

# ALEXANDER FORBES INVESTMENTS GLOBAL FUND



General Investor Report for the quarter ending 31 March 2021

|  | Strategic Global Aggressive Fund |                       | Strategic Global Balanced Fund |                       | Strategic Global Conservative Fund |                       |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|  | A class                          | D class               | A class                        | D class               | A class                            | D class               |
| Number of participatory interests (units)        | 1 206 114.1718                   | 297 029.4078          | 43 874 512.9636                | 19 889 975.2560       | 919 774.5158                       | 2 232 151.7278        |
| Net asset value (NAV) per participatory interest | A class<br>USD 2.1321            | D class<br>USD 2.0266 | A class<br>USD 2.0718          | D class<br>USD 1.9399 | A class<br>USD 1.5011              | D Class<br>USD 1.4270 |

#### Total expense ratio and transaction costs breakdown - A class and D class

Period (rolling one year) - 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021\*

|  | A class | D class | A class | D class | A class | D class |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total expense ratio (TER) <sup>1</sup>     | 1.37%   | 2.12%   | 1.41%   | 2.16%   | 1.33%   | 2.08%   |
| Transaction costs (TC) <sup>2</sup>        | 0.00%   | 0.00%   | 0.00%   | 0.00%   | 0.00%   | 0.00%   |
| Total investment charge (TIC) <sup>3</sup> | 1.37%   | 2.12%   | 1.41%   | 2.16%   | 1.33%   | 2.08%   |

#### Analysis of the portfolio

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#### Statement of changes in portfolio composition

##### Changes

In February 2021, we announced the investment restriction changes in the Alexander Forbes Investments Global Fund that increased the maximum allowable exposure to a single fund from 35% to 75% and reduced the minimum number of underlying funds from three to two. A clarifying statement was included in the investment objectives and policy to make it clearer to South African investors that a multi-manager investment approach is followed for the Class Fund.

A new Prospectus incorporating these changes was issued on 1 March 2021.

During the quarter we removed the MGI Global Bond Fund and re-allocated the assets between two new asset managers (Colchester and BlackRock). No changes were made to the benchmark, charges or name of this portfolio during the quarter.

The asset allocation changed as follows from the previous quarter:

##### Asset allocation

|                   | Previous quarter | Current quarter | Variance     |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Equity excl Prop. | 74.56%           | 74.59%          | 0.03%        |
| Property          | 9.96%            | 10.35%          | 0.38%        |
| Bonds             | 8.79%            | 8.64%           | -0.15%       |
| Cash              | 6.69%            | 6.43%           | -0.26%       |
| Commodities       | 0.00%            | 0.00%           | 0.00%        |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>100.00%</b>   | <b>100.00%</b>  | <b>0.00%</b> |

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| Equity excl Prop. | 58.88%           | 58.54%          | -0.33%       |
| Property          | 9.33%            | 9.56%           | 0.23%        |
| Bonds             | 14.41%           | 14.34%          | -0.07%       |
| Cash              | 17.39%           | 17.55%          | 0.17%        |
| Commodities       | 0.00%            | 0.00%           | 0.00%        |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>100.00%</b>   | <b>100.00%</b>  | <b>0.00%</b> |

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|                   | Previous quarter | Current quarter | Variance     |
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| Equity excl Prop. | 32.16%           | 32.67%          | 0.52%        |
| Property          | 5.69%            | 6.02%           | 0.33%        |
| Bonds             | 25.37%           | 23.76%          | -1.60%       |
| Cash              | 36.78%           | 37.54%          | 0.76%        |
| Commodities       | 0.00%            | 0.00%           | 0.00%        |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>100.00%</b>   | <b>100.00%</b>  | <b>0.00%</b> |

|  | Strategic Global Equity Fund |              | Strategic Global Moderate Fund |                | Strategic Sterling Liquidity Fund |
|--|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
|  | A class                      | D class      | A class                        | D class        | A class                           |
| Number of participatory interests (units)        | 1 046 065.7943               | 460 714.3616 | 1 754 980.6586                 | 6 880 951.4435 | 628 481.8038                      |
| Net asset value (NAV) per participatory interest | USD 38.3128                  | USD 37.0311  | USD 1.7883                     | USD 1.6996     | GBP 13.9568                       |

