

# FOORD CONSERVATIVE FUND – CLASS A

The fund aims to grow retirement savings by inflation-beating returns over the medium term from a conservative, but actively managed, multi-asset class portfolio. The fund is appropriate for conservative investors in retirement products that are subject to prudential limits who are close to, or typically in, retirement and whose investment horizon does not exceed five years.



**DOMICILE**  
South Africa

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

**FUND MANAGERS**  
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**INCEPTION DATE**  
2 January 2014

**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**  
South African – Multi Asset – Medium Equity

**BENCHMARK**  
CPI + 4% per annum

**MINIMUM LUMP SUM / MONTHLY**  
R50 000 / R1 000

**PORTFOLIO SIZE**  
R1.2 billion

**UNIT PRICE**  
1561.13 cents

**NUMBER OF UNITS**  
1.3 million

**LAST DISTRIBUTIONS**  
28/03/2024: 25.84 cents  
29/09/2023: 20.48 cents

**INCOME DISTRIBUTIONS**  
End-March and end-September each year.

**INCOME CHARACTERISTICS**  
Medium yield, approximately double that of a general equity fund. Income distributions are reduced by the annual service charge, which varies with the relative performance of the fund against its benchmark.

**PORTFOLIO ORIENTATION**  
Typically a medium to low weighting in JSE shares and includes exposure to listed property, commodity securities, bonds, money market instruments and foreign assets.

**SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTIONS**  
Maximum equity exposure of 60%; maximum offshore exposure of 45%; complies with pension fund investment regulations (Regulation 28).

**FOREIGN ASSETS**  
Foreign asset exposure is obtained predominantly via the US dollar priced Foord global funds in Luxembourg and Singapore.

**RISK OF LOSS**  
Medium in periods shorter than six months. Low in periods greater than one year.

**TIME HORIZON**  
Shorter than five years.

**ISIN NUMBER**  
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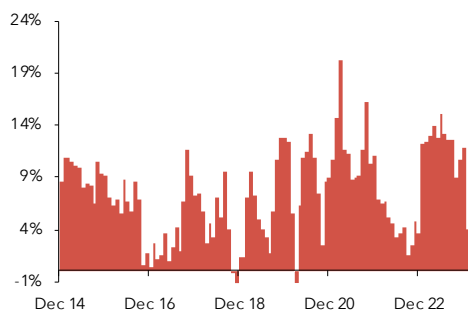
**ASSET ALLOCATION % (MAX LIMITS IN BRACKETS)**  
Change since 31 December 2023

	SA (100)	FOREIGN (45)	TOTAL	CHANGE
Equities (60)	24.3	20.6	44.9	▼ 0.4
Listed property (25)	2.7	0.6	3.4	▼ 0.6
Corporate bonds (50)	0.0	3.5	3.5	▼ 0.6
Government bonds (100)	25.9	2.4	28.3	▼ 1.7
Commodities (10)	3.7	1.3	4.9	▲ 0.3
Money market (100)	6.1	9.0	15.1	▲ 3.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62.7</b>	<b>37.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	

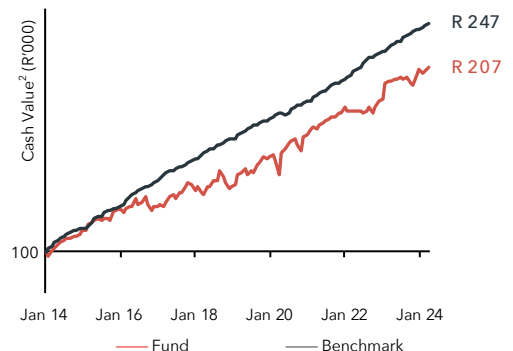
**TOP 10 INVESTMENTS**

SECURITY	ASSET CLASS	MARKET	% OF FUND
Foord International Fund	Foreign assets	LUX	17.2
Foord Global Equity Fund	Foreign assets	SGP	13.2
RSA 1.875% (I2029)	Government bond	ZAF	6.2
RSA 8.875% (R2035)	Government bond	ZAF	5.5
Prosus	Equity	ZAF	3.7
NewGold	Commodity	ZAF	3.4
RSA 8.5% (R2037)	Government bond	ZAF	3.4
RSA 8.25% (R2032)	Government bond	ZAF	3.2
Aspen	Equity	ZAF	2.6
RSA 2.6% (R210)	Government bond	ZAF	2.0

**STRATEGY – ROLLING ONE-YEAR RETURN<sup>3</sup>**



**PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE VS BENCHMARK<sup>3</sup>**



A secondary objective of the Foord Conservative Fund is to protect investor capital over rolling one-year periods. The fee drops to zero if the managers don't achieve this objective. The graph above demonstrates the resilience of the fund's portfolio construction in protecting investor capital from significant drawdowns and growing retirement savings by inflation-beating returns over almost all rolling one-year periods.

**PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE % (PERIODS GREATER THAN ONE YEAR ARE ANNUALISED<sup>1</sup>)**

	CASH VALUE <sup>2</sup>	SINCE INCEPTION	10 YRS	7 YRS	5 YRS	3 YRS	1 YR	THIS MONTH
Fund <sup>3</sup>	R 206,602	7.3	7.4	7.9	8.6	8.3	5.3	1.0
Benchmark <sup>4</sup>	R 246,686	9.2	9.0	8.8	9.1	10.0	9.0	0.8
Fund highest <sup>3,5</sup>		20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3	15.2	5.3	
Fund lowest <sup>3,5</sup>		-1.6	-1.6	-1.6	-1.1	1.5	5.3	

<sup>1</sup> Converted to reflect the average yearly return for each period presented

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

<sup>3</sup> Net of fees and expenses

<sup>4</sup> Source: Stats SA, performance as calculated by Foord (estimated for March 2024)

<sup>5</sup> Highest and lowest actual 12 month rand return achieved in the period

Note: Totals may not cast perfectly due to rounding.

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### FEE RATES

Initial, exit and switching fees	0.0%
Standard annual fee for equalling benchmark	1.0% plus VAT
Performance fee sharing rate	10% (over- and underperformance)
Minimum annual fee	0.5% plus VAT; 0% when annual net-of-fee return falls below zero
Maximum annual fee	Uncapped
<b>Foord global funds</b>	
– Foord International	1.0%
– Foord Global Equity	0.5% plus 15% performance

The annual fee is based on portfolio performance with the daily rate being adjusted up or down based on the portfolio's one-year rolling return relative to that of its benchmark and is subject to a minimum fee rate. No fees are levied when the annual net-of-fee portfolio return falls below zero. Fees accrue in the Foord global funds as disclosed.

### TOTAL INVESTMENT CHARGE %

	12 MONTHS	36 MONTHS
Total expense ratio (TER)	1.53	1.35
– Manager's charge (basic)	1.00	1.00
– Performance charge	0.09	-0.08
– Foord global charges	0.25	0.25
– VAT and sundry costs	0.19	0.17
Transaction costs (incl VAT)	0.08	0.07
<b>Total investment charge</b>	<b>1.61</b>	<b>1.42</b>

A 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 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 31 March 2023 was 1.06%.

### PERFORMANCE FEES

Performance fees align investor and manager return objectives by rewarding the manager for outperformance while penalising the manager for underperformance. Foord's performance fee structure increases or decreases the daily fee levied based on the over or underperformance of the Foord unit trust portfolios relative to their benchmarks. When the portfolio return exceeds the benchmark return, the daily performance fee rate is increased proportionately. Similarly, underperformance causes the daily performance fee rate to decrease proportionately. Performance fee rates are not capped because outperformance is generally not earned smoothly. The annual fee is adjusted up or down daily by the performance fee calculated as the difference between the rolling one-year net-of-fee return and the benchmark return for the same period, multiplied by the performance fee sharing rate.

### PERFORMANCE FEE EXAMPLES %

	A	B	C	D	E
Foord 1-year rolling return	10.0	10.0	10.0	2.0	-2.0
Benchmark 1-year rolling return	8.0	12.0	10.0	9.0	9.0
Relative performance	+2.0	-2.0	0.0	-7.0	-11.0
Performance fee sharing rate	10	10.0	10.0	10.0	0.0
Adjustment to 1% annual fee	+0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.7	0.0
<b>Annual fee rate applied (excl. VAT)</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.5*</b>	<b>0.0**</b>

\* Minimum fees apply

\*\* No fees are levied as the annual net of fee return is below zero

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