

# Allan Gray-Orbis Global Fund of Funds

# ALLAN GRAY

**Fund managers:** Ian Liddle  
(The underlying Orbis funds are managed by Orbis)

**Inception date:** 3 February 2004

**Class:** A

## Fund information on 30 November 2014

**Fund size:** R11.9bn

**Fund price:** R26.05

## Fund description

The Fund invests in a mix of equity, absolute return and multi-asset class funds managed by Allan Gray's offshore investment partner, Orbis Investment Management Limited. The typical net equity exposure of the Fund is between 40% and 75%. The Orbis Optimal SA funds included in the Fund use exchange-traded derivative contracts on stock market indices to reduce net equity exposure. In these funds, the market exposure of equity portfolios is effectively replaced with cash-like exposure, plus or minus Orbis' skills in delivering returns above or below the market. Returns are likely to be less volatile than those of an international equity-only fund. Although the Fund is fully invested outside South Africa, the units in the Fund are priced and traded daily in rands.

**ASISA unit trust category:** Global - Multi Asset - High Equity

## Fund objective and benchmark

The Fund aims to create long-term wealth for investors without exceeding a maximum net equity exposure limit of 75%. It aims to outperform the average return of funds subject to similar constraints without taking on more than their average risk. The Fund's benchmark is a portfolio made up 60% by the FTSE World Index, including income, and 40% the JP Morgan Global Government Bond index.

## How we aim to achieve the Fund's objective

The Fund invests in equity, absolute return and multi-asset class funds managed by our offshore investment partner, Orbis Investment Management Limited. Within all of the underlying funds, Orbis uses in-house research to identify companies around the world whose shares can be purchased for less than Orbis' assessment of their long-term intrinsic value. This long-term perspective enables them to buy shares which are shunned by the stock market because of their unexciting or poor short-term prospects, but which are relatively attractively priced if one looks to the long term. This is the same approach as that used by Allan Gray to invest in South African equities, except that Orbis is able to choose from many more shares, listed internationally.

Depending on our assessment of the potential returns on global stock markets relative to their risk of capital loss, we actively manage the Fund's net exposure to equities by varying its exposure to the underlying Orbis funds. By varying the Fund's overall exposure to equities and also its geographic exposure, through selecting between the Orbis regional equity funds, we seek to enhance the Fund's long-term returns and to manage its risk. The Fund's currency exposure is actively managed both within the underlying Orbis funds and through our selection of Orbis funds.

## Suitable for those investors who

- Seek long-term capital growth from a diversified international equity portfolio without being fully exposed to stock market risk
- Wish to invest in international assets without having to personally expatriate rands
- Are comfortable with taking on some risk of market and currency fluctuation and potential capital loss, but typically less than that of an equity fund
- Typically have an investment horizon of more than five years
- Wish to use the Fund as a foreign medium equity 'building block' in a diversified multi-asset class portfolio

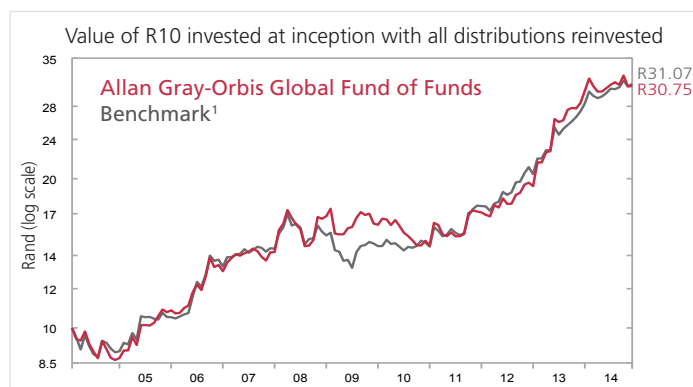
## Annual management fee and total expense ratio (TER)

Allan Gray does not charge an annual management fee but is paid a marketing and distribution fee by Orbis.

Orbis charges annual management fees within the underlying Orbis funds. Each fund's fee rate is calculated based on the fund's performance relative to its own benchmark. For more information please refer to the respective Orbis Funds' factsheets, which can be found at [www.allangray.co.za](http://www.allangray.co.za).

