SEPTEMBER 2020

#### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE**

To achieve optimum risk adjusted total return by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of global equities. The fund aims to achieve a higher total rate of return than the MSCI All Country World Net Total Return Index, without assuming greater risk.

#### **INVESTOR PROFILE**

Investors requiring long-term growth and who are able to withstand investment volatility in the short to medium term. This class is available for subscription by all category of investors, including retail investors.

### **TIME HORIZON**

Longer than three years.

#### **DOMICILE**

Singapore

#### CUSTODIAN

**RBC Investor Services Trust Singapore Limited** 

### **INVESTMENT MANAGER**

Foord Asset Management (Singapore) Pte. Limited

#### **FUND MANAGERS**

Brian Arcese, Dave Foord and Ishreth Hassen

# **INCEPTION DATE**

1 June 2012

### **BASE CURRENCY**

US dollars

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

## **MORNINGSTAR CATEGORY**

Global Large-Cap Blend Equity

# TYPE OF UNITS

Accumulation

### **BENCHMARK**

MSCI All Country World Net Total Return Index

## **INITIAL SUBSCRIPTION AMOUNT**

US\$10 000 or equivalent

# SUBSEQUENT SUBSCRIPTION AMOUNT

US\$1 000 or equivalent

### TOTAL FUND SIZE

\$473.3 million

# MONTH END UNIT PRICE: CLASS B

\$18.57

### **NUMBER OF UNITS: CLASS B**

4.6 million

### ISIN NUMBER: CLASS B

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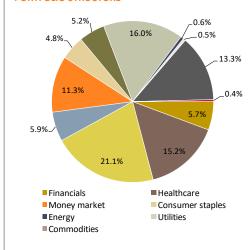
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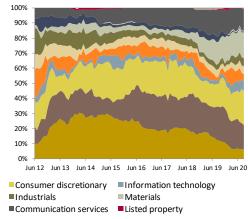
# **ANNUALISED COST RATIO (CLASS B)**

	12 MONTHS	36 MONTHS
TER —Basic	0.91%	0.91%
—Performance	1.01%	0.34%
Transaction costs	0.17%	0.16%
Total cost ratio	2.09%	1.41%

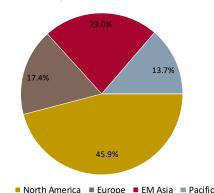
#### **PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE**



### **CHANGES IN PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION**



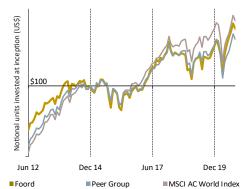
### **GEOGRAPHIC EQUITY EXPOSURE**



### **TOP 5 INVESTMENTS**

SECURITY	% OF FUND
JD.Com Inc	7.1
Tencent Holdings	4.9
IPG Photonics Corporation	4.6
Alphabet Inc	4.3
Wheaton Precious Metals	3.9

### **INVESTMENT TEAM RESTRUCTURE**



Foord Global Equity Fund incepted on 1 June 2012 . The portfolio's relative returns were initially disappointing and on 1 December 2014, Dave Foord assumed the role of CIO and appointed a fresh team of young but talented portfolio managers and analysts. The team now comprises Dave Foord as CIO, Brian Arcese and Ishreth Hassen, supported by additional dedicated equity analysts in Singapore. The accompanying graph reflects the progress achieved to date subsequent to the restructuring of the investment team and change in CIO.

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

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	CASH	SINCE	LAST	LAST	LAST	LAST	LAST	YEAR TO	THIS
	VALUE <sup>2</sup>	INCEPTION	5 YEARS	3 YEARS	12 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	3 MONTHS	DATE	MONTH
FOORD 3,4	\$ 185 660	7.7%	10.1%	6.1%	19.2%	32.2%	5.4%	6.9%	-3.3%
MSCI AC WORLD	\$ 223 925	10.1%	10.3%	7.1%	10.4%	28.9%	8.1%	1.4%	-3.2%
PEER GROUP 4,5	\$ 191 534	8.1%	7.8%	4.6%	9.0%	26.7%	7.7%	0.2%	-3.2%
FOORD IN EUROS 3,4	€ 195 869	8.4%	9.1%	6.4%	10.9%	24.5%	1.1%	2.3%	-1.5%
FOORD IN STERLING 3,4	£ 221 383	10.0%	13.6%	7.4%	13.4%	27.1%	1.2%	9.7%	0.1%
FOORD IN RANDS 3,4	R 364 837	16.8%	14.4%	13.8%	31.9%	24.2%	1.8%	27.9%	-4.4%
FOORD HIGHEST 4,6		30.0%	30.0%	27.1%	19.2%				
FOORD LOWEST 4,6		-15.5%	-15 5%	-15 5%	19 2%				

