

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To achieve meaningful inflation-beating US\$ returns over rolling five-year periods from a conservatively managed portfolio of global equities, warrants, exchange traded funds, UCITS and other UCIs, interest bearing securities and cash instruments reflecting Foord's prevailing best investment view.

INVESTOR PROFILE

Investors requiring diversification through offshore investment — with exposures to currencies, markets and securities not available in South Africa; seeking a hedge against ZAR currency depreciation.

DOMICILE

South Africa

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Foord Unit Trusts (RF) (Pty) Ltd
VAT Registration Number: 4560201594

FUND MANAGERS

Brian Arcese and Dave Foord

INCEPTION DATE

1 March 2006 / 1 March 2012

BASE CURRENCY

South African rands

EQUITY INDICATOR >>>>>>>>

Indicates the relative weight of equities in the portfolio. A higher weight could result in increased volatility of returns.

CATEGORY

Global - Multi-Asset - Flexible

PORTFOLIO SIZE

R3.4 billion

UNIT PRICE (CLASS B2)

4976.96 cents

NUMBER OF UNITS (CLASS B2)

52.9 million

SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTIONS

The portfolio may only invest in cash and one other collective investment scheme.

DISTRIBUTIONS

The Foord International Fund, in which the fund invests, does not distribute its income.

INCOME CHARACTERISTICS

Marginal to zero income yield as the Foord International Fund is a roll-up fund and does not distribute its income.

PORTFOLIO ORIENTATION

Fully invested in the Foord International Fund, sub-fund of Foord SICAV, domiciled in Luxembourg.

RISK OF LOSS

Currency volatility means risk of loss in the short term is high. In general, the risk of loss is lower than that of the average foreign equity fund.

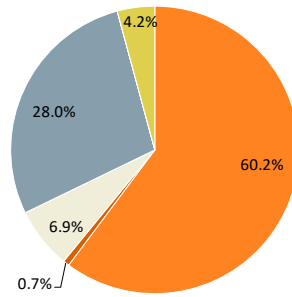
TIME HORIZON

Longer than three years.

RETURNS IN US\$

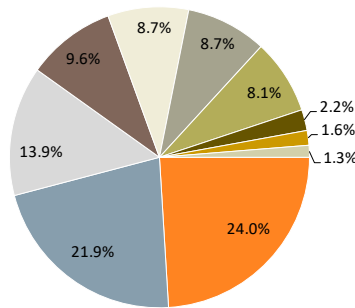
Investment returns in US\$ may not reconcile exactly to those of Foord International Fund as pricing within the feeder fund lags by one valuation interval.

ASSET ALLOCATION



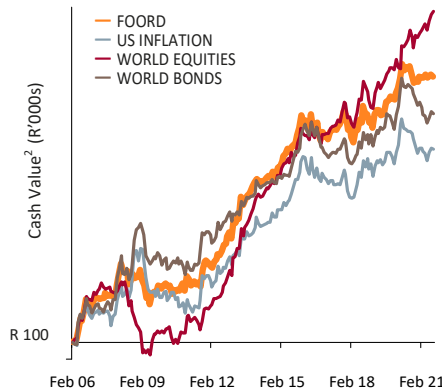
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EQUITY SECTOR ALLOCATION

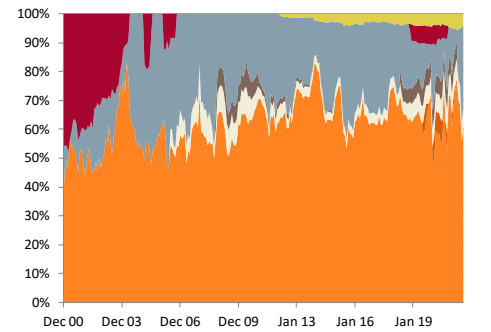


Healthcare Materials
Communication services Financials
Consumer staples Utilities
Consumer discretionary Information technology
Energy Industrials

PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE



CHANGES IN PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION: MASTER FUND



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GEOGRAPHIC EXPOSURE

	TOTAL PORTFOLIO %	REGIONAL EQUITY %	CASH %
North America	44	16	28
EM Latin America	-	-	-
Europe	32	25	-
EM Europe	-	-	-
Pacific	13	8	-
EM Asia	11	11	-
	100	60	28

