

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

Monthly Fund Review as at 31 March 2024

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## Highlights

- Global equities extended gains in March, with the MSCI ACWI Index generating a positive return for the fifth consecutive month. For the fund, royalty businesses Franco Nevada and Prairiesky Royalty delivered the strongest positive contribution as commodity prices rebounded. Google parent Alphabet also contributed positively, while shares of Mobileye recovered. LULULEMON was a key detractor as the market reacted negatively to its earnings guidance, while Asian insurer AIA also detracted.
- The major activity this month was the divestiture of Nokia to provide funds for higher conviction ideas. Most of the capital was redeployed in Oracle, taking the holding to a 2.5% position. We took profits in Franco Nevada and Prairiesky Royalty given the appreciation, and also Mobileye and Alphabet. Toyota was also trimmed.
- 'Innovation' remains the largest theme, at 35%. Within that, Data & Productivity is the largest sub-theme, at 13%. Demographics is the second largest theme at 30.6%, the Environment is 19% and Infrastructure 14%.

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

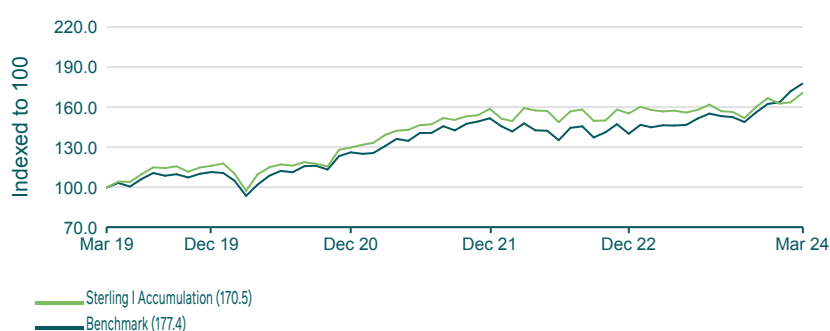
Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss as there may be difficulties in buying, selling, safekeeping or valuing investments in such countries.

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	7.4%	-2.1%	22.1%	11.8%	27.1%
Benchmark	15.9%	-7.6%	20.1%	13.2%	22.4%
Sector	12.7%	-11.3%	17.6%	14.8%	22.0%

## Performance over 5 years



## Fund performance

	1 month	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.
Sterling I Accumulation	4.3%	2.3%	2.3%	8.8%	7.0%	11.3%
Benchmark	3.3%	9.3%	9.3%	21.2%	10.7%	12.1%
Sector	3.3%	7.9%	7.9%	16.8%	7.1%	10.1%

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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 does not constrain the fund's portfolio construction.

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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## Key information

Fund manager(s)	Alex Araujo
Fund manager tenure from	10 January 2019
Deputy fund manager(s)	Nicholas Cunningham
ISIN	GB00B4WV2P70
Launch date of fund	17 November 2000
Launch of share class	03 August 2012
Fund size (millions)	£ 2,361.72
Benchmark(s)	MSCI ACWI Index
Benchmark type	Target
Sector	IA Global sector
Number of companies	59
Historic yield	1.02%
Portfolio turnover over 12 months	38.63%
VaR	7.50%
Payment dates	Oct
Ex-dividend dates	Sep

## Charges

Maximum entry charge	0.00%
Ongoing charge	0.94%

## Risk characteristics

As at 31/03/2024	Fund
Alpha (%)	-1.94
Information ratio	-0.66
Sharpe Ratio	0.47
Historic tracking error (%)	5.55
Beta	0.82
Standard deviation (%)	10.46
Forecast tracking error (active risk, %)	4.63
Active share (%)	88.78

## 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 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  
Source: Financial Express

Ratings should not be taken as a recommendation.