The annual management fees charged by Orbis are included in the TER. The TER is a measure of the actual expenses incurred by the Fund over a 12 month period.

## Performance net of all fees and expenses



% Returns	Fund		Benchmark <sup>1</sup>		CPI inflation <sup>2</sup>	
	ZAR	US\$	ZAR	US\$	ZAR	US\$
<i>Unannualised:</i> Since Inception	207.5	96.2	210.7	98.3	84.1	27.6
<i>Annualised:</i> Since Inception	10.9	6.4	11.0	6.5	5.8	2.3
Latest 10 Years	13.6	6.5	13.3	6.2	6.1	2.2
Latest 5 Years	13.6	4.9	16.0	7.1	5.3	1.9
Latest 3 Years	21.4	9.8	20.7	9.1	5.7	1.6
Latest 2 Years	25.2	12.3	21.4	8.9	5.7	1.3
Latest 1 Year	8.1	0.1	13.6	5.2	5.9	1.7
Year-to-date (unannualised)	2.3	-2.5	9.6	4.5	5.5	1.3
<b>Risk measures (since inception)</b>						
Maximum Drawdown <sup>3</sup>	-24.0	-34.1	-25.1	-37.5	n/a	n/a
Percentage Positive Months <sup>4</sup>	56.9	62.3	58.5	64.6	n/a	n/a
Annualised Monthly Volatility <sup>5</sup>	14.1	11.1	12.3	10.5	n/a	n/a

1. 60% of the FTSE World Index including income and 40% of the JP Morgan Global Government Bond Index (source: Bloomberg), performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 30 November 2014.

2. This is based on the latest numbers published by INET BFA as at 31 October 2014.

3. Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum rand drawdown occurred from 23 October 2008 to 14 October 2010 and maximum benchmark drawdown occurred from 23 October 2008 to 30 June 2009. Drawdown is calculated on the total return of the Fund/benchmark (i.e. including income).

4. The percentage of calendar months in which the Fund produced a positive monthly return since inception.

5. The standard deviation of the Fund's monthly return. This is a measure of how much an investment's return varies from its average over time.

## Minimum investment amounts

Minimum lump sum per investor account: R20 000

Additional lump sum: R500

Minimum debit order\*: R500

\*Only available to investors with a South African bank account.

Since Fund returns are quoted after deduction of these expenses, the TER should not be deducted from the published returns (refer to page 2 for further information).

TER breakdown for the year ending 30 September 2014	%
Fee for benchmark performance	1.24
Performance fees	0.54
Other costs including trading costs	0.25
VAT	0.00
<b>Total expense ratio</b>	<b>2.03</b>

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## Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 30 September 2014

The Allan Gray Orbis Global Fund of Funds has trailed its benchmark in both US dollar and rand terms over the past year. More specifically, the Fund has returned 16.2% in rands, vs 20.9% for the benchmark (60% FTSE World and 40% JP Morgan Global Government Bonds). While this short-term underperformance is not easy for investors to weather, it is not unusual in the context of the Fund's history or our investment approach.

We allocate the Fund's capital across a mix of equity, absolute, and more recently, multi-asset class funds managed by Orbis. Over the past year, the net equity exposure has been about 46%. This compares to the 60% weight in equities in the Fund's benchmark. This decision to be underweight equities has been a detractor from the Fund's relative performance, with global equities continuing to rise; they are up 21% over the period.

As is well known, since the global financial crisis, equities across the globe have rallied. The US market has been the stand-out performer, with the S&P 500 roughly tripling since its 2009 lows. While valuations – i.e. the price we pay relative to the earnings of a business – have not reached the dizzy heights of the technology bubble, earnings are generally above average, and so valuations as a function of normalised earnings (the so-called Schiller PE or cyclically adjusted PE) are at levels consistent with previous peaks.

Combined with this, the low level of interest rates has brought prospective real returns on holding money market instruments, US Treasuries and many high-grade investment bonds to nearly zero. This causes investor to chase 'risky' assets, while becoming less mindful of the inherent risk. When sentiment is benign, and asset prices have risen, we become more cautious.