- <sup>1</sup>Returns in USD unless otherwise stated. Periods greater than one year converted to reflect the average yearly return for each period presented.
- Current value of 100 000 notional currency units invested at inception (graphically represented in \$'000s above)
- Class B shares
- Net of fees and expenses
   Global Large-Cap Blend Equity Morningstar category (provisional). Source: Morningstar
- <sup>6</sup> Highest and lowest actual 12-month return achieved in the period

# **Foord Global Equity Fund**



**CLASS B** 

SEPTEMBER 2020

#### **COMMENTARY**

- Global equities (-3.2%) fell for the first time in six months, weighed down by benchmark-heavy tech stocks—a wave of IPOs, M&A and stock splits typically evident of excessive
  liquidity characterised the month
- US equities (-3.8%) declined on disappointing macroeconomic data and expiring stimulus measures—America's unemployment rate is still high at 8.4%, with retail sales growth slowing dramatically in August
- The US dollar strengthened against most majors, weighing on emerging markets and commodities—gold (-4.1%) retraced some of its recent gains and oil (-9.6%) tumbled after Saudi Arabia cut prices for major customers
- Emerging markets (-1.6%) displayed mixed performance—commodity consumers such as India (+0.6%) (also on rumours of more stimulus) faring better than commodity producers such as Brazil (-7.1%) and Russia (-7.4%)
- On the geopolitical front, tensions between the US and China (-2.7%) remain elevated—the Pentagon said it would extend export restrictions to China's biggest semiconductor manufacturer SMIC
- All sectors fell—energy (-12.1%), financials (-5.3%) and communication services (-5.1%) performed worst
- The fund performed in line with its benchmark—its non-tech Chinese investments mostly added value, while core holdings Alphabet (-10.1%) and Wheaton Precious Metals (-8.1%) weighed on performance
- The managers raised cash and added to portfolio hedges ahead of the volatility—market valuation levels remain stretched given the prevailing macroeconomic environment

#### **FEE STRUCTURE**

The annual fee comprises a fixed standard fee plus a performance fee, subject to an overall minimum.

The annual fee may be adjusted up daily (subject to fulfilling the performance conditions) by the performance fee, calculated as the difference between the portfolio performance and the benchmark return for the same period multiplied by the performance fee sharing rate.

### FEE RATES (CLASS B)

Subscription and switching fees	0.00%
Standard annual fee	0.85%
Performance fee sharing rate	15%
Minimum annual fee	0.85%
Maximum annual fee	Uncapped
High-water mark	Applicable

#### **PERFORMANCE FEES**

Performance fees align investor and manager return objectives by rewarding the manager for outperformance. A performance fee is chargeable only when the portfolio performance exceeds the benchmark and the high-water mark ("HWM") is exceeded. Should the portfolio underperform it must first recover the underperformance before performance fees are payable.

The performance fee is calculated and accrued on a daily basis. If the performance conditions are no longer satisfied, all performance fees previously accrued during that accounting period (calendar year) are reversed.

### PERFORMANCE FEE EXAMPLES FOR FOORD GLOBAL EQUITY FUND (CLASS B)

END OF ACCOUNTING PERIOD	PERIOD 1	PERIOD 2	PERIOD 3	PERIOD 4
Foord 1-year return	5.00%	-4.86%	3.90%	5.88%
Benchmark 1-year return	6.00%	-4.50%	1.00%	4.00%
NAV of Class B units in USD	10.50	9.99	10.38	10.99
Benchmark price	10.60	10.12	10.22	10.63
High-water mark in USD	10.00	10.50	10.50	10.50
Performance returns#	5.00%	-4.86%	-1.15%	4.66%
Benchmark returns##	6.00%	-4.50%	-3.55%	0.31%
Relative performance	-1.00%	-0.36%	2.40%	4.35%
Is the NAV per unit above the HWM?	Yes	No	No	Yes
Is the performance returns above the benchmark?	No	No	Yes	Yes
Performance fee rate applied	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.65%
Total annual fee rate applied	0.85%*	0.85%*	0.85%*	1.50%

- \*\* NAV excluding any performance fee accrual compared against HWM and the change, expressed as a percentage of HWM
- ## Benchmark returns for the comparative period
- \* Minimum fees apply

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### TEF

A Total Expense Ratio (TER) is a measure of a portfolio's annual expenses, fees and charges, expressed as a percentage of the average value of the portfolio. The quantum of transaction costs is affected by the quantum of the gross in - and outflows over the period presented. The TER for the fund's financial year ended 30 June 2020 was 0.91%.

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