrain the fund's portfolio construction.

On the 1st June 2022, the sector changed from the IA Global sector to the IA Global Equity Income sector.

**Source: Morningstar, Inc and M&G, as at 29 February 2024.** Returns are calculated on a price to price basis. Benchmark returns stated in GBP terms.

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## Key information

<b>Fund manager(s)</b>	Stuart Rhodes
<b>Fund manager tenure from</b>	18 July 2008
<b>Deputy fund manager(s)</b>	John Weavers, Chris Youl
<b>ISIN</b>	GB00B39R2R32
<b>Launch date of fund</b>	18 July 2008
<b>Launch of share class</b>	18 July 2008
<b>Fund size (millions)</b>	£ 2,143.06
<b>Benchmark(s)</b>	MSCI ACWI Index
<b>Benchmark type</b>	Target
<b>Sector</b>	IA Global Equity Income sector
<b>Number of companies</b>	41
<b>Historic yield</b>	3.15%
<b>Index yield (MSCI ACWI Index)</b>	1.96%
<b>Portfolio turnover over 12 months</b>	28.76%
<b>VaR</b>	7.73%
<b>Payment dates</b>	Feb, May, Aug, Nov
<b>Ex-dividend dates</b>	Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct

## Charges

<b>Maximum entry charge</b>	0.00%
<b>Ongoing charge</b>	0.66%

## Risk characteristics

As at 29/02/2024	Fund
Alpha (%)	1.98
Information ratio	-0.09
Sharpe Ratio	0.74
Historic tracking error (%)	8.32
Beta	0.69
Standard deviation (%)	10.79
Forecast tracking error (active risk, %)	5.56
Active share (%)	88.19

## Things you should know

The fund invests mainly in company shares and is therefore likely to experience larger price fluctuations than funds that invest in bonds and/or cash.

## Fund ratings as at 29 February 2024

Morningstar Medalist Rating™	Analyst-Driven %
	100
	Data Coverage %
	100

Overall Morningstar rating

Financial Express Crown Rating

Fund Calibre Rating

Rayner Spencer Mills (RSM) Rating

Square Mile Rating

The Adviser Centre Rating

Source of Morningstar ratings: Morningstar

Source: Financial Express

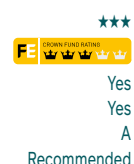
Source: FundCalibre

Source: RSMR Group

Source: Square Mile

Source: Embark Investments Limited

Ratings should not be taken as a recommendation.



Country breakdown (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
US	46.6	65.2	-18.6
Canada	17.9	2.7	15.2
UK	9.8	2.6	7.3
Germany	3.2	2.0	1.1
Japan	2.9	5.6	-2.7
Chile	2.8	0.1	2.8
Finland	2.7	0.2	2.4
Australia	2.7	1.7	0.9
Other	11.0	20.0	-9.0
Cash	0.6	0.0	0.6

Industry breakdown (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
Information technology	16.0	23.9	-7.9
Financials	14.3	15.9	-1.6
Materials	14.2	4.1	10.1
Health care	12.8	11.3	1.5
Consumer staples	12.6	6.5	6.2
Consumer discretionary	10.2	11.2	-1.0
Energy	8.8	4.3	4.5
Industrials	7.5	10.7	-3.3
Communication services	1.7	7.5	-5.8
Utilities	1.4	2.4	-1.0
Real Estate	0.0	2.2	-2.2
Other	0.0	0.1	-0.1
Cash	0.6	0.0	0.6

Largest holdings (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
Methanex	7.5	0.0	7.5
Broadcom	7.1	0.8	6.3
Imperial Brands	6.8	0.0	6.7
Microsoft	5.1	4.2	1.0
Gibson Energy	4.7	0.0	4.7
Keyera	4.1	0.0	4.1
Amcor	3.4	0.0	3.3
Bristol-Myers Squibb	3.2	0.2	3.1
Siemens	3.2	0.2	2.9
Medtronic	3.1	0.2	2.9

Largest overweights (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
Methanex	7.5	0.0	7.5
Imperial Brands	6.8	0.0	6.7
Broadcom	7.1	0.8	6.3
Gibson Energy	4.7	0.0	4.7
Keyera	4.1	0.0	4.1
Amcor	3.4	0.0	3.3
Bristol-Myers Squibb	3.2	0.2	3.1
Standard Life Aberdeen	3.0	0.0	3.0
Siemens	3.2	0.2	2.9
Medtronic	3.1	0.2	2.9

Largest underweights (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
Apple	0.0	3.8	-3.8
Nvidia Corporation	0.0	2.8	-2.8
Amazon	0.0	2.3	-2.3
Alphabet	0.0	2.2	-2.2
ELI Lilly and Company	0.0	0.9	-0.9
Tesla	0.0	0.8	-0.8
Berkshire Hathaway	0.0	0.8	-0.8
Unitedhealth Group	0.0	0.7	-0.7
Exxon Mobil	0.0	0.6	-0.6
Mastercard	0.0	0.6	-0.6

Currency breakdown (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
US dollar	48.3	64.2	-15.9
Canadian dollar	13.2	2.7	10.5
British pound	10.3	3.4	7.0
Euro	7.6	7.9	-0.3
Australian dollar	5.9	1.7	4.2
Swiss franc	5.0	2.3	2.7
Japanese yen	2.9	5.6	-2.7
Singapore dollar	2.0	0.3	1.7
Swedish krona	1.7	0.8	0.9
Other	3.2	11.3	-8.1

Capitalisation breakdown (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
Mega cap (> \$50bn)	50.7	68.3	-17.7
Large cap (\$10 - \$50bn)	20.1	26.8	-6.7
Mid cap (\$2 - \$10bn)	27.5	4.9	22.7
Small cap (< \$2bn)	1.1	0.0	1.1
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash	0.6	0.0	0.6

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	GB00B39R2L79	MGGDAAG LN	GBP	18/07/2008	1.06%	2.10%	£500	£100
Sterling A Inc	GB00B39R2M86	MGGDAIG LN	GBP	18/07/2008	1.06%	3.16%	£500	£100
Sterling I Acc	GB00B39R2Q25	MGGDIAG LN	GBP	18/07/2008	0.66%	2.47%	£500,000	£10,000
Sterling I Inc	GB00B39R2R32	MGGDIIG LN	GBP	18/07/2008	0.66%	3.15%	£500,000	£10,000
Sterling R Acc	GB00B46J9127	MGGDVRA LN	GBP	03/08/2012	0.91%	2.24%	£500	£100
Sterling R Inc	GB00B6VRX242	MGGDVRI LN	GBP	03/08/2012	0.91%	3.15%	£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](http://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 Income	147.67	99.96%
Benchmark	117.14	98.66%

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.

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