

April 2010

All data as at 31 March 2010 unless otherwise stated

## Investment objective and policy

The Fund is a global equity fund which invests wholly or mainly in companies operating in basic industries ('primary' and 'secondary' industries) and also in companies that service these industries. The Fund may also invest in other global equities. The sole aim of the Fund is long term capital growth.

## Key information

<b>Fund manager</b>	Graham French
<b>Launch date*</b>	17 November 2000
<b>Fund size (millions)</b>	£4,540.02
<b>Comparative sector</b>	IMA Global Growth sector
<b>No. of holdings</b>	60
<b>Ex-dividend dates (first business day of the month)</b>	Sep
<b>Payment dates (last calendar day of the month)</b>	Oct
<b>Product availability</b>	ISA, Savings Plan, OEIC
<b>Share type</b>	Acc & Inc
<b>Share price</b>	Acc £9.11 Inc £6.11
<b>ISIN numbers</b>	Acc GB0030932452 Inc GB0030932346
<b>SEDOL codes</b>	Acc 3093245 Inc 3093234
<b>Nominated OEIC Share Class</b>	Sterling Class A

\* The fund originally launched on 28 February 1973 (end of the initial offer period of the Fund in the UK). However, on 17 November 2000, the fund re-launched and we are choosing to use this date as the launch date for this fund. On this date the fund's name, objective, benchmark and sector changed.

## Charges

<b>Sterling Share Class A</b>	
Initial charge	4.00 %
Annual management charge	1.50 %
Withdrawal fee	No
<b>Sterling Share Class X</b>	
Initial charge	0.00 %
Annual management charge	1.50 %
Withdrawal fee	Yes

## Fund manager biography

Graham French joined M&G in 1989 as a graduate from Durham University where he studied geography. His fund management responsibilities include managing the M&G Global Basics Fund and the M&G Managed Growth Fund and co-managing the Vanguard Precious Metals & Mining Fund.

## Investment approach

The M&G Global Basics Fund is a global equity fund that invests in companies considered to be the 'building blocks' of the world's economy.

The fund manager seeks to take advantage of global structural themes, such as rising incomes in developing economies, through positions in both 'primary' industries (companies involved in the extraction of raw materials) and 'secondary' industries (companies involved in the conversion of materials into products and services for businesses or consumers).

The fund has a bias towards 'asset-rich' companies and those that the fund manager believes can grow independently of the economic environment. He seeks to identify businesses that exhibit the following qualities: a strong competitive advantage and a sustainable market share (leadership in a niche market, natural barriers to entry, technological advantage); a proven business model; financial strength (strong balance sheet, good revenue growth); and low valuations.

## Top 10 holdings

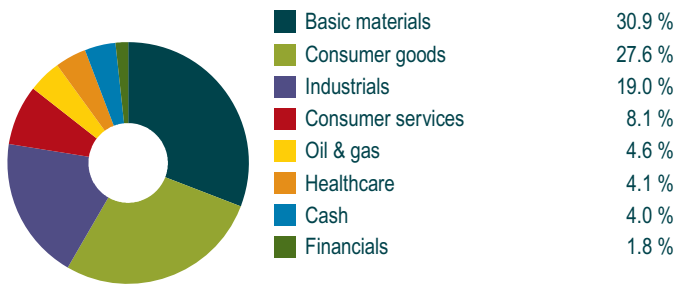
1	Fraser & Neave	4.5 %
2	Lonmin	4.3 %
3	Eramet	4.1 %
4	Tullow Oil	4.1 %
5	Sims	3.9 %
6	Unilever	3.8 %
7	Imerys	3.5 %
8	Ansell	3.2 %
9	Colgate-Palmolive	3.1 %
10	Noble Group	3.0 %

## Fund ratings

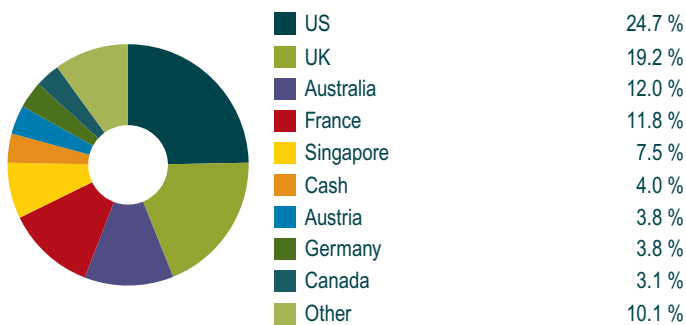
Overall Morningstar Rating	★★★★★
S&P Fund Management Rating	AA
OBSR Fund Rating	AA
Citywire Fund Manager Rating	A

Ratings should not be taken as a recommendation.

## Industry weighting

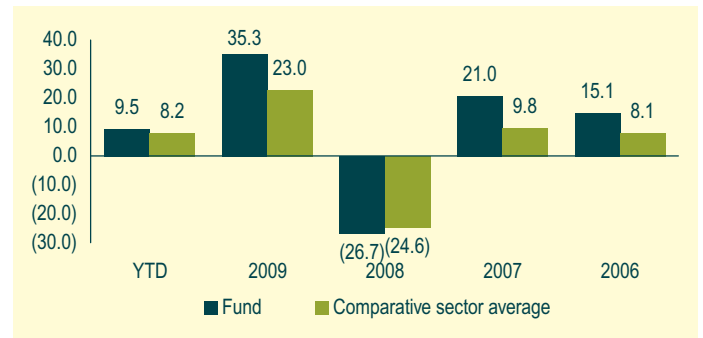


## Geographical breakdown



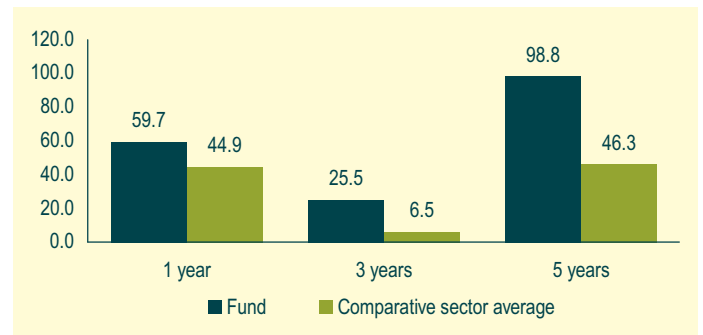
## Annual performance

Total return (%)



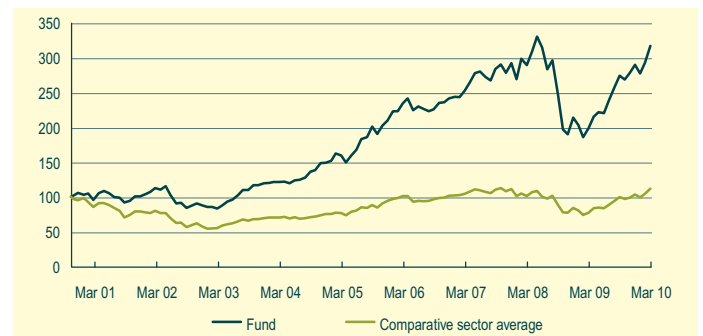
## Cumulative performance

Total return (%)



## Performance since objective revised

Total return (indexed to 100)



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