

# M&G European Sustain Paris Aligned Fund Sterling Class I – Accumulation shares

Monthly Fund Review as at 29 February 2024

For investment professionals only

## Fund description

The fund aims to provide a combination of capital growth and income, net of the Ongoing Charge Figure, that is higher than the MSCI Europe ex UK Index over any five-year period and to invest in companies that contribute towards the Paris Agreement climate change goal of keeping a global temperature rise this century well below two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. At least 80% of the fund is invested in the shares of sustainable companies, across any sector and of any size, that are based, or do most of their business, in Europe (excluding the UK). The fund is concentrated and usually holds fewer than 35 companies. Sustainability considerations are fully integrated into the investment process. Companies that are assessed to be in breach of the United Nations Global Compact principles on human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption are excluded from the investment universe. Industries such as tobacco and controversial weapons are also excluded. The fund manager makes long-term investments in companies with sustainable business models, where short-term issues have created buying opportunities for the fund.

## 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 Accumulation	17.6%	-1.7%	14.2%	6.1%	22.9%
Benchmark	15.8%	-6.9%	17.2%	2.7%	19.8%
Sector	13.3%	-8.2%	17.3%	7.0%	20.9%

## Performance over 5 years



## Fund performance

	1 month	3 months	YTD	1 year	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.
Sterling I Accumulation	3.3%	8.7%	3.0%	13.5%	11.5%	10.3%
Benchmark	2.7%	7.6%	3.1%	10.8%	9.7%	8.7%
Sector	2.2%	6.7%	1.9%	7.6%	7.8%	8.6%

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Prior to 31 August 2021 the benchmark was MSCI Europe Index. With effect from 31 August 2021 the benchmark will be MSCI Europe ex UK Index.

**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

Fund manager(s)	John William Olsen
Fund manager tenure from	30 June 2014
Deputy fund manager(s)	Lucy Hancock, Randeep Somel
ISIN	GB00B5ZSNC68
Launch date of fund	29 September 1989
Launch of share class	03 August 2012
Fund size (millions)	£ 890.64
Benchmark(s)	MSCI Europe ex UK Index
Benchmark type	Target
Sector	IA Europe including UK sector
Number of companies	32
Historic yield	1.34%
Portfolio turnover over 12 months	14.21%
VaR	8.13%
Payment dates	Apr, Oct
Ex-dividend dates	Mar, Sep

## Charges

Maximum entry charge	0.00%
Ongoing charge	0.55%

## Largest holdings (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
Novo Nordisk	7.5	4.7	2.8
SAP	5.2	2.4	2.8
Schneider Electric	5.1	1.5	3.7
Scout24	4.7	0.1	4.7
Hannover Rueck	4.7	0.2	4.5
AIB Group	4.6	0.1	4.5
Legrand	4.2	0.3	3.9
CTS Eventim	4.1	0.0	4.1
Nestle	3.6	3.4	0.2
Akzo Nobel	3.4	0.2	3.2

## Risk characteristics

As at 29/02/2024	Fund
Alpha (%)	1.75
Information ratio	0.30
Sharpe Ratio	0.68
Historic tracking error (%)	6.20
Beta	1.02
Standard deviation (%)	14.34
Forecast tracking error (active risk, %)	4.52
Active share (%)	82.86

## 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

Financial Express Crown Rating



Source of Morningstar Medalist Rating: Morningstar  
Source: Financial Express

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## Country breakdown (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
Germany	23.6	16.9	6.6
Denmark	23.0	7.0	16.0
US	10.7	10.6	0.1
Netherlands	9.0	9.2	-0.3
France	5.1	20.5	-15.4
Ireland	4.6	0.9	3.7
Spain	4.1	4.7	-0.7
UK	4.0	0.2	3.9
Other	14.0	30.0	-15.9
Cash	2.0	0.0	2.0

## Industry breakdown (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
Industrials	30.1	17.5	12.6
Financials	15.9	17.7	-1.8
Health care	13.4	16.3	-2.8
Communication services	12.2	3.2	9.0
Consumer discretionary	8.0	12.4	-4.4
Consumer staples	5.6	9.2	-3.6
Materials	5.4	5.9	-0.5
Information technology	5.2	10.3	-5.1
Utilities	2.3	3.7	-1.4
Energy	0.0	3.1	-3.1
Real Estate	0.0	0.8	-0.8
Cash	2.0	0.0	2.0

## Capitalisation breakdown (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
> €50 billion	31.9	58.1	-26.1
€25 - €50 billion	14.9	18.9	-4.0
€5 - €25 billion	39.1	22.7	16.4
€2.5 - €5 billion	10.1	0.4	9.7
< €2.5 billion	2.0	0.0	2.0
Cash	2.0	0.0	2.0

## Largest overweights (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
Scout24	4.7	0.1	4.7
Hannover Rueck	4.7	0.2	4.5
AIB Group	4.6	0.1	4.5
CTS Eventim	4.1	0.0	4.1
Legrand	4.2	0.3	3.9
Schneider Electric	5.1	1.5	3.7
Outotec OYJ	3.4	0.1	3.3
Akzo Nobel	3.4	0.2	3.2
Andritz	3.2	0.0	3.2
Universal Music Group	3.4	0.3	3.1

## Largest underweights (%)

	Fund	Index	Relative weight
ASML	0.0	4.6	-4.6
LVMH	0.0	3.0	-3.0
Novartis	0.0	2.5	-2.5
Roche	0.0	2.3	-2.3
TotalEnergies	0.0	1.7	-1.7
Loreal	0.0	1.4	-1.4
Sanofi	0.0	1.3	-1.3
Allianz	0.0	1.3	-1.3
Air Liquide	0.0	1.3	-1.3
Airbus	0.0	1.2	-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	GB0030927817	MGSEDVA LN	GBP	29/09/1989	0.95%	1.01%	£500	£100
Sterling A Inc	GB0030927700	MGSEDEV LN	GBP	29/09/1989	0.95%	1.84%	£500	£100
Sterling I Acc	GB00B5ZSNC68	MGPEUIA LN	GBP	03/08/2012	0.55%	1.34%	£500,000	£10,000
Sterling I Inc	GB00B6T93L12	MGPEUII LN	GBP	03/08/2012	0.55%	1.84%	£500,000	£10,000
Sterling R Acc	GB00B73YVC64	MGPEURA LN	GBP	03/08/2012	0.80%	1.14%	£500	£100
Sterling R Inc	GB00B4VV9C47	MGPEURI LN	GBP	03/08/2012	0.80%	1.84%	£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	36.18	100.00%
Benchmark	79.90	97.95%

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 changed its name, investment objective and investment strategy on 31 August 2021. Prior to this date, the fund was named M&G Pan European Select Fund. Fund performance before this date was therefore achieved under different circumstances.

The M&G European Sustain Paris Aligned Fund is a sub-fund of M&G Investment Funds (1).

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