

M&G Global Dividend Fund

**Annual report and audited financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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Authorised Corporate Director's Report

The Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) of M&G Global Dividend Fund presents its annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The audited financial statements of M&G Global Dividend Fund, the Authorised Corporate Director's Reports including the portfolio statement, financial highlights and the audited financial statements and notes of the fund are presented in their individual sections of this report as set out in the contents page.

Please note that an explanation of key investment terminology is available on our website at mandg.com/private-investor/glossary. A printed copy of the glossary is available upon request by calling customer services and administration as shown within the 'Investor information' section of this report.

Company information

This Open-Ended Investment Company (OEIC) is an Investment Company with Variable Capital (ICVC) incorporated under the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001. It is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. The Company is a UK UCITS (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) scheme as defined in the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, as issued (and amended) by the FCA.

The Company was authorised on 9 July 2008 and the fund was launched on 18 July 2008.

The Company's principal activity is to carry out business as an OEIC.

A shareholder is not liable for the debts of the Company and will never be liable to make any further payment to the Company after paying the purchase price of the shares.

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Annual value assessment

An annual assessment report is available which shows the value provided to investors in each of M&G's UK-based funds. The assessment report evaluates whether M&G's charges are justified in the context of the overall service delivered to its investors. The latest report to 31 March 2023 can be found on our website at mandg.com/investments/valueassessment

Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)

We have produced TCFD reports in compliance with the FCA's rules on climate-related financial disclosures. The TCFD fund reports are designed to help you understand the impact this fund has on the climate and equally how climate change could influence the performance of the fund. The reports will also give you the ability to compare a range of climate metrics with other funds. To understand the governance, strategy and risk management that M&G has in place to manage the risks and opportunities related to climate change, please refer to the M&G Investments Management TCFD report.

These reports are available via the Sustainability Disclosures page on our website at mandg.com/footer/sustainability-disclosures

Important information

The events in Ukraine continue to bring uncertainty. The ACD continues to monitor the associated risks that are posed to the Company.

Please refer to the 'Investment review' section for further details on significant events during the period. Investment reviews may become quickly outdated in relation to ongoing economic and geopolitical events.

Investor information

The Prospectus, Instrument of Incorporation, Key Investor Information Documents, costs and charges illustration, the latest annual or interim investment report and financial statements as well as a list of purchases and sales are available free of charge on request from the following address. The Instrument of Incorporation can also be inspected at our offices or at the office of the Depositary.

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For security purposes and to improve the quality of our service, we may record and monitor telephone calls. You will require your M&G client reference. Failure to provide this will affect your ability to transact with us.

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Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities

The Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) is required to prepare annual and interim reports for the Company. The ACD must ensure that the financial statements contained in this report for the fund, are prepared in accordance with the Investment Association Statement of Recommended Practice for Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds (SORP) and UK Financial Reporting Standards, and give a true and fair view of the net revenue or expenses and net capital gains or losses for the accounting period, and the financial position at the end of that period.

The ACD is required to keep proper accounting records, and to manage the Company in accordance with the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, as issued (and amended) by the FCA, the Instrument of Incorporation and the Prospectus, and to take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities. Additionally, the ACD is responsible for preparing the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the Company will not continue in operation.

Directors' statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority.

M&G Securities Limited
4 June 2024

Depository's Responsibilities and Report

Statement of the Depository's Responsibilities and Report of the Depository to the Shareholders of M&G Global Dividend Fund ('the Company') for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Depository must ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI2001/1228) (the OEIC Regulations), as amended, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended, (together 'the Regulations'), the Company's Instrument of Incorporation and Prospectus (together 'the Scheme documents') as detailed below.

The Depository must in the context of its role act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and in the interests of the Company and its investors.

The Depository is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Company in accordance with the Regulations.

The Depository must ensure that:

- the Company's cashflows are properly monitored and that cash of the Company is booked into the cash accounts in accordance with the Regulations;
- the sale, issue, redemption and cancellation of shares are carried out in accordance with the Regulations;
- the value of shares in the Company is calculated in accordance with the Regulations;
- any consideration relating to transactions in the Company's assets is remitted to the Company within the usual time limits;
- the Company's income is applied in accordance with the Regulations; and
- the instructions of the Authorised Fund Manager ('the AFM') are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

The Depository also has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the Company is managed in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents in relation to the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Company.

Having carried out such procedures as we consider necessary to discharge our responsibilities as Depository of the Company, it is our opinion, based on the information available to us and the explanations provided, that in all material respects the Company, acting through the AFM:

- i) has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Company's shares and the application of the Company's income in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents of the Company, and
- ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Company.

Edinburgh
4 June 2024

NatWest Trustee and
Depository Services Limited

Independent Auditor's Report

Independent Auditor's Report to the shareholders of M&G Global Dividend Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of M&G Global Dividend Fund ("the Company") for the year ended 31 March 2024, which comprise the Statement of Total Return, the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders, the Balance Sheet, the related notes and the Distribution Tables, and the accounting policies of the Company, which include a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 March 2024, and of the net revenue and the net capital gains on the scheme property of the Company for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report below. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the "FRC") Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Authorised Corporate Director's ("the ACD") use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the ACD with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The ACD is responsible for the other information contained within the annual report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

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We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA")

In our opinion:

- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Authorised Funds, the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the FCA and the Instrument of Incorporation; and
- there is nothing to indicate that adequate accounting records have not been kept or that the financial statements are not in agreement with those records; and
- the information given in the ACD's report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matter in relation to which the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook of the FCA require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Responsibilities of the ACD

As explained more fully in the ACDs' responsibilities statement set out on page 3, the ACD is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the ACD determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the ACD is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the ACD either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

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Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Company and determined that the most significant are United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP), the Investment Management Association's Statement of Recommended Practice (IMA SORP), the FCA Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the OEIC Regulations, the Company's Instrument of Incorporation and the Prospectus.
- We understood how the Company is complying with those frameworks through discussions with the ACD and the Company's administrator and a review of the Company's documented policies and procedures.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the risk of management override, specifically management's propensity to influence revenue and amounts available for distribution. We identified a fraud risk in relation to the incomplete or inaccurate income recognition through incorrect classification of special dividends and the resulting impact to amounts available for distribution. We tested the appropriateness of management's classification of a sample of special dividends as either a capital or revenue return.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved review of the reporting to the ACD with respect to the application of the documented policies and procedures and review of the financial statements to test compliance with the reporting requirements of the Company.
- Due to the regulated nature of the Company, the Statutory Auditor considered the experience and expertise of the engagement team to ensure that the team had the appropriate competence and capabilities, which included the use of specialists

where appropriate, to identify non-compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, as a body, pursuant to Paragraph 4.5.12 of the rules of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook of the FCA. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Edinburgh
4 June 2024

Ernst & Young LLP
Statutory Auditor

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For the purposes of these financial statements, the Prospectus dated 15 August 2023 has been used.

Investment objective

The fund has three aims:

- To deliver an income stream that increases every year.
- To deliver a yield above that available from the MSCI ACWI Index over any five-year period.
- To deliver a higher total return (the combination of capital growth and income), net of the ongoing charge figure, than that of the MSCI ACWI Index over any five-year period.

Investment policy

At least 70% of the fund is invested in a range of global equities. The fund may invest across a wide range of geographies, sectors and market capitalisations. The fund may also invest in collective investment schemes, other transferable securities, cash, near cash, other money market securities, warrants and derivatives. The fund’s exposure to global equities may be gained through the use of derivatives. Derivatives may be used for efficient portfolio management.

Investment approach

The fund manager employs a bottom-up stockpicking approach, driven by the fundamental analysis of individual companies. The fund manager seeks to invest in companies with excellent capital discipline and the potential for long-term dividend growth. The fund manager believes rising dividends create upward pressure on the value of shares. Dividend yield is not the primary consideration for stock selection.

