

FOORD FLEX INCOME FUND – CLASS A

The fund aims to achieve high levels of income with some prospects of capital gain from a dynamic mix of listed and unlisted South African fixed interest securities and listed property counters, some select foreign securities and active currency management. The fund is appropriate for investors seeking high income yields with a low probability of capital loss over an investment horizon not exceeding two years. Available as a tax free investment account.

DOMICILE
South Africa

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

FUND MANAGERS
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INCEPTION DATE
1 October 2022

BASE CURRENCY
South African rands

CATEGORY
South African – Multi Asset – Income

BENCHMARK
110% of Alexander Forbes Short-term
Fixed-interest Call Deposit Index (Stefi
Call)

MINIMUM LUMP SUM / MONTHLY
R20 000 / R1 000

PORTFOLIO SIZE
R1.0 billion

UNIT PRICE
1031.15 cents

NUMBER OF UNITS
4.2 million

LAST DISTRIBUTIONS
29/12/2023: 19.44 cents
29/09/2023: 19.12 cents

INCOME DISBURSMENTS
End-March, end-June, end-September
and end-December each year.

INCOME CHARACTERISTICS
High income yield, expected to exceed
average money market yields.

PORTFOLIO ORIENTATION
A dynamic mix of listed and unlisted SA
fixed interest securities and listed property
counters, with some select foreign
securities and active currency
management. Weighted average duration
is typically less than three years.

SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTIONS
Maximum equity exposure of 10%;
maximum property exposure of 25%;
maximum offshore exposure of 45%;
complies with pension fund investment
regulations (Regulation 28).

FOREIGN ASSETS
Direct investment in global hard-currency
securities, with active currency
management.

RISK OF LOSS
Low in periods longer than one year,
moderate in periods shorter than six
months.

TIME HORIZON
One to two years.

ISIN NUMBER
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PORTFOLIO STRUCTURE %

	SA	FOREIGN	TOTAL
Cash and call	4	-	4
Money market	20	-	20
Floating rate notes	38	-	38
Fixed rate bond and NCDs 0–1 year	3	-	3
Fixed rate bond and NCDs 1–3 years	-	2	2
Fixed rate bond and NCDs 3–7 years	-	-	-
Fixed rate bond and NCDs 7–12 years	-	-	-
Fixed rate bond and NCDs 12+ years	6	-	6
Inflation linked bonds 0–3 years	-	3	3
Inflation linked bonds 3–7 years	16	2	18
Preference shares	1	-	1
Convertible bonds	-	4	4
Property	1	-	1
TOTAL	89	11	100
Foreign currency hedge		(8)	
Foreign currency exposure		3	

PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

Yield ¹	10.70%
Spread to JIBAR	2.33%
SA duration²	1.19
– SA fixed rate duration	0.42
– SA floating rate duration	0.05
– SA inflation linked duration	0.73
Offshore duration²	0.28
– Offshore fixed rate duration	0.14
– Offshore inflation linked	0.14

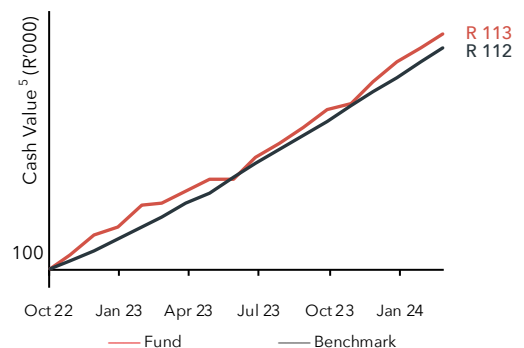
CREDIT EXPOSURE BREAKDOWN %

RATING ⁴	%	SECTOR	%
F1+	27	Big four banks	28
F1	-	SA Corporates	11
AAA	61	SA Government	55
AA	11	US Government	5
A	-		
Other	2		
TOTAL	100	TOTAL	100

MATURITY SPREAD %

0–1 years	7
1–3 years	26
3–7 years	59
7–12 years	-
> 12 years	6
Perpetual	1

PORTFOLIO VS BENCHMARK



PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE % (PERIODS GREATER THAN ONE YEAR ARE ANNUALISED⁶)

	CASH VALUE ⁵	SINCE INCEPTION	1 YEAR	6 MONTHS	3 MONTHS	YTD	THIS MONTH
Fund ⁷	R 112,668	8.8	8.8	4.6	2.3	1.3	0.6
Benchmark	R 111,988	8.4	8.9	4.4	2.2	1.5	0.7
Fund highest ^{7,8}		8.9	8.8				
Fund lowest ^{7,8}		7.6	8.8				

*Please refer footnotes overleaf.

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MONTHLY PERFORMANCE %

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
2022										0.75	1.16	0.35
2023	1.17	0.08	0.65	0.65	-0.01	1.07	0.72	0.87	0.84	0.29	1.11	0.98
2024	0.68	0.63										

FEE RATES

Initial, exit and switching fees	0.0%
Manager's charge	0.5% plus VAT

TOTAL INVESTMENT CHARGE %

	12 MONTHS	36 MONTHS*
Total expense ratio (TER)	0.64	0.58
- Manager's charge (basic)	0.50	0.50
- VAT and sundry costs	0.13	0.08
Transaction costs (incl VAT)	0.00	0.01
Total investment charge	0.64	0.59

*Estimated as the fund was inception less than three years ago. The manager has applied the best estimate of the costs annualised for a year which is grounded on fair principles of ASISA's standard on the Calculation and Disclosure of Total Expense Ratios and Transaction costs.

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.

¹ The yield for an interest bearing security is its annual income divided by its current price expressed as a percentage. For the fund, the yield is a weighted average yield of all underlying interest bearing securities as at the last day of the month. It is subject to change as market rates and underlying investments change.

² Duration is the measure of the sensitivity of the price of the instrument to a change in interest rates, with a smaller number indicating less sensitivity and a larger number indicating more sensitivity.

³ Treasury inflation-protected securities.

⁴ Average credit rating from rating agencies.

⁵ Current value of R100 000 notional lump sum invested at inception, distributions reinvested (graphically represented in R'000s above)

⁶ Converted to reflect the average yearly return for each period presented.

⁷ Net of fees and expenses.

⁸ 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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