#### Total expense ratio and transaction costs breakdown - A class and D class

Period (rolling one year) - 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021\*

|  | A class | D class | A class | D class | A class |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total expense ratio (TER) <sup>1</sup>     | 1.32%   | 1.82%   | 1.34%   | 2.08%   | 0.45%   |
| Transaction costs (TC) <sup>2</sup>        | 0.00%   | 0.00%   | 0.00%   | 0.00%   | 0.00%   |
| Total investment charge (TIC) <sup>3</sup> | 1.32%   | 1.82%   | 1.34%   | 2.08%   | 0.45%   |

#### Analysis of the portfolio

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##### Asset allocation

|                   | Previous quarter | Current quarter | Variance     |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Equity excl Prop. | 96.87%           | 94.96%          | -1.92%       |
| Property          | 1.63%            | 1.55%           | -0.09%       |
| Bonds             | 0.00%            | 0.00%           | 0.00%        |
| Cash              | 1.49%            | 3.50%           | 2.00%        |
| Commodities       | 0.00%            | 0.00%           | 0.00%        |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>100.00%</b>   | <b>100.00%</b>  | <b>0.00%</b> |

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|                   | Previous quarter | Current quarter | Variance     |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Equity excl Prop. | 51.95%           | 53.50%          | 1.55%        |
| Property          | 7.59%            | 8.01%           | 0.41%        |
| Bonds             | 20.73%           | 17.96%          | -2.77%       |
| Cash              | 19.73%           | 20.53%          | 0.80%        |
| Commodities       | 0.00%            | 0.00%           | 0.00%        |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>100.00%</b>   | <b>100.00%</b>  | <b>0.00%</b> |

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| Property          | 0.00%            | 0.00%           | 0.00%        |
| Bonds             | 0.00%            | 0.00%           | 0.00%        |
| Cash              | 100.00%          | 100.00%         | 0.00%        |
| Commodities       | 0.00%            | 0.00%           | 0.00%        |
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**Strategic U.S. Dollar Liquidity Fund**

**Number of participatory interests (units)** **A class**  
127 043.7730

**Net asset value (NAV) per participatory interest** **A class**  
USD 12.8215

**Total expense ratio and transaction costs breakdown - A class and D class**

**Period (rolling one year) - 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021\***

**Total expense ratio (TER)<sup>1</sup>** **A class** 0.51%  
**Transaction costs (TC)<sup>2</sup>** 0.00%  
**Total investment charge (TIC)<sup>3</sup>** 0.51%

**Analysis of the portfolio**

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| Bonds             | 0.00%            | 0.00%           | 0.00%        |
| Cash              | 100.00%          | 100.00%         | 0.00%        |
| Commodities       | 0.00%            | 0.00%           | 0.00%        |
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**Minimum disclosure document link**

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<sup>1</sup>. **Total expense ratio (TER):** The percentage of the value of the portfolio that was incurred as expenses relating to the administration (charges, levies and fees) of the portfolio. TER is calculated over a rolling one-year period (or since inception, where applicable), to the most recent calendar month. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a good return. The current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TERs.

<sup>2</sup>. **Transaction costs (TC):** The percentage of the value of the portfolio that was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the portfolio. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the portfolio and impacts portfolio returns. It should not be considered in isolation, as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time, including market returns, the type of financial product, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER. Calculations are based on actual data where possible and best estimates where actual data is not available.

<sup>3</sup>. **Total investment charge (TIC):** The percentage of the portfolio that was incurred as costs relating to the investment of the portfolio. It is the sum of the TER and TC.

\*With effect from the period ending 30 June 2018, the charges are calculated for the latest rolling one-year period. Historically, they were calculated for the annualised, rolling three-year period.

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## Risks (portfolio specific)

**Derivatives:** There is no assurance that a portfolio's use of a derivative strategy will succeed. A portfolio's management may employ a sophisticated risk management process, to oversee and manage derivative exposures within a portfolio, but the use of derivative instruments may involve risks different from, and, in certain cases, greater than, the risks presented by the securities from which they are derived.