The fund manager aims to create a diversified portfolio with exposure to a broad range of countries and sectors. The fund manager selects stocks with different drivers of dividend growth to construct a portfolio that has the potential to cope in a variety of market conditions. The fund invests with a long-term view of

typically three to five years. When attempting to grow distributions, the fund manager’s main focus is on delivering an increase in sterling terms.

Benchmark

MSCI ACWI Index.

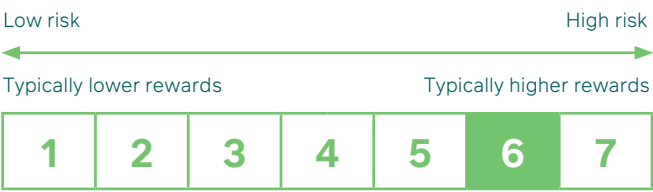
The fund is actively managed. The benchmark is a target which the fund seeks to outperform. The index has been chosen as the fund’s target benchmark as it best reflects the scope of the fund’s investment policy. The target benchmark is used solely to measure the fund’s performance and income objective and does not constrain the fund’s portfolio construction.

For unhedged share classes, the benchmark is shown in the share class currency.

Risk profile

For details of the risks associated with this fund, please refer to the Prospectus. For details of the risk management policies, please refer to pages 26 to 28.

The following table shows the risk number associated with the fund and is based on Sterling Class ‘A’ shares.



The above number:

- is based on the rate at which the value of the fund has moved up and down in the past and is based on historical data so may not be a reliable indicator of the future risk profile of the fund.
- is not guaranteed and may change over time and the lowest risk number does not mean risk free.
- has not changed during this period.

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Investment review

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Distribution summary

Over the 12-month review period to 31 March 2024, the fund distributed income of 9.2060 pence per Sterling Class 'A' Income share. This is 6.2% higher than the distribution for the previous financial year. The payout represented a yield (distributed income as a percentage of the share price as at 31 March 2024) of 3.2% versus a yield of 1.7% for the MSCI ACWI Index, the fund's target benchmark.

We are pleased with this outcome after an exceptional period of growth in the previous financial year, when the distribution increased at the fastest pace since the fund's launch in 2008. The momentum in global dividends continued during the 12 months under review, despite ongoing concerns about persistent inflation and the impact of higher interest rates on the broader economy. Corporate cashflows remained resilient, and dividends continued to rise as a sign of future confidence. (Dividends represent a share in the profits of a company and are paid out to the company's shareholders at set times of the year.)

Against this backdrop, the fund benefited from higher dividends across a broad range of countries and sectors. The majority of holdings delivered dividend increases in the region of 5-15% in local currency, in line with previous years.

We continue to be encouraged by the robust dividend growth in the technology sector, which is home to some of the fund's largest holdings. Microsoft extended its long sequence of dividend growth with a 10% increase, while Broadcom boosted its dividend by 14% in semiconductors. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing raised its dividend twice during the review period, with the latest quarterly payment 27% higher than a year ago.

Financials provided another source of impressive growth, led by DBS, the Singaporean bank, which delivered an outsized increase of 24%. Marsh & McLennan and NN accelerated their pace of dividend

growth to 20% and 15%, respectively. Visa raised its dividend by 16%, while Intact Financial reported a 10% increase.

Consumer staples continued to offer reliable growth among the defensive sectors, as PepsiCo and Coca-Cola raised their dividends in the core 5-15% range. Imperial Brands also remained true to its progressive dividend policy. Elevance Health and Bristol-Myers Squibb reported higher dividends in healthcare, while NextEra Energy reported a 10% increase in utilities. (Defensive stocks are companies that tend to have stable earnings and are less affected by peaks and troughs in the economy.)

Strong dividend growth was also apparent in more economically sensitive sectors. In industrials, Siemens rewarded shareholders with an 11% increase, while Volvo accompanied a higher ordinary dividend with a special dividend. In consumer discretionary, Pandora, Treasury Wine Estates and Compagnie Financière Richemont delivered double-digit growth, with Compagnie Financière Richemont also announcing a special dividend.

It was not all good news, however, as a small number of holdings including abrdn and Kone held their dividends flat. We expect both companies to resume dividend growth at the appropriate time.

Static dividends were the exception rather than the rule, however, and we are encouraged that the majority of the fund's holdings delivered solid, and in many cases spectacular, dividend growth. Consequently, the fund increased its distribution during the 12-month review period, while maintaining a yield above that of the MSCI ACWI Index, in line with its objective. We are conscious that the combination of a premium yield and rising income is important to many of our investors. We remain focused on meeting this objective.

The fund's distribution and yield are shown under 'Specific share class performance' tables in this report. The distribution is subject to a variety of influences, including changes in the market environment, movements in currency and changes in the fund's tax status. Consequently, there is no guarantee that the

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fund will increase the income stream in every reporting period.

Performance against objective

Between 1 April 2023 (the start of the review period) and 31 March 2024, the M&G Global Dividend Fund delivered a positive total return (the combination of income and growth of capital) across all its share classes but underperformed its benchmark, the MSCI ACWI Index, which returned 21.2% in sterling. The fund's success in meeting its objective over this short timeframe was mixed. The fund fell short on the objective of outperforming the MSCI ACWI Index, but delivered on its income objectives of increasing the income stream and providing a higher yield than the MSCI ACWI Index.

Over five years, the fund delivered positive total returns, albeit behind the MSCI ACWI Index which returned 12.1% pa in sterling. Distributions increased in each financial year during this time and the fund's yield has been at a consistent premium to the benchmark. Consequently, the fund has achieved two of its three objectives over this longer timeframe.

For the performance of each share class, please refer to the 'Long-term performance by share class' table in the 'Financial highlights' section of this report.

Investment performance

Global stockmarkets rose during the 12 months under review, with the US leading the gains. New economy bellwethers including NVIDIA, Meta, Microsoft and Amazon.com dominated the rally, propelling the major US indices – the S&P 500 Index, Dow Jones Industrial Average and the NASDAQ Composite Index – to all-time highs. Japan was another strong performer as the Nikkei 225 Index surpassed its previous peak in 1989, although eye-catching local currency returns were pegged back by a weaker yen. Europe struggled to keep up as Switzerland and the UK held back the region, while Asia Pacific ex Japan and emerging markets brought up the rear, not helped by the weakness in China.

Sector performance reflected the dominance of the new economy as technology and communications

services topped the leaderboard. Financials and industrials outperformed among sectors with greater economic sensitivity, although energy and materials underperformed despite a late surge triggered by higher commodity prices. Defensive stocks were left behind in the broader rally. Healthcare performed best among these laggards as Eli Lilly benefited from the theme of anti-obesity, to the detriment of consumer staples which fell in a rising market. Utilities and real estate made little progress as concerns about interest-rate sensitivity weighed on sentiment.

Against this backdrop, the fund underperformed the MSCI ACWI Index. Sector allocation detracted, not helped by the fund's overweight positions in consumer staples and materials.

Trinseo provided the biggest drag on fund performance due to concerns about balance sheet risk, having missed the opportunity to sell a business before the operating environment turned sour. The specialty materials company secured a refinancing deal in September, but this positive development was unable to change sentiment. We continue to believe that the shares are significantly undervalued.

Methanex, a methanol producer, moved sideways in a rising market. We are optimistic about the prospects for cash generation against a backdrop of strong methanol prices and the stock remains a core holding.

abrdn and VF led the laggards in financials and consumer discretionary, respectively, as both companies faced tough trading conditions. Bristol-Myers Squibb drifted lower in an out-of-favour healthcare sector, while Imperial Brands delivered meagre returns in consumer staples.

Not owning NVIDIA, whose share price tripled during the review period, also held back performance relative to the benchmark. The standard bearer for artificial intelligence (AI) is in theory a potential investment candidate because the company has an established dividend track record, but the dividend has not grown for many years and we see opportunities which are more attractively valued elsewhere in the sector.