TOP 10 INVESTMENTS

SECURITY	ASSET CLASS	MARKET	% OF FUND
FMC Corp	Equity	USA	6.8
ETFs Physical Gold	Commodity	GBR	6.5
SSE PLC	Equity	GBR	6.0
Nestle	Equity	CHE	5.9
CVS Health Corp	Equity	USA	5.1
Freeport-McMoran Inc	Equity	USA	4.5
Roche Holding	Equity	CHE	4.1
Wheaton Precious Metals	Equity	USA	4.1
Alphabet Inc	Equity	USA	4.0
Johnson and Johnson	Equity	USA	3.8

PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE (PERIODS GREATER THAN ONE YEAR ARE ANNUALISED ¹)

	CASH VALUE ²	SINCE INCEPTION	LAST 15 YEARS	LAST 10 YEARS	LAST 7 YEARS	LAST 5 YEARS	LAST 3 YEARS	LAST 12 MONTHS	THIS MONTH
IN RANDS									
FOORD ^{3,4}	R 498 702	10.9%	9.9%	13.5%	9.1%	5.6%	5.9%	-6.3%	-1.7%
PEER GROUP ^{4,5}	R 345 405	8.3%	7.4%	11.6%	8.0%	5.6%	6.2%	-2.2%	0.4%
US INFLATION ⁶	R 321 843	7.8%	6.9%	9.6%	6.6%	2.3%	2.3%	-9.8%	-0.1%
WORLD EQUITIES ⁷	R 742 768	13.8%	12.8%	21.3%	16.3%	15.1%	15.1%	11.7%	2.0%
WORLD BONDS ⁸	R 399 990	9.3%	8.3%	8.8%	6.2%	1.7%	3.9%	-15.2%	-0.9%
FOORD HIGHEST ^{3,4,9}		42.1%	42.1%	42.1%	36.6%	32.9%	32.9%	-6.3%	
FOORD LOWEST ^{3,4,9}		-18.5%	-18.5%	-11.9%	-11.9%	-6.3%	-6.3%	-6.3%	

¹ Converted to reflect the average yearly return for each period presented

² Current value of R100 000 notional lump sum invested at inception, distributions reinvested (graphically represented in R'000s above)

³ Class B2 from 1 March 2012, Class A previously

⁴ Net of fees and expenses

⁵ USD Flexible Allocation Morningstar category (provisional). Source: Morningstar

⁶ US headline consumer price index. Source: Bloomberg L.P., performance as calculated by Foord (lagged by one month)

⁷ MSCI World Equity Total Return Index (Developed Markets). Source: Bloomberg L.P., performance as calculated by Foord

⁸ FTSE World Government Bond Index. Source: Bloomberg L.P., performance as calculated by Foord

⁹ Highest and lowest actual 12 month rand return achieved in the period

COMMENTARY

- Developed market equities (+2.5%) rose for the seventh straight month as corporate earnings delivered ahead of expectations—but the risks are rising, with slowing global economic growth amid growing uncertainties around new COVID-19 variants and global supply chain difficulties causing higher inflation
- US equities (+2.9%) were supported by employment gains even as the University of Michigan consumer sentiment survey fell to its lowest level since 2011—investors instead focused on the stellar second-quarter earnings reports of US corporates (average +90% compared to same period in 2020) and a commitment from the Fed chair that interest rates are unlikely to rise soon
- Emerging market equities (+2.6%) rebounded after their precipitous fall in July—Indian bourses (+10.9%) led the way as an increase in vaccinations coupled with a moderating rise of new COVID-19 cases supported investor sentiment
- Developed market bond yields, including the US 10-year, were little changed despite the prospect of imminent US stimulus tapering—Chairman Powell continues to walk a fine monetary policy line, highlighting clear improvements in underlying economic growth, offset by inflation and concerns about the delta variant
- The US dollar strengthened modestly against the British pound (+1.0%), Japanese yen (+0.1%), and euro (+0.5%)—investors may be slowly pricing a tapering of accommodative US monetary policy and the likely subsequent rise in interest rates
- Industrial commodities iron ore (-24.9%), oil (-4.4%), and copper (-2.7%) fell after a massive run up over the last year—precious metals platinum (-3.3%), palladium (-7.0%) and silver (-6.0%) also gave up some recent gains while safe-haven gold (+0.1%) was flat
- UK electricity and transmission company, SSE Plc (+11.8%) and US lithium miner, Livent (+27.5%) contributed most to the fund's performance—US agricultural chemicals company, FMC (-12.5%) and the prudent US S&P 500 market index hedges were the largest detractors
- The rand (+0.5% vs the US dollar) breached R15.0/\$ on broad-based dollar strength as markets [incorrectly] anticipated the US Federal Reserve would signal the timing of its next interest rate rising cycle—but the currency recovered on improved debt/GDP and fiscal deficit ratios after Stats SA estimated SA GDP to be 11% larger than previously reported