## Largest holdings (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
Microsoft	4.0	4.1	-0.1
Alphabet	4.0	2.3	1.7
Prairiesky Royalty	3.5	0.0	3.5
Franco Nevada	3.0	0.0	3.0
Brookfield Asset Management	3.0	0.1	2.9
Intel	2.8	0.3	2.5
BYD	2.6	0.0	2.5
Tencent Holdings	2.6	0.4	2.2
Oracle Corporation	2.5	0.3	2.2
Crown Castle International	2.5	0.1	2.4

## Country breakdown (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
US	49.5	65.3	-15.7
Canada	15.5	2.7	12.8
China	6.3	2.7	3.6
Japan	5.4	5.5	-0.1
Germany	4.8	2.0	2.8
UK	3.0	2.6	0.4
Australia	3.0	1.7	1.3
Romania	2.0	0.0	2.0
Other	9.4	17.5	-8.2
Cash	1.1	0.0	1.1

## Currency breakdown (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
US dollar	57.0	64.2	-7.2
Canadian dollar	8.7	2.8	5.9
Euro	8.7	8.0	0.7
Hong Kong dollar	6.4	2.3	4.1
Japanese yen	5.5	5.5	0.0
British pound	3.5	3.4	0.1
Australian dollar	3.0	1.7	1.3
Romanian leu	2.0	0.0	2.0
Swiss franc	1.8	2.2	-0.4
Other	3.5	9.9	-6.4

## Capitalisation breakdown (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
Mega cap (> \$50bn)	54.9	69.8	-14.9
Large cap (\$10 - \$50bn)	33.9	25.6	8.3
Mid cap (\$2 - \$10bn)	10.2	4.6	5.5
Small cap (< \$2bn)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash	1.1	0.0	1.1

## Largest overweights (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
Prairiesky Royalty	3.5	0.0	3.5
Franco Nevada	3.0	0.0	3.0
Brookfield Asset Management	3.0	0.1	2.9
BYD	2.6	0.0	2.5
Intel	2.8	0.3	2.5
Crown Castle International	2.5	0.1	2.4
Tencent Holdings	2.6	0.4	2.2
Oracle Corporation	2.5	0.3	2.2
Societatea de Producere A Energiei Electrice IN	2.0	0.0	2.0
Hidrocentrale Hidroelectrica			
Toray Industries	2.0	0.0	2.0

## Largest underweights (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
Apple	0.0	3.5	-3.5
Nvidia Corporation	0.0	3.1	-3.1
Amazon	0.0	2.3	-2.3
Facebook	0.0	1.5	-1.5
ELI Lilly and Company	0.0	0.9	-0.9
Taiwan Semiconductor	0.0	0.8	-0.8
Broadcom	0.0	0.8	-0.8
JP Morgan	0.0	0.8	-0.8
Berkshire Hathaway	0.0	0.8	-0.8
Tesla	0.0	0.7	-0.7

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	GB0030932452	MGGLBAA LN	GBP	28/02/1973	1.34%	0.67%	£500	£100
Sterling A Inc	GB0030932346	MGGLBAI LN	GBP	28/02/1973	1.34%	1.83%	£500	£100
Sterling I Acc	GB00B4WV2P70	MGGBSIA LN	GBP	03/08/2012	0.94%	1.02%	£500,000	£10,000
Sterling I Inc	GB00B76CZD62	MGGBSII LN	GBP	03/08/2012	0.94%	1.82%	£500,000	£10,000
Sterling R Acc	GB00B7FW1L71	MGGBSRA LN	GBP	03/08/2012	1.19%	0.80%	£500	£100
Sterling R Inc	GB00B765NR56	MGGBSRI LN	GBP	03/08/2012	1.19%	1.82%	£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	133.28	95.06%
Benchmark	118.94	98.90%

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 fund originally launched on 28 February 1973 (end of the initial offer period of the Fund in the UK). However, on 17 November 2000, the fund re-launched and we are choosing to use this date as the launch date for this fund. On this date the fund's name, objective, benchmark and sector changed. On 17 November 2017 the fund's benchmark changed from the FTSE Global Basics Composite Index to the MSCI All Country World Index. Please note the index returns shown for all time periods are those of the MSCI All Country World Index.

The M&G Global Themes Fund is a sub-fund of M&G Investment Funds (1).

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