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Stock selection added value in technology overall, however, with a standout contribution from Broadcom. The semiconductor stock doubled and climbed to an all-time high as a potential beneficiary of the structural growth in AI. Microsoft also delivered substantial gains.

Pandora rallied strongly as the Danish jewellery company demonstrated consistency in its profitable growth strategy. Lundin Mining gathered momentum towards the end of the review period, fuelled by a higher copper price.

Investment activities

We made five new purchases and 10 complete sales during the 12 months under review – a level of turnover consistent with our investment timeframe of three to five years.

The fund's weighting in financials increased with two new holdings: NN, a Dutch life insurer, and CME, the owner and operator of derivatives exchanges. Both companies are highly cash generative, with an impressive track record of returning cash to shareholders. In addition to rising dividends, NN has bought back a significant amount of stock, while CME's consistent growth in ordinary dividends has been supplemented by the annual payment of special dividends. In Asia, we continued to build our position in DBS, the Singaporean bank, and sold AIA, the Hong Kong-based insurer. We also reduced JPMorgan Chase in US banks.

The fund gained exposure to utilities after we bought NextEra Energy. The US company, which claims to be the world's largest generator of renewable energy by way of wind and solar, plays a pivotal role in the energy transition, and the indiscriminate selling in the sector triggered by concerns about interest-rate sensitivity provided an attractive entry point for a solid business exposed to structural growth trends.

We bought Meta after the owner of Facebook announced its maiden dividend. We believe that the strong momentum in operating performance can continue and support a rapidly rising dividend, a scenario which is not adequately reflected in an undemanding valuation, in our view. Meta also provides

a welcome addition to Microsoft and Broadcom in providing portfolio protection during new economy rallies. We reduced Microsoft and Broadcom into strength to manage their weightings in the portfolio. We also sold KLA and ASML after the semiconductor stocks rallied strongly.

Home Depot, the best-in-class operator in the US home improvement market, was the final purchase during the review period. We are optimistic about the prospect of continued market share gains in a large and fragmented industry. Elsewhere in consumer discretionary, we bought more VF and Compagnie Financière Richemont on weakness, and sold adidas into strength as investors warmed to the idea of a potential turnaround under the new chief executive. We also trimmed Pandora after a strong run in the shares.

The fund's energy exposure increased as we added to Gibson Energy and Keyera. We sold our legacy holding in Prosafe, which accounted for a negligible part of the portfolio. We also exited ABB and Accelleron Industries in industrials.

Unilever and Colgate-Palmolive provided a source of cash in consumer staples. In healthcare, we sold Novartis and bought more Roche and Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Outlook

We remain resolutely focused on dividend growth as a compelling strategy over the long term, without losing sight of the reality that the global economy faces challenging times ahead. Dividend cuts will be inevitable for companies not equipped with the financial armoury to withstand a cyclical downturn. Balance sheet strength is a key consideration in our company research to ensure that dividends can be sustained in the current climate. We take comfort from the fact that many of our holdings are carrying net cash.

Despite the difficult macroeconomic backdrop in the short term, we are excited by the long-term opportunities being presented by the current bout of market volatility. The negative sentiment towards some areas of the market is creating attractive entry points, in our view, for some world class companies with rock-

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solid balance sheets and excellent long-term growth potential. Being selective will be paramount. Capitalising on these opportunities will ultimately determine fund performance in the years to come and we remain optimistic about the future.

Stuart Rhodes

Fund manager

An employee of M&G FA Limited which is an associate of M&G Securities Limited.

Please note that the views expressed in this Report should not be taken as a recommendation or advice on how the fund or any holding mentioned in the Report is likely to perform. If you wish to obtain financial advice as to whether an investment is suitable for your needs, you should consult a Financial Adviser.

Portfolio statement

Investments

Holding	as at 31.03.24 £'000	as at 31.03.24 %	as at 31.03.23 %
Equities	1,993,926	99.81	96.73
United Kingdom	208,747	10.45	10.55
41,373,831 abrdn	58,358	2.92	
8,496,543 Imperial Brands	150,389	7.53	
Denmark	23,854	1.19	1.95
187,573 Pandora	23,854	1.19	
Finland	51,626	2.58	1.85
1,396,856 Kone	51,626	2.58	
Germany	53,182	2.66	3.92
351,524 Siemens	53,182	2.66	
Ireland	62,514	3.13	2.09
906,360 Medtronic	62,514	3.13	
Netherlands	32,528	1.63	1.79
888,543 NN	32,528	1.63	
Sweden	32,043	1.60	0.51
1,487,862 Volvo	32,043	1.60	
Switzerland	83,681	4.19	8.78
373,286 Compagnie Financière Richemont	45,110	2.26	
191,102 Roche	38,571	1.93	
United States	746,928	37.39	35.25
310,926 Analog Devices	48,673	2.44	
44,332 BlackRock	29,195	1.46	
1,604,393 Bristol-Myers Squibb	68,875	3.45	
119,808 Broadcom	125,602	6.29	
193,483 CME	32,961	1.65	
871,561 Coca-Cola	42,190	2.11	
66,483 Elevance Health	27,278	1.37	
58,272 Home Depot	17,684	0.89	
14,377 JPMorgan Chase	2,279	0.11	
250,749 Lowe's	50,519	2.53	
190,945 Marsh & McLennan	31,116	1.56	
106,788 Meta	41,035	2.05	
282,565 Microsoft	93,950	4.70	

Portfolio statement

Investments (continued)

Holding	as at 31.03.24 £'000	as at 31.03.24 %	as at 31.03.23 %
Equities (continued)			
United States (continued)			
661,241 NextEra Energy	33,427	1.67	
135,337 PepsiCo	18,750	0.94	
2,967,311 Trinseo	8,879	0.44	
4,279,862 VF	51,938	2.60	
102,325 Visa	22,577	1.13	
Canada	436,627	21.86	17.61
7,384,327 Gibson Energy	99,567	4.98	
240,662 Intact Financial	30,887	1.55	
4,136,276 Keyera	84,177	4.21	
8,697,809 Lundin Mining	70,214	3.52	
4,299,066 Methanex	151,782	7.60	
Japan	55,304	2.77	2.95
2,527,700 Takeda Pharmaceutical	55,304	2.77	
Australia	128,588	6.44	5.05
594,616 Amcor	4,472	0.22	
9,174,364 Amcor CDI	68,417	3.43	
8,669,612 Treasury Wine Estates	55,699	2.79	
Hong Kong	0	0.00	1.36
Singapore	41,897	2.10	0.78
1,982,500 DBS	41,897	2.10	
Taiwan	24,055	1.20	1.43
1,250,000 Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	24,055	1.20	
South Africa	12,352	0.62	0.86
3,381,001 Motus	12,352	0.62	
Total portfolio	1,993,926	99.81	96.73
Net other assets/(liabilities)	3,788	0.19	3.27
Net assets attributable to shareholders	1,997,714	100.00	100.00

All securities are on an official stock exchange listing except where referenced.

Portfolio statement

Top ten portfolio transactions for the year to 31 March 2024

Largest purchases	£'000
Meta	41,127
NextEra Energy	38,262
VF	36,992
CME	34,829
Roche	33,445
NN	31,127
DBS	29,676
Coca-Cola	29,519
Compagnie Financière Richemont	28,262
Broadcom	24,892
Other purchases	301,402
Total purchases	629,533

Largest sales	£'000
Broadcom	118,420
Novartis	75,307
Microsoft	71,858
ABB	59,233
Pandora	51,474
ASML	50,899
KLA	48,207
JPMorgan Chase	35,157
Analog Devices	33,020
Coca-Cola	32,941
Other sales	465,126
Total sales	1,041,642

Purchases and sales exclude the cost and proceeds of 'AAA' rated money market funds.

