

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

Inception date: 1 March 2010

Class: A

Fund description

The Fund invests in a mix of absolute return funds managed by Allan Gray's offshore investment partner, Orbis Investment Management Limited. The typical net equity exposure of the Fund is between 0% and 20%. 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 a foreign equity or balanced fund. Although the Fund is fully invested outside South Africa, the units in the Fund are priced and traded daily in rands. When considered in rands, returns of this foreign fund are likely to be more volatile than domestic funds with similar equity constraints.

ASISA unit trust category: Foreign - Asset Allocation - Flexible

Fund objective and benchmark

The Fund aims to provide a high degree of capital stability (when measured in the foreign currency denominations of the underlying Orbis Funds), while producing long-term returns that are superior to foreign currency bank deposits. The Fund's benchmark is the simple average of the benchmarks of the underlying Orbis funds.

How we aim to achieve the Fund's objective

The Fund invests only in the Optimal SA absolute return funds managed by our offshore investment partner, Orbis Investment Management Limited. Within the Optimal 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.

The Orbis Optimal SA funds reduce most of their stock market risk by the use of exchange-traded derivative futures contracts. The Orbis Optimal SA funds will typically retain a small portion of their exposure to equity markets, but the level of exposure may be varied depending on Orbis' assessment of the potential returns on global stock markets relative to their risk of capital loss. The underlying funds' returns are therefore derived partly from their relatively low exposure to stock markets, partly from Orbis' selected share returns relative to those markets, and partly from foreign currency cash-equivalent returns. 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 steady absolute returns ahead of those of cash measured in global currencies
- Wish to invest in international assets without having to personally expatriate rands
- Are comfortable with taking on the risk of currency fluctuation, but prefer little exposure to stock market risk
- Wish to use the Fund as a foreign absolute return 'building block' in a diversified multi-asset class portfolio

Fund information on 31 July 2012

Fund size: R709m

Fund price: R10.54

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 2011
Cents per unit	0.2553

Performance net of all fees and expenses

% Returns	Fund		Benchmark ¹		CPI inflation ²	
	ZAR	US\$	ZAR	US\$	ZAR	US\$
<i>Unannualised:</i>						
Since inception	5.5	-1.2	3.5	-3.1	12.1	5.2
<i>Annualised:</i>						
Since inception	2.2	-0.5	1.4	-1.3	5.0	2.3
Latest 2 years	5.4	-0.5	5.1	-0.8	5.2	2.6
Latest 1 year	15.9	-5.2	13.8	-6.9	5.5	1.7
Year-to-date (unannualised)	1.8	0.6	-1.0	-2.2	3.0	0.7
Risk measures (Since inception)						
Maximum drawdown ³	-15.9	-8.4	-13.6	-9.3	n/a	n/a
Percentage positive months ⁴	31.0	51.7	34.5	51.7	n/a	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility ⁵	13.6	7.2	13.6	6.7	n/a	n/a

1. The simple average of the benchmarks of the underlying funds, performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 July 2012.
2. This is based on the latest numbers published by I-Net Bridge as at 30 June 2012.
3. Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum rand drawdown occurred from 21 May 2010 to 29 December 2010 and maximum benchmark drawdown occurred from 21 May 2010 to 29 December 2010. 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.

Total expense ratio (TER)

The TER for the year ending 30 June 2012 is 1.22% and included in this is a performance fee of 0% and trading costs of 0.17%. The annual management fee rate charged by Orbis in the underlying funds for the three months ending 31 July 2012 was 0.99% (annualised). These figures are inclusive of VAT, where applicable. Fund returns are quoted after deduction of costs incurred within the Fund so the TER should not be deducted from Fund returns (refer to page 2 for further information).

Minimum investment amounts

Minimum lump sum per investor account: R20 000

Additional lump sum: R500

Minimum debit order*: R500

*Only available to South African residents.

Annual management fee

Allan Gray is paid a marketing and distribution fee by Orbis and charges no further fees. The underlying Orbis funds have their own fee structures, these can be found at www.orbis.com.

Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 30 June 2012

Since early 2010 we have witnessed flat global equity returns punctuated by periods of extreme volatility. Gains from the late 2010 rally were given back in mid-2011, and in the second quarter of 2012 the market retreated from a strong first quarter. It is not surprising that volatile shares – a proxy for economically sensitive shares – have outperformed the market as it has risen and lagged on the way down. What is surprising is that the two have moved nearly in lockstep. The weekly correlation between the market's return and the relative performance of economically sensitive shares is now a mind-boggling 85%. This compares with about 50% in the early-mid 1990s and an overall average of 65% since 1990.

Intuitively, this is likely to be a manifestation of economic uncertainty and consequent risk-on/risk-off behaviour. Investors charge into economically sensitive shares on the first signs of improving fortunes, then promptly retreat when the next piece of data disappoints. These cycles of optimism and pessimism are nothing new, but they have become more pronounced ever since Lehman's collapse in September 2008. Interestingly, this bipolar behaviour also characterised the aftermath of Japan's market collapse in the 1990s. The correlation between the relative performance of economically sensitive shares and the Japanese market rose from an average of 35% in the late 1980s to over 80% in the 1990s, and persisted right through until the technology bubble began to inflate towards the end of the decade.

It is difficult to predict the extent to which a similar pattern will persist in global equity markets today, but Orbis continues to believe that volatility is an opportunity rather than a hindrance. If the prevailing global market environment turns into a lengthy Japan-like malaise, we can expect to see larger swings in sentiment – exactly the type of dislocations Orbis aims to exploit through judicious stock selections.

Indeed, Japan has historically been one of Orbis' strongest sources of outperformance. With the Orbis Optimal SA Fund's limited stock market exposure and ability to capture outperformance from stock picking, we believe your Fund should perform well should markets remain volatile but move sideways, and if the current global economic slump persists.

We are currently seeing another wave of investor pessimism driven by the sