

# M&G Global Emerging Markets Fund Sterling Class I – Accumulation shares

Monthly Fund Review as at 29 February 2024

For investment professionals only

## Highlights

- The MSCI Emerging Markets Index rose in February as equity markets globally reported healthy gains. China showed signs of recovery as economic stimulus measures took effect, despite the deepening property crisis. On the other hand, geopolitical uncertainty held back the Middle East.
- Security selection in the financial sector contributed to overall performance, and it more than outweighed the drag from our overweight positioning in this sector. Selection was also supportive in healthcare and industrials, but our choices in consumer discretionary detracted. In terms of sector allocation, our underweight exposure to consumer staples and communication services contributed positively. At the stock level, exposure to South Korean companies boosted relative performance: above-benchmark holdings in SK Square, Hana Financial, Hyundai and Samsung Life all contributed positively. Detractors included an off-benchmark position in Brazilian energy company Raizen and overweight exposure to Naspers (South African internet services).
- New positions opened this month included India's Axis Bank and Kazakhstan airline Air Astana.

## 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.

Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss as there may be difficulties in buying, selling, safekeeping or valuing investments in such countries.

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 Accumulation	10.7%	0.1%	6.2%	1.6%	19.5%
■ MSCI Emerging Markets Index	4.0%	-9.6%	-1.3%	15.0%	14.3%
■ Sector	4.3%	-12.4%	-0.4%	13.6%	15.8%

## Performance over 5 years



## Fund performance

	1 month	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.
■ Sterling I Accumulation	6.0%	4.9%	0.8%	4.6%	4.9%	5.3%
■ MSCI Emerging Markets Index	5.5%	3.9%	0.7%	4.5%	-2.7%	3.3%
■ Sector	5.0%	4.4%	1.1%	4.0%	-3.4%	2.8%

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**Performance comparison:** 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 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. The fund's holdings may deviate significantly from the benchmark's constituents.

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

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## Key information

<b>Fund manager(s)</b>	Michael Bourke
<b>Fund manager tenure from</b>	30 September 2018
<b>Deputy fund manager(s)</b>	Alice De Charmoy
<b>ISIN</b>	GB00B3FFXX47
<b>Launch date of fund</b>	05 February 2009
<b>Launch of share class</b>	05 February 2009
<b>Fund size (millions)</b>	£ 623.20
<b>Benchmark(s)</b>	MSCI Emerging Markets Index
<b>Benchmark type</b>	Target
<b>Sector</b>	IA Global Emerging Markets sector
<b>Number of companies</b>	80
<b>Historic yield</b>	2.48%
<b>Portfolio turnover over 12 months</b>	37.82%
<b>VaR</b>	9.81%
<b>Payment dates</b>	Mar
<b>Ex-dividend dates</b>	Feb

## Charges

<b>Maximum entry charge</b>	0.00%
<b>Ongoing charge</b>	0.75%

## Risk characteristics

As at 29/02/2024	Fund
Alpha (%)	7.20
Information ratio	1.31
Sharpe Ratio	0.25
Historic tracking error (%)	5.87
Beta	0.90
Standard deviation (%)	13.67
Forecast tracking error (active risk, %)	4.86
Active share (%)	82.43

## 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
<b>Neutral</b> ™	Data Coverage % 100

Overall Morningstar rating

Financial Express Crown Rating

Source of Morningstar ratings: Morningstar  
Source: Financial Express

Ratings should not be taken as a recommendation.



## Industry breakdown (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
Financials	29.3	22.7	6.6
Information technology	17.1	22.5	-5.5
Consumer discretionary	15.1	12.7	2.4
Industrials	9.0	7.0	2.0
Energy	5.9	5.6	0.3
Materials	5.4	7.1	-1.7
Real Estate	5.2	1.6	3.6
Utilities	3.6	2.9	0.7
Health care	3.5	3.6	-0.1
Communication services	3.3	8.5	-5.2
Consumer staples	1.5	5.8	-4.3
Cash	1.2	0.0	1.2

## Country breakdown (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
China	26.4	25.4	1.0
South Korea	19.4	12.5	6.9
Brazil	8.6	5.4	3.1
Taiwan	7.5	16.6	-9.1
South Africa	5.8	2.5	3.3
Mexico	4.7	2.6	2.1
Hong Kong	3.8	0.1	3.7
Indonesia	3.5	1.9	1.5
Other	19.2	32.9	-13.7
Cash	1.2	0.0	1.2

## Currency breakdown (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
US dollar	21.4	2.6	18.8
Korean won	19.8	12.5	7.3
Hong Kong dollar	17.7	18.8	-1.1
Brazilian real	8.7	5.5	3.2
New Taiwan Dollar	6.7	16.7	-10.1
British pound	5.6	0.0	5.6
Mexican peso	4.7	2.6	2.1
South African rand	4.5	2.7	1.7
Indian rupee	2.7	18.0	-15.3
Other	8.3	20.6	-12.3

## Largest holdings (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
Samsung Electronics	6.3	4.3	2.0
Taiwan Semiconductor	5.6	7.6	-2.0
Alibaba Group Holding	3.9	2.2	1.7
Naspers	2.9	0.4	2.5
Hana Financial Group	2.7	0.2	2.5
Fibra UNO Administracion SA de CV	2.7	0.1	2.6
Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance	2.4	0.1	2.3
HDFC Bank	2.3	0.7	1.6
FAR East Horizon	2.2	0.0	2.2
SK Square	2.0	0.1	2.0

## Largest overweights (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
Fibra UNO Administracion SA de CV	2.7	0.1	2.6
Hana Financial Group	2.7	0.2	2.5
Naspers	2.9	0.4	2.5
Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance	2.4	0.1	2.3
FAR East Horizon	2.2	0.0	2.2
Samsung Electronics	6.3	4.3	2.0
SK Square	2.0	0.1	2.0
Teck Resources	1.9	0.0	1.9
CCR	1.9	0.0	1.8
Beigene	1.9	0.1	1.8

## Largest underweights (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
Tencent Holdings	0.0	3.3	-3.3
Taiwan Semiconductor	5.6	7.6	-2.0
Reliance Industries	0.0	1.7	-1.7
Pinduoduo	0.0	1.1	-1.1
Petroleo Brasileiro	0.0	1.0	-1.0
Infosys	0.0	1.0	-1.0
ICICI Bank	0.0	0.9	-0.9
Mediatek	0.0	0.8	-0.8
Meituan Dianping	0.0	0.7	-0.7
AL Rajhi Bank	0.0	0.7	-0.7

## Capitalisation breakdown (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
Mega cap (> \$50bn)	25.9	39.0	-13.1
Large cap (\$10 - \$50bn)	33.4	39.5	-6.0
Mid cap (\$2 - \$10bn)	28.0	21.5	6.5
Small cap (< \$2bn)	11.5	0.0	11.4
Other	0.1	0.0	0.1
Cash	1.2	0.0	1.2

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	GB00B3FFXV23	MGGEMAA LN	GBP	05/02/2009	1.15%	2.11%	£500	£100
Sterling A Inc	GB00B3FFXW30	MGGEMAI LN	GBP	05/02/2009	1.15%	3.31%	£500	£100
Sterling I Acc	GB00B3FFXX47	MGGEMIA LN	GBP	05/02/2009	0.75%	2.48%	£500,000	£10,000
Sterling I Inc	GB00B3FFXY53	MGGEMII LN	GBP	05/02/2009	0.75%	3.30%	£500,000	£10,000
Sterling IH Acc	GB00BJXT7057	MGGIGHA LN	GBP	06/12/2019	0.78%	2.45%	£500,000	£10,000
Sterling IH Inc	GB00BJXT7164	MGGIGHI LN	GBP	06/12/2019	0.78%	3.30%	£500,000	£10,000
Sterling R Acc	GB00B6TDBH53	MGGEMRA LN	GBP	03/08/2012	1.00%	2.25%	£500	£100
Sterling R Inc	GB00B7QFRS45	MGGEMRI LN	GBP	03/08/2012	1.00%	3.30%	£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 Accumulation	104.92	92.89%
Benchmark	311.28	99.15%

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.

The M&G Global Emerging Markets Fund is a sub-fund of M&G Investment Funds (7).

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