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Fund performance

Please note past performance is not a guide to future performance and the value of investments, and the income from them, will fluctuate. This will cause the fund price to fall as well as rise and you may not get back the original amount you invested.

As different share classes have different attributes, for example charging structures and minimum investments, please be aware that their performance may be different.

For additional information, including monthly fund commentaries, fund facts, historic prices, distribution rates, performance information (including a range of performance graphs) and other documents, please visit our website at mandg.com/investments

Long-term performance by share class

To give an indication of the performance of the fund, the following table shows the compound rate of return, per annum, over the period. Calculated on a price to price basis with income reinvested. Please refer to 'Specific share class performance' tables for the share class launch dates.

Share class	One year % ^a	Three years % pa	Five years % pa	Ten years % pa
Sterling				
Class 'A' Income	+9.8	+9.3	+9.7	+9.2
Class 'A' Accumulation	+9.8	+9.3	+9.7	+9.2
Class 'I' Income	+10.2	+9.7	+10.2	+9.8
Class 'I' Accumulation	+10.2	+9.7	+10.2	+9.8
Class 'PP' Income	+10.3	+9.9	n/a	n/a
Class 'PP' Accumulation	+10.3	+9.9	n/a	n/a
Class 'R' Income	+9.9	+9.5	+9.9	+9.5
Class 'R' Accumulation	+9.9	+9.5	+9.9	+9.5
Benchmark	+21.2	+10.7	+12.1	+12.3

^a Not annualised.

Specific share class performance

The following comparative tables show the performance of each share class. All 'Performance and charges' percentages represent an annual rate except for the 'Return after operating charges' which is calculated as a percentage of the opening net asset value per share (NAV per share).

'Operating charges' and 'Direct transaction costs' are calculated as a percentage of average net asset value. Where there is a change in the charging structure, you may see variances in the 'operating charges' between the comparative and current year figures.

The closing NAV per share shown may diverge from the highest and lowest share prices (used for dealing purposes) as at the balance sheet date due to accounting and valuation adjustments.

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Sterling Class 'A' Income shares

The share class was launched on 18 July 2008.

for the year to 31 March Change in NAV per share	2024 UK p	2023 UK p	2022 UK p
Opening NAV	264.45	270.84	237.19
Return before operating charges	30.26	5.07	43.79
Operating charges	(2.79)	(2.79)	(2.68)
Return after operating charges	27.47	2.28	41.11
Distributions	(9.21)	(8.67)	(7.46)
Closing NAV	282.71	264.45	270.84
After direct transaction cost of	0.10	0.07	0.11
Performance			
Return after charges (%)	10.39	0.84	17.33
Other information			
Closing NAV (£'000)	90,821	458,766	429,266
Number of shares	32,124,494	173,480,826	158,492,534
Operating charges (%)	1.06	1.06	1.06
Direct transaction costs (%)	0.04	0.03	0.04
Prices			
Highest share price	285.35	283.86	274.37
Lowest share price	248.41	240.78	237.68

Sterling Class 'A' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 18 July 2008.

for the year to 31 March Change in NAV per share	2024 UK p	2023 UK p	2022 UK p
Opening NAV	426.83	422.68	359.71
Return before operating charges	49.59	8.55	67.08
Operating charges	(4.55)	(4.40)	(4.11)
Return after operating charges	45.04	4.15	62.97
Distributions	(10.48)	(9.28)	(7.33)
Retained distributions	10.48	9.28	7.33
Closing NAV	471.87	426.83	422.68
After direct transaction cost of	0.16	0.10	0.16
Performance			
Return after charges (%)	10.55	0.98	17.51
Other information			
Closing NAV (£'000)	198,564	219,009	192,892
Number of shares	42,079,924	51,310,735	45,635,516
Operating charges (%)	1.06	1.06	1.06
Direct transaction costs (%)	0.04	0.03	0.04
Prices			
Highest share price	469.54	451.97	423.78
Lowest share price	406.15	380.92	360.47

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Sterling Class 'I' Income shares

The share class was launched on 18 July 2008.

for the year to 31 March Change in NAV per share	2024 UK p	2023 UK p	2022 UK p
Opening NAV	291.66	297.52	259.51
Return before operating charges	33.48	5.60	48.03
Operating charges	(1.92)	(1.92)	(1.83)
Return after operating charges	31.56	3.68	46.20
Distributions	(10.17)	(9.54)	(8.19)
Closing NAV	313.05	291.66	297.52
After direct transaction cost of	0.11	0.07	0.12
Performance			
Return after charges (%)	10.82	1.24	17.80
Other information			
Closing NAV (£'000)	418,861	416,515	504,632
Number of shares	133,800,875	142,809,208	169,614,957
Operating charges (%)	0.66	0.66	0.66
Direct transaction costs (%)	0.04	0.03	0.04
Prices			
Highest share price	315.96	312.89	301.39
Lowest share price	274.60	265.06	260.05

Sterling Class 'I' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 18 July 2008.

for the year to 31 March Change in NAV per share	2024 UK p	2023 UK p	2022 UK p
Opening NAV	470.05	463.62	392.98
Return before operating charges	54.79	9.44	73.44
Operating charges	(3.12)	(3.01)	(2.80)
Return after operating charges	51.67	6.43	70.64
Distributions	(13.46)	(12.03)	(9.72)
Retained distributions	13.46	12.03	9.72
Closing NAV	521.72	470.05	463.62
After direct transaction cost of	0.17	0.12	0.18
Performance			
Return after charges (%)	10.99	1.39	17.98
Other information			
Closing NAV (£'000)	798,366	767,725	714,797
Number of shares	153,026,053	163,327,785	154,175,718
Operating charges (%)	0.66	0.66	0.66
Direct transaction costs (%)	0.04	0.03	0.04
Prices			
Highest share price	519.14	497.46	464.83
Lowest share price	448.29	418.72	393.82

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Sterling Class 'PP' Income shares

The share class was launched on 5 August 2019.

for the year to 31 March Change in NAV per share	2024 UK p	2023 UK p	2022 UK p
Opening NAV	126.21	128.62	112.07
Return before operating charges	14.51	2.42	20.76
Operating charges	(0.71)	(0.70)	(0.67)
Return after operating charges	13.80	1.72	20.09
Distributions	(4.41)	(4.13)	(3.54)
Closing NAV	135.60	126.21	128.62
After direct transaction cost of	0.05	0.03	0.05
Performance			
Return after charges (%)	10.93	1.34	17.93
Other information			
Closing NAV (£'000)	285,986	321,283	315,711
Number of shares	210,900,527	254,560,081	245,468,536
Operating charges (%)	0.56	0.56	0.56
Direct transaction costs (%)	0.04	0.03	0.04
Prices			
Highest share price	136.86	135.38	130.29
Lowest share price	118.89	114.65	112.31

Sterling Class 'PP' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 8 April 2019.

for the year to 31 March Change in NAV per share	2024 UK p	2023 UK p	2022 UK p
Opening NAV	143.03	140.93	119.34
Return before operating charges	16.69	2.88	22.32
Operating charges	(0.81)	(0.78)	(0.73)
Return after operating charges	15.88	2.10	21.59
Distributions	(4.24)	(3.80)	(3.08)
Retained distributions	4.24	3.80	3.08
Closing NAV	158.91	143.03	140.93
After direct transaction cost of	0.05	0.04	0.05
Performance			
Return after charges (%)	11.10	1.49	18.09
Other information			
Closing NAV (£'000)	168,083	110,538	76,357
Number of shares	105,775,009	77,283,568	54,179,914
Operating charges (%)	0.56	0.56	0.56
Direct transaction costs (%)	0.04	0.03	0.04
Prices			
Highest share price	158.12	151.35	141.30
Lowest share price	136.48	127.35	119.59

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Sterling Class 'R' Income shares

The share class was launched on 3 August 2012.

for the year to 31 March Change in NAV per share	2024 UK p	2023 UK p	2022 UK p
Opening NAV	203.83	208.44	182.27
Return before operating charges	23.35	3.92	33.68
Operating charges	(1.85)	(1.85)	(1.77)
Return after operating charges	21.50	2.07	31.91
Distributions	(7.10)	(6.68)	(5.74)
Closing NAV	218.23	203.83	208.44
After direct transaction cost of	0.07	0.05	0.08
Performance			
Return after charges (%)	10.55	0.99	17.51
Other information			
Closing NAV (£'000)	12,129	11,675	11,991
Number of shares	5,557,826	5,728,147	5,752,853
Operating charges (%)	0.91	0.91	0.91
Direct transaction costs (%)	0.04	0.03	0.04
Prices			
Highest share price	220.26	218.74	211.16
Lowest share price	191.63	185.45	182.65

Sterling Class 'R' Accumulation shares

The share class was launched on 3 August 2012.

for the year to 31 March Change in NAV per share	2024 UK p	2023 UK p	2022 UK p
Opening NAV	287.29	284.07	241.39
Return before operating charges	33.42	5.76	45.05
Operating charges	(2.63)	(2.54)	(2.37)
Return after operating charges	30.79	3.22	42.68
Distributions	(7.49)	(6.66)	(5.31)
Retained distributions	7.49	6.66	5.31
Closing NAV	318.08	287.29	284.07
After direct transaction cost of	0.11	0.07	0.11
Performance			
Return after charges (%)	10.72	1.13	17.68
Other information			
Closing NAV (£'000)	24,904	23,919	23,754
Number of shares	7,829,487	8,325,744	8,362,117
Operating charges (%)	0.91	0.91	0.91
Direct transaction costs (%)	0.04	0.03	0.04
Prices			
Highest share price	316.50	304.15	284.81
Lowest share price	273.60	256.21	241.90

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Statement of total return

for the year to 31 March		2024		2023	
	Note	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income					
Net capital gains/(losses)	5		152,226		(32,878)
Revenue	7	81,883		82,718	
Expenses	8	(16,260)		(17,565)	
Interest payable and similar charges		(1)		(10)	
Net revenue/(expense) before taxation		65,622		65,143	
Taxation	9	(7,396)		(6,935)	
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation			58,226		58,208
Total return before distributions			210,452		25,330
Distributions	10		(66,442)		(67,966)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities			144,010		(42,636)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

for the year to 31 March		2024		2023	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders			2,329,430		2,338,268
Amounts received on issue of shares		144,102		252,304	
Amounts paid on cancellation of shares		(651,080)		(246,332)	
			(506,978)		5,972
Dilution adjustments			725		250
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)			144,010		(42,636)
Retained distributions on Accumulation shares			30,526		27,574
Unclaimed distributions			1		2
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders			1,997,714		2,329,430

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Balance sheet

as at 31 March	Note	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Assets			
Fixed assets			
Investments		1,993,926	2,253,312
Current assets			
Debtors	11	31,009	32,060
Cash and bank balances	12	1,671	11,169
Cash equivalents		0	71,175
Total assets		2,026,606	2,367,716
Liabilities			
Creditors			
Bank overdrafts		(7,177)	(1,230)
Distribution payable		(11,574)	(16,520)
Other creditors	13	(10,141)	(20,536)
Total liabilities		(28,892)	(38,286)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		1,997,714	2,329,430

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Notes to the financial statements

1 Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with UK Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 and amended in June 2017, except in relation to the separate disclosure in note 15.

2 Summary of significant accounting policies

a. Basis of preparation

There are no material events that have been identified that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for at least the next twelve months from the date these financial statements are authorised for issue. The ACD believes that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. The ACD has made an assessment of the fund's ability to continue as a going concern which is made as at the date of issue of these financial statements and considers liquidity, declines in global capital markets, investor intention, known redemption levels, expense projections and key service provider's operational resilience.

The financial statements of M&G Global Dividend Fund are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss.

b. Functional and presentational currency

The functional and presentational currency of M&G Global Dividend Fund is UK sterling.

c. Exchange rates

Transactions in currencies other than the fund's functional currency are translated at the rate of exchange ruling on the date of the transaction and where applicable assets and liabilities are translated into the fund's functional currency at the rate of exchange ruling as at 12 noon on 28 March 2024 being the last business day of the accounting period. However, investments have been translated into the fund's functional currency using the rate of exchange ruling as at close of business on the 29 March 2024.

d. Investments – recognition and valuation

The provisions of both Section 11 and Section 12 of FRS 102 have been applied in full. All investments have been classified as fair value through profit and loss and recognised initially at fair value, which is normally the transaction price (excluding transaction costs).

At the end of the reporting period all investments have been measured at their fair value using the prices and the portfolio holdings determined at close of business on 29 March 2024, being the last valuation point of the accounting period.

Investments have been translated into the fund's functional currency using the rate of exchange ruling as at close of business on the 29 March 2024.

Where separate bid and offer prices are available, the bid price is used for investment assets and the offer price for investment liabilities. Otherwise, the single price or most recent transaction price is used. The methods of determining fair value for the principal classes of investment are:

- Equities which are traded on an active market are included at the quoted price, which is normally the bid price.

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- Equities traded on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM), whose liquidity cannot be guaranteed, are included at their quoted bid price as this represents the most objective and appropriate method of valuation.
- Collective investment schemes operated by the ACD are included at either their cancellation price for dual priced funds or their single price for single priced funds.
- Collective investment schemes operated by another manager are included at either their bid price for dual priced funds or their single price for single priced funds.
- Other equities which are unquoted or not actively traded on a quoted market are included at a value estimated by the ACD using an appropriate valuation technique.
- Exchange traded futures and options are included at the cost of closing out the contract at the balance sheet date.
- Over the counter equity options, credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, asset swaps and inflation swaps are included at a value provided by Markit Valuations Limited, an independent credit derivative price provider. Their fair value excludes any accrued interest in respect of derivatives where the income is revenue in nature.
- Forward currency contracts, for share class hedging and investment, are included at a value determined by reference to current forward exchange rates for contracts with similar maturity profiles.

e. Recognition of income and expenses

- Dividends, including ordinary stock dividends, from equity investments are recognised when the security is quoted ex-dividend.
- Distributions from collective investment schemes are recognised when the scheme is priced ex-distribution.
- Bank interest is recognised on an accruals basis.
- Underwriting commission is recognised when the issue takes place.
- Revenue from derivatives is recognised on an accruals basis.
- Fee rebates from investing in other collective investment schemes are recognised on an accruals basis.
- Expenses are recognised on an accruals basis.

f. Treatment of income and expenses

- Any increases or decreases in the fair value of investments and gains and losses realised on sales of investments are treated as capital and recognised in net capital gains/(losses).
- The value of any enhancement to a stock dividend is treated as capital.
- Ordinary equity dividends, including ordinary stock dividends are treated as revenue.
- Special dividends, share buy backs or additional share issues may be treated as revenue or capital depending on the facts of each particular case.
- Distributions from collective investment schemes are treated as revenue in nature, except for any element of equalisation, which represents the average amount of income included in the price paid for the collective investment scheme, which is treated as capital.
- Other interest income, such as bank interest is treated as revenue.

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- Underwriting commission is treated as revenue, except where the fund is required to take up all or some of the shares underwritten, in which case a proportion of the commission received is deducted from the cost of the shares and treated as capital.
- The treatment of the income on derivative contracts depends upon the nature of the transaction. Both motive and circumstances are used to determine whether the returns should be treated as capital or revenue. Where positions are undertaken to protect or enhance capital, and the circumstances support this, the returns are recognised in net capital gains; similarly where the motives and circumstances are to generate or protect revenue, and the circumstances support this, the returns are included within net revenue before taxation. Where positions generate total returns it will generally be appropriate to apportion such returns between capital and revenue to properly reflect the nature of the transaction.
- Expenses relating to the purchase and sale of investments are treated as capital; all other expenses are treated as revenue.
- Rebates of charges from holdings in collective investment schemes are treated as revenue or capital in accordance with the underlying scheme's distribution policy.

g. Operating charges

Operating charges include payments made to M&G and to providers independent of M&G:

- **Annual charge:** Charge paid to M&G covering the annual cost of M&G managing and administering the fund and the costs of third parties providing services to the fund.
For every £1 billion of a fund's net asset value, a discount of 0.02% will be applied to that fund's annual charge (up to a maximum of 0.12%).
- **Extraordinary legal and tax expenses:** Costs that specifically relate to legal or tax claims that are both exceptional and unforeseeable. Such expenses are uncommon, and would not be expected in most years. Although they result in a short-term cost to the fund, generally they can deliver longer term benefits for investors.
- **Ongoing charges from underlying funds:** Ongoing charges from underlying funds (excluding Investment Trust Companies and Real Estate Investment Trusts) will be rebated.

These charges do not include portfolio transaction costs or any entry and exit charges (also known as initial and redemption charges). The charging structures of share classes may differ, and therefore the operating charges may differ.

Operating charges are in line with the ongoing charges shown in the Key Investor Information Document, other than where there have been extraordinary legal or tax expenses, or an estimate has been used for the ongoing charge because a material change has made the operating charges unreliable as an estimate of future charges.

h. Portfolio transaction costs

Portfolio transaction costs are incurred by funds when buying and selling investments. These costs vary depending on the types of investment, their market capitalisation, country of exchange and method of execution. They are made up of direct and indirect portfolio transaction costs:

- **Direct portfolio transaction costs:** Broker execution commission and taxes.
- **Indirect portfolio transaction costs:** 'Dealing spread' – the difference between the buying and selling prices of the fund's investments; some types of investment, such as fixed interest securities, have no direct transaction costs and only the dealing spread is paid.

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Investments are bought or sold by a fund when changes are made to the investment portfolio and in response to net flows of money into or out of the fund from investors buying and selling shares in the fund.

To protect existing investors, portfolio transaction costs incurred as a result of investors buying and selling shares in the fund are recovered from those investors through a 'dilution adjustment' to the price they pay or receive.

i. Tax

Dividends and similar income receivable are recognised at an amount that includes any withholding tax but excludes irrecoverable tax credits. Any withholding tax suffered is shown as part of the tax charge.

Tax is accounted for at the appropriate rate of corporation tax with relief for double taxation taken where appropriate. The tax accounting treatment follows the principal amounts involved.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of temporary timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis, at the average rate of tax expected to apply in the period in which it expects the deferred tax to be realised or settled. A deferred tax asset is only recognised to the extent that it is more likely than not that the asset will be recovered.

Marginal tax relief has not been taken into account in respect of expenses offset against capital.

j. Allocation of returns to share classes

The annual charge is directly attributable to individual share classes. All other returns are apportioned to the fund's share classes pro-rata to the value of the net assets of the relevant share class on the day that the income or expenses are recognised.

All available net revenue accounted for in accordance with the above policies and adjusted where relevant by any specific distribution policies set out in the notes to that fund's financial statements, is distributed to holders of Income shares or retained and reinvested for holders of Accumulation shares. Should expenses and taxation together exceed revenue, there will be no distribution and the shortfall will be met from capital.

Distributions which have remained unclaimed by shareholders for more than six years are credited to the capital property of the fund.

3 Risk management policies

The ACD is responsible for establishing, implementing and maintaining an adequate and documented risk management policy for identifying, measuring and managing all risks to which funds are or might be exposed.

The Company's investment activities expose it to various types of risk which are associated with the financial instruments and markets in which it invests; market risk, liquidity risk and counterparty credit risk.

These financial statements are designed to enable users to evaluate the nature and extent of those risks and how they are managed.

The following risk management policies are applicable to the fund, with specific risk disclosures set out in notes 19 to 21 in this report.

a. Market risk

Market risk is the risk of loss resulting from fluctuations in the market value of positions in a fund's portfolio attributable to changes in market variables, such as interest rates, exchange rates, equity and commodity prices or an issuer's creditworthiness.

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In relation to market risk, processes are applied that take account of the investment objective and policy of the fund. The fund is subject to an investment oversight process in accordance with the type and nature of the fund. In addition all funds are monitored for compliance within regulatory limits.

In measuring and monitoring market risk, the global exposure of a fund is calculated using a 'commitment' approach.

b. Commitment approach

The commitment approach is applied for funds investing only in traditional asset classes, namely equities, fixed income, money market instruments and collective investment schemes.

In addition, the approach is applied for funds which use or intend to use derivatives or instruments embedding derivatives, but only for efficient portfolio management purposes, or in a simple way not necessarily restricted to efficient portfolio management.

Under the commitment approach the global exposure of funds is measured and monitored using a commitment (adjusted notional) methodology.

Market risk is considered on a daily basis and forms the foundation of investment oversight analysis. This can include for each fund (but is not limited to) the analysis of factors such as fund concentration; style, geographical, industry and market capitalisation biases; active, systematic and specific risk measurements; active money; and beta characteristics.

c. Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that a fund's holdings cannot be sold, liquidated or closed out at limited cost in an adequately short time frame and that the ability of the scheme to comply at any time with its obligation to sell and redeem shares is thereby compromised.

The overall liquidity profile for the fund is reviewed and updated regularly. The liquidity profile takes into account investment, cashflow and market liquidity considerations.

Investment liquidity considerations include an assessment of asset class liquidity conditions, liquidity of underlying holdings, portfolio construction and concentration, the scale of the individual stock ownership and the nature of the investment strategy.

Cashflow liquidity is managed in the fund on a daily basis using reports that include subscription and redemption information as well as the impact of trading, derivative lifecycle events and corporate action activity. In addition to the daily reporting, the fund managers are provided with reporting that highlights the impact of reasonably predictable events in the portfolio, including an allowance for the potential future exposures that might result from derivative exposures.

Market (or distribution-related) considerations include an assessment of asset demand, fund growth, client concentration and the persistency of the client base. Supplementary to this, market liquidity stress tests are carried out on a monthly basis for all funds.

Liquidity in funds is independently assessed and challenged through the internal governance process at M&G. Fund liquidity is modelled and compared against potential liability scenarios such as severe redemption or collateral calls and any funds with liquidity issues are flagged to the internal committee. Funds flagged to the internal committee are escalated and remedial action agreed. The fund has not been escalated for remedial action.

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d. Counterparty credit risk

Funds investing in derivatives are exposed to counterparty risk. This is the risk that the other party to the transaction fails to fulfil their obligations, either by failing to pay or failing to deliver securities. To minimise this risk, carefully selected, financially strong and well-established counterparties are selected following a thorough due diligence review and collateral is posted daily (in the form of cash or high-quality government bonds). Derivative positions are valued on a mark-to-market basis (revalued to reflect prevailing market prices) daily and collateral moves from one counterparty to the other to reflect movements in the unrealised profit or loss. As a result, the maximum loss to the fund would be limited to that day's price movements in affected derivatives contracts.

4 Distribution policy

In order to conduct a controlled dividend flow to shareholders, interim distributions will be at the fund manager's discretion, up to the maximum of the distributable income available for the period.

In determining the amount available for distribution to Income shares, the annual charge is offset against capital, increasing the amount available for distribution whilst restraining capital performance to an equivalent extent.