**Exposure to foreign securities:** Foreign securities within portfolios may have additional material risks, depending on the specific risks affecting that country, such as: potential constraints on liquidity and the repatriation of funds; macroeconomic risks; political risks; foreign exchange risks; tax risks; settlement risks; and potential limitations on the availability of market information. Fluctuations or movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying international investments to go up or down. Investors are reminded that an investment in a currency other than their own may expose them to a foreign exchange risk.

**Fund of funds:** A fund of funds is a portfolio that invests in portfolios of collective investment schemes (unit trusts) that levy their own charges, which could result in a higher fee structure for the fund of funds.

**Feeder funds:** A feeder fund is a portfolio that invests in a single portfolio of a collective investment scheme, which levies its own charges and which could result in a higher fee structure for the feeder fund.

**Drawdown:** The potential magnitude of loss - the largest peak-to-trough decline in returns over the period, also known as the maximum drawdown.

**Liquidity:** The risk that a given security or asset cannot be traded quickly enough in the market to prevent a loss (or make the required profit).

**Equities:** The value of equities may vary according to company profits and future prospects, as well as more general market factors. In the event of a company default, the owners of their equity rank last in terms of any financial payment from that company.

**Bonds:** The value of fixed income investments (e.g. bonds) tends to decrease when interest rates and/or inflation rises. Bonds issued by major governments and companies, will be more stable than those issued by emerging markets or smaller corporate issuers. If an issuer experiences financial difficulty, there may be a risk to some, or all, of the capital invested. Any historical or current yields quoted should not be considered reliable indicators of future performance.

For a detailed description of these risks, and other risks that are relevant to the portfolio, please refer to the **PROSPECTUS**.

## General disclosure

Collective investment schemes (unit trusts) are generally medium-term to long-term investments. The value of participatory interests (units) may go down as well as up. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Collective investment schemes are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending (i.e. borrowing and lending assets). The manager does not provide any guarantee, either with respect to the capital or the return of a portfolio. Any forecasts and/or commentary in this document are not guaranteed to occur. Different classes of participatory interests apply to these portfolios and are subject to different fees and charges. A **SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES** and maximum commissions is available on request from the manager or click on the name to download the document. Forward pricing is used.

## Specific disclosures

### Income distribution

This fund is an accumulation fund and does not distribute income.

### Redemptions

If you disinvest from a class fund soon after you invested in the class fund, the charges you have paid may be more than the growth on the investment. Should this happen, you will not receive the full value of your original investment amount.

### Prices

**PRICES** are published daily on our website.

### Performance fees

Performance fees are not levied on the portfolio.

### Valuation and transaction cut-off times

The valuation point is close of business in all financial markets on the subscription day. The subscription price will be available at 16:30 Jersey time on the following subscription day. The manager must receive correctly completed application forms and notification of deposits before 11:00 Jersey time for the investment instruction to be carried out on that day. If received after the applicable cut-off time, the manager will invest the money at the unit price of the following day. The 11:00 cut-off time also applies to redemptions and switches.

## Additional information

For additional information on the portfolio, refer to the following documents, available on our website [www.alexanderforbesinvestments.co.je](http://www.alexanderforbesinvestments.co.je), or on request from the manager, free of charge.

- **PROSPECTUS**
- **APPLICATION FORMS**
- **ANNUAL REPORT AND HALF-YEARLY REPORT**
- **FEES AND CHARGES SCHEDULE**

## Complaints and conflicts of interest

The manager follows the fund administrator's **COMPLAINTS POLICY AND PROCEDURE**, as well as the **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST MANAGEMENT POLICY**. Associates of the manager may be invested within certain portfolios, and the details thereof are available from the manager.

## Contact details

### Manager

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The manager is regulated by the Jersey Financial Services Commission.

### Investment Adviser and Fund Administrator

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### Trustee

BNP Paribas Depository Services (Jersey) Limited  
**Registration number:** 6043  
**Physical address:** IFC1, The Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands  
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The trustee is regulated by the Jersey Financial Services Commission.

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