Warren Buffett noted that "the less prudence with which others conduct their affairs the greater the prudence with which we should conduct our own affairs". Our objective is to seek superior, risk-adjusted returns. This means that we try to strike the right balance between the pursuit of upside (including the risk of missing out on this upside), versus the risk of permanent capital loss. At current market prices it is hard to find value and the Fund's net equity exposure is substantially below the benchmark exposure of 60%.

This is not to say we are not excited about the selected opportunities that the Orbis team is uncovering – as described in more detail in the Orbis quarterly reports available via the 'Offshore' section of [www.allangray.co.za](http://www.allangray.co.za). We balance these views through our allocation to the Orbis Funds, including into the Orbis Optimal SA Funds, where we can access the potential for these stocks to outperform their respective benchmarks and at the same time protect against the risk of a broader stock market decline.

We cannot reliably predict the precise timing of any turn in the cycle, nor do we try to. Irrespective of the environment, the approach remains consistent: we focus our time and efforts on ensuring the Fund is positioned in the areas, stocks and geographies that offer the most attractive, risk-adjusted returns. We are confident this will serve our clients well over the long term.

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The availability of the Fund is subject to offshore capacity constraints. Please contact our Client Service Centre for further information about any constraints that may apply.

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### Unit price

Unit trust prices are calculated on a net asset value basis, which is the total market value of all assets in the portfolio including any income accruals and less any permissible deductions from the portfolio divided by the number of units in issue. Forward pricing is used and Fund valuations take place at approximately 16:00 each business day. Purchase and redemption requests must be received by the manager by 14:00 each business day to receive that day's price. Fluctuations and movements in exchange rates may also cause the value of underlying international investments to go up or down.

### Fees

A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the manager. Commission and incentives may be paid and if so, would be included in the overall costs.

### TER

The total expense ratio (TER) is the percentage of the Fund's average assets under management that has been used to pay the Fund's operating expenses over the past year. The TER includes the annual management fees that have been charged (both the fee at benchmark and any performance component charged), trading costs (including brokerage, STT, STRATE and insider trading levy), VAT and other expenses. Since unit trust expenses vary, the current TER cannot be used as an indication of future TERs. All Allan Gray performance figures are quoted after the deduction of costs incurred within the Fund so the TER is not a new cost. A higher TER ratio does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. Instead, when investing, the investment objective of the Fund should be aligned with the investor's objective and compared against the performance of the Fund. TERs should then be used to evaluate whether the Fund performance offers value for money.

### Performance

Collective Investment Schemes in Securities (unit trusts) are generally medium- to long-term investments. The value of units may go down as well as up and past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future. Performance figures are from Allan Gray Proprietary Limited and are for lump sum investments with income distributions reinvested.

## Top 10 share holdings on 30 November 2014

Company	% of portfolio
Samsung Electronics	3.7
NetEase	3.3
Motorola Solutions	2.9
eBay	2.7
Microsoft	2.3
Amgen	1.9
Mitsubishi	1.8
Merck	1.8
Nissan Motor	1.4
Coca-Cola	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>23.1</b>

## Fund allocation on 30 November 2014

Funds	%
Orbis Global Equity Fund	13.2
Orbis SICAV Asia Ex-Japan Equity Fund	2.0
Orbis SICAV Japan Equity (Yen) Fund	1.4
<b>Foreign equity funds</b>	<b>16.6</b>
Orbis SICAV Global Balanced SA	41.0
<b>Foreign multi asset funds</b>	<b>41.0</b>
Orbis Optimal SA Fund (US\$)	34.8
Orbis Optimal SA Fund Euro	7.6
<b>Foreign absolute return funds</b>	<b>42.4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## Asset allocation on 30 November 2014

	Total	North America	Europe	Japan	Asia ex-Japan	Other
Net Equities	50	17	12	4	16	1
Hedged Equities	39	19	7	9	3	1
Bonds	5	4	1	0	0	0
Cash/currency hedge	6	22	1	-9	-8	0
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>

## Income distributions for the last 12 months

To the extent that income earned in the form of dividends and interest exceeds expenses in the Fund, the Fund will distribute any surplus annually.	31 Dec 2013
Cents per unit	0.1766

Note: There may be slight discrepancies in the totals due to rounding.