5 Net capital gains/(losses)

for the year to 31 March	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Non-derivative securities	152,715	(31,869)
Currency gains/(losses)	(489)	(1,009)
Net capital gains/(losses)	152,226	(32,878)

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6 Portfolio transactions and associated costs

The following tables show portfolio transactions and their associated transaction costs. For more information about the nature of the costs please see the sections on 'Operating charges' and 'Portfolio transaction costs' within 'Notes to the financial statements' on pages 25 and 26. Total direct portfolio transaction costs are stated before dilution adjustments.

for the year to 31 March	2024 £'000	% of transaction	2023 £'000	% of transaction
a) Purchases				
Equities				
Equities before transaction costs	629,143		567,120	
Commissions	204	0.03	209	0.04
Taxes	186	0.03	119	0.02
Total purchases after transaction costs	629,533		567,448	
b) Sales				
Equities				
Equities before transaction costs	1,042,053		586,943	
Commissions	(309)	0.03	(179)	0.03
Taxes	(102)	0.01	(76)	0.01
Total sales after transaction costs	1,041,642		586,688	
	2024 £'000	% of average NAV	2023 £'000	% of average NAV
c) Direct portfolio transaction costs				
Commissions paid				
Equities	513	0.03	388	0.02
Taxes paid				
Equities	288	0.01	195	0.01
Total direct portfolio transaction costs	801	0.04	583	0.03
		%		%
d) Indirect portfolio transaction costs				
Average portfolio dealing spread as at the balance sheet date		0.13		0.11

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7 Revenue

for the year to 31 March	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Bank interest	60	33
Dividends from equity investments: non-taxable	80,475	82,315
Dividends from equity investments: taxable	2	3
Interest distributions	1,330	354
Rebate of ongoing charges from underlying funds	16	13
Total revenue	81,883	82,718

8 Expenses

for the year to 31 March	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Payable to the ACD or associate		
Annual charge	16,260	17,565
Total expenses	16,260	17,565

Audit fees for the year ending 2024 were £12,000 (2023: £11,000) (including VAT), which are covered by the annual charge.

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9 Taxation

for the year to 31 March	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
a) Analysis of charge in the year		
Corporation tax	0	0
Withholding tax	7,396	6,935
Deferred tax (note 9c)	0	0
Total taxation	7,396	6,935
b) Factors affecting taxation charge for the year		
Net revenue/(expense) before taxation	65,622	65,143
Corporation tax at 20%	13,124	13,029
Effects of:		
Dividends from equity investments: non-taxable	(16,095)	(16,463)
Current year expenses not utilised	2,971	3,434
Withholding tax	7,396	6,935
Total tax charge (note 9a)	7,396	6,935
c) Provision for deferred taxation		
Provision at the start of the year	0	0
Deferred tax in profit and loss account (note 9a)	0	0
Provision at the end of the year	0	0

The fund has not recognised a deferred tax asset of £144,897,000 (2023: £141,926,000) arising as a result of having excess management expenses. We do not expect this asset to be utilised in the foreseeable future.

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10 Distributions

For each distribution period, the distributions payable on Income shares (Inc) and distributions retained on Accumulation shares (Acc) are disclosed.

for the year to 31 March	2024		2023	
	Inc	Acc	Inc	Acc
Dividend distributions	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
First interim	7,525	4,884	7,946	4,586
Second interim	7,735	5,757	8,110	5,253
Third interim	6,344	5,607	7,838	5,229
Final	11,574	14,278	16,520	12,506
Total net distributions		63,704		67,988
Income deducted on cancellation of shares		3,176		1,040
Income received on issue of shares		(438)		(1,062)
Distributions		66,442		67,966
Net revenue/(expense) per statement of total return		58,226		58,208
Expenses offset against capital		8,216		9,757
Undistributed income carried forward		0		1
Distributions		66,442		67,966

11 Debtors

as at 31 March	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Amounts receivable on issues of shares	1,236	3,883
Currency deals outstanding	5,979	10,679
Distributions receivable	25	68
Dividends receivable	10,627	7,288
Rebate of ongoing charges from underlying funds	0	1
Sales awaiting settlement	7,361	4,061
Withholding tax recoverable	5,781	6,080
Total debtors	31,009	32,060

12 Cash and bank balances

as at 31 March	2024	2023
	£'000	£'000
Cash held as bank balances	1,671	11,169
Total cash and bank balances	1,671	11,169

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13 Other creditors

as at 31 March	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Amounts payable on cancellation of shares	2,735	1,943
Annual charge payable	353	516
Currency deals outstanding	5,969	10,680
Purchases awaiting settlement	1,002	6,984
Payable to M&G (Lux) Global Dividend Fund	82	413
Total other creditors	10,141	20,536

14 Contingent assets, liabilities and outstanding commitments

There were no contingent assets, liabilities or outstanding commitments at the balance sheet date (2023: same).

15 Shares in issue

The following table shows each class of share in issue during the year. Each share class has the same rights on winding up however they may have different charging structures as set out in note 16.

Share class	Opening 01.04.23	Issued	Movements Cancelled	Converted	Closing 31.03.24
Sterling					
Class 'A' Income	173,480,826	829,428	(142,185,760)	0	32,124,494
Class 'A' Accumulation	51,310,735	1,605,118	(10,835,929)	0	42,079,924
Class 'I' Income	142,809,208	7,633,773	(16,642,106)	0	133,800,875
Class 'I' Accumulation	163,327,785	8,630,894	(18,932,626)	0	153,026,053
Class 'PP' Income	254,560,081	21,001,384	(64,660,938)	0	210,900,527
Class 'PP' Accumulation	77,283,568	29,656,391	(1,164,950)	0	105,775,009
Class 'R' Income	5,728,147	377,211	(547,532)	0	5,557,826
Class 'R' Accumulation	8,325,744	624,410	(1,120,667)	0	7,829,487

It is not possible to separately identify all share class conversions. As a result, the share class movements (issued/cancelled) as disclosed in the table above may also include share class conversions.

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16 Charging structure

The table below sets out the charging structure for each class of share. The charging structure is the same for both Income and Accumulation shares of each class. The amounts shown are the maximum annual charge. M&G will apply a discount of 0.02% for every £1 billion of a fund's net asset value. This is assessed quarterly and implemented on a forward basis no later than 13 business days after quarter end.

Share class	Annual charge %
Sterling	
Class 'A'	1.10
Class 'I'	0.70
Class 'PP'	0.60
Class 'R'	0.95

17 Related parties

M&G Securities Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal on all the transactions of shares in the fund except with in specie transactions, where M&G Securities Limited acts as an agent. The aggregate monies received through issues, and paid on cancellations, are disclosed in the 'Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders' and note 10. Amounts due to/from M&G Securities Limited in respect of share transactions at the year end are disclosed in notes 11 and 13 where applicable.

Amounts paid to M&G Securities Limited in respect of the annual charge are disclosed in note 8. Amounts due at the year end in respect of the annual charge are disclosed in note 13.

Amounts paid to M&G Securities Limited in respect of rebate arrangements for the annual charge are disclosed in note 7.

At the balance sheet date, shareholders from within M&G plc, of which M&G Securities Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary, have holdings totalling 1.65% (2023: 1.36%) of the fund's shares.

18 Fair value analysis

Financial instruments have been measured at their fair value and have been classified below using a hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in measuring their fair value:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted price in an active market for an identical instrument

This includes instruments such as publicly traded equities, highly liquid bonds (eg Government bonds) and exchange traded derivatives (eg futures) for which quoted prices are readily and regularly available.

Level 2: Valuation technique using observable market data

This includes instruments such as over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives, debt securities, convertible bonds, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and open-ended funds which have been valued using models with observable market data inputs.

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Level 3: Valuation technique using unobservable inputs

This refers to instruments which have been valued using models with unobservable data inputs. This includes single broker-priced instruments, suspended/unquoted securities, private equity, unlisted closed-ended funds and open-ended funds with restrictions on redemption rights.

as at 31 March	Assets 2024 £'000	Liabilities 2024 £'000	Assets 2023 £'000	Liabilities 2023 £'000
Basis of valuation				
Level 1	1,993,926	0	2,253,312	0
Level 2	0	0	0	0
Level 3	0	0	0	0
	1,993,926	0	2,253,312	0

19 Risk management policies

The general risk management policies for the fund are set out in note 3 to the financial statements on pages 26 to 28.