FEE RATES (CLASS B2)

Initial, exit and switching fees	0.0%
Annual fees	0.1% plus VAT
Underlying investment fees levied in the Foord International Fund	1.00% per annum fixed annual fee from June 2020 (previously 1.35%)

TOTAL INVESTMENT CHARGE

	12 MONTHS	36 MONTHS
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.13%	1.35%
Manager's charge (basic)	0.10%	0.10%
Performance charge	-	-
Foord global charges	1.00%	1.22%
VAT and sundry costs	0.03%	0.03%
Transaction costs (incl VAT)	-	-
Total investment charge	1.13%	1.35%

INVESTING OFFSHORE

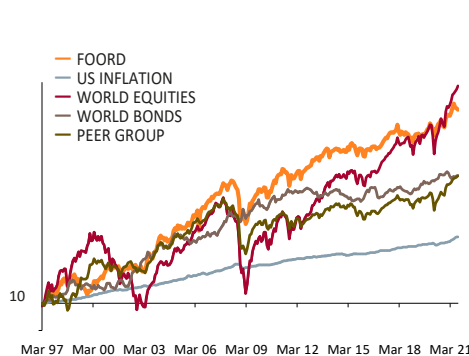
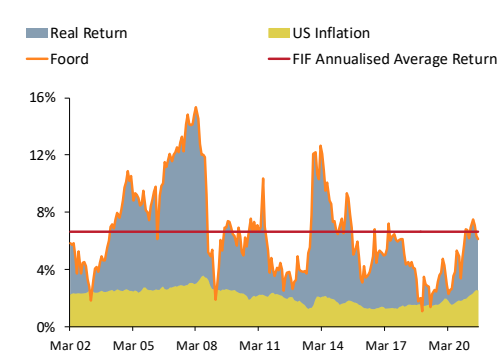
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ABOUT THE TARGET FUND

The Foord International Fund (FIF) is the target fund for the Foord International Feeder Fund. FIF was launched as a global equity fund in 1997 when South African exchange controls were first relaxed. It was a tumultuous time for global equity markets. Price-earnings multiples (PEs) on the S&P 500 Index in the USA grew from around 15-times earnings in 1995 to around 20-times earnings when the fund commenced. They headed even higher as investors speculated in the dot-com bubble leading up to the early 2000s.

Given the speculative fever in equity markets and the entrenched Foord investment philosophy of protecting investors from permanent capital losses, the managers changed the fund's investment policy to one of flexible asset allocation. Investment grade interest bearing assets in excess of 40% of the portfolio were subsequently included in the fund, which protected investors' capital when equity markets retraced their gains in 1999/2000 (see Chart 1). Within the reduced equity component, the investment thesis continued to focus on quality companies offering a safe but adequate return, mostly in developed economies.

The managers then set an absolute return investment objective for the fund. Chart 2 demonstrates that FIF has consistently delivered real returns of approximately 5% per annum in US dollars over rolling five year cycles.

CHART 1: CUMULATIVE RETURNS

CHART 2: ROLLING 5 YEARS VS US INFLATION


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Unit trust prices are calculated on a net asset value basis, which is the total value of all assets in the portfolio including any income accruals and less any permissible deductions from the portfolio. Forward pricing is used. Prices are determined at 15h00 each business day and are published daily on www.foord.co.za and in national newspapers. The cut-off time for instruction is 14h00 each business day.

TER

A Total Expense Ratio (TER) is a measure of a portfolio's annual expenses, fees and charges, expressed as a percentage of the average daily value of the portfolio. These expenses include the annual fee, VAT, audit fees, bank charges and costs (excluding trading costs) incurred in any underlying funds. Included in the TER, but separately disclosed, is a performance fee (or credit) resulting from overperformance (or underperformance) against the benchmark. A higher TER ratio does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TERs. Performance return information and prices are always stated net of the expenses, fees and charges included in the TER. The TER for the fund's financial year ended 28 February 2021 was 1.21%.

FOREIGN INVESTMENT RISK

The portfolio may include underlying foreign investments. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying foreign investments to go up or down. The underlying foreign investments may be adversely affected by political instability as well as exchange controls, changes in taxation, foreign investment policies, restrictions on repatriation of investments and other restrictions and controls that may be imposed by the relevant authorities in the relevant countries.

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