20 Market risk sensitivity

A five per cent increase in the value of the fund's investment portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £99,696,000 (2023: £112,666,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

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21 Currency risk sensitivity and exposure

A five per cent increase in the value of the fund's currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets by £90,028,000 (2023: £101,363,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

as at 31 March	2024 £'000	2023 £'000
Currency exposure		
Australian dollar	124,909	118,281
Canadian dollar	287,997	239,018
Danish krone	24,290	46,156
Euro	138,953	179,940
Hong Kong dollar	0	31,652
Japanese yen	56,424	70,025
Norwegian krone	0	47
Singapore dollar	41,897	17,112
South African rand	12,648	19,967
Sterling	197,156	302,164
Swedish krona	33,929	11,870
Swiss franc	87,730	212,018
Taiwan dollar	24,155	33,481
US dollar	967,626	1,047,699
Total	1,997,714	2,329,430

22 Dividend distribution tables

This fund pays quarterly ordinary distributions and the following table sets out the distribution periods.

Quarterly distribution periods

	Start	End	Xd	Payment
First interim	01.04.23	30.06.23	03.07.23	31.08.23
Second interim	01.07.23	30.09.23	02.10.23	30.11.23
Third interim	01.10.23	31.12.23	02.01.24	29.02.24
Final	01.01.24	31.03.24	02.04.24	31.05.24

The following tables set out for each distribution the rates per share for both Group 1 and Group 2 shares.

Group 1 shares are those purchased prior to a distribution period and therefore their income rate is the same as the distribution rate.

Group 2 shares are those purchased during a distribution period and therefore their distribution rate is made up of income and equalisation. Equalisation is the average amount of income included in the purchase price of all Group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to Income

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Tax. Instead, it must be deducted from the cost of shares for Capital Gains Tax purposes. The tables below show the split of the Group 2 rates into the income and equalisation components.

Sterling Class 'A' Income shares

Ordinary distributions for the year to 31 March	Income 2024 UK p	Group 2 Equalisation 2024 UK p	Group 1 & 2 Distribution	
			2024 UK p	2023 UK p
First interim	0.7069	0.9431	1.6500	1.6500
Second interim	1.1799	0.5701	1.7500	1.7000
Third interim	0.4406	1.3094	1.7500	1.7000
Final	2.4079	1.6481	4.0560	3.6168

Sterling Class 'A' Accumulation shares

Ordinary distributions for the year to 31 March	Income 2024 UK p	Group 2 Equalisation 2024 UK p	Group 1 & 2 Distribution	
			2024 UK p	2023 UK p
First interim	0.8939	0.5906	1.4845	1.4666
Second interim	1.4685	0.4625	1.9310	1.7529
Third interim	0.8218	1.0484	1.8702	1.7359
Final	4.1280	1.0614	5.1894	4.3220

Sterling Class 'I' Income shares

Ordinary distributions for the year to 31 March	Income 2024 UK p	Group 2 Equalisation 2024 UK p	Group 1 & 2 Distribution	
			2024 UK p	2023 UK p
First interim	1.0918	0.7288	1.8206	1.8132
Second interim	1.2637	0.6696	1.9333	1.8705
Third interim	0.3838	1.5509	1.9347	1.8718
Final	2.5112	1.9737	4.4849	3.9874

Sterling Class 'I' Accumulation shares

Ordinary distributions for the year to 31 March	Income 2024 UK p	Group 2 Equalisation 2024 UK p	Group 1 & 2 Distribution	
			2024 UK p	2023 UK p
First interim	1.3314	0.7940	2.1254	2.0682
Second interim	1.5545	0.9547	2.5092	2.3057
Third interim	1.0776	1.3980	2.4756	2.3022
Final	3.9214	2.4274	6.3488	5.3519

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Sterling Class 'PP' Income shares

Ordinary distributions for the year to 31 March	Income 2024 UK p	Group 2 Equalisation 2024 UK p	Group 1 & 2 Distribution	
			2024 UK p	2023 UK p
First interim	0.3482	0.4398	0.7880	0.7840
Second interim	0.5008	0.3361	0.8369	0.8089
Third interim	0.2998	0.5379	0.8377	0.8097
Final	1.2485	0.6941	1.9426	1.7251

Sterling Class 'PP' Accumulation shares

Ordinary distributions for the year to 31 March	Income 2024 UK p	Group 2 Equalisation 2024 UK p	Group 1 & 2 Distribution	
			2024 UK p	2023 UK p
First interim	0.3779	0.3062	0.6841	0.6636
Second interim	0.4231	0.3695	0.7926	0.7301
Third interim	0.3076	0.4774	0.7850	0.7301
Final	1.1850	0.7951	1.9801	1.6734

Sterling Class 'R' Income shares

Ordinary distributions for the year to 31 March	Income 2024 UK p	Group 2 Equalisation 2024 UK p	Group 1 & 2 Distribution	
			2024 UK p	2023 UK p
First interim	0.8686	0.4033	1.2719	1.2700
Second interim	0.6873	0.6624	1.3497	1.3091
Third interim	0.3924	0.9576	1.3500	1.3095
Final	1.8175	1.3098	3.1273	2.7873

Sterling Class 'R' Accumulation shares

Ordinary distributions for the year to 31 March	Income 2024 UK p	Group 2 Equalisation 2024 UK p	Group 1 & 2 Distribution	
			2024 UK p	2023 UK p
First interim	0.7031	0.4085	1.1116	1.0912
Second interim	0.9355	0.4518	1.3873	1.2660
Third interim	0.6107	0.7433	1.3540	1.2580
Final	2.3711	1.2667	3.6378	3.0448

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23 Events after the balance sheet date

There were no events after the balance sheet date to disclose.

Other regulatory disclosures

Remuneration

The below disclosure is made in accordance with Undertakings for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities ('UCITS') V and the Guidelines on sound remuneration policies under the UCITS issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority ('ESMA Guidelines').

M&G Securities Limited (the 'UCITS Management Company') is subject to a remuneration policy which is consistent with the principles outlined in the ESMA Guidelines.

The remuneration policy is designed to ensure that any relevant conflicts of interest can be managed appropriately at all times and that the remuneration of employees is in line with the risk policies and objectives of the UCITS funds managed by the UCITS Management Company. Further details of the remuneration policy can be found here: mandgplc.com/our-business/mandg-investments/mandg-investments-business-policies

The remuneration policy and its implementation is reviewed on an annual basis, or more frequently where required, and is approved by the M&G plc Board Remuneration Committee. The most recent review found no fundamental issues with no material changes made to the policy.

M&G Securities Limited is required under UCITS to make quantitative disclosures of remuneration. These disclosures are made in line with M&G's interpretation of currently available guidance on quantitative remuneration disclosures. As market or regulatory guidance evolves, M&G may consider it appropriate to make changes to the way in which quantitative disclosures are calculated.

The 'Identified Staff' of M&G Securities Limited are those who could have a material impact on the risk profile of M&G Securities Limited or the UCITS funds it manages and generally includes senior management, risk takers and control functions. 'Identified Staff' typically provide both UCITS and non-UCITS related services and have a number of areas of responsibility. Therefore, only the portion of remuneration for those individuals' services which may be attributable to UCITS

is included in the remuneration figures disclosed.

Accordingly the figures are not representative of any individual's actual remuneration. The information needed to provide a further breakdown of remuneration is not readily available and would not be relevant or reliable.

The amounts shown below reflect payments made in respect of the financial year 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

	Fixed Remuneration £'000	Variable Remuneration £'000	Total £'000	Beneficiaries
Senior Management	522	1,466	1,988	11
Other Identified Staff	4,419	18,110	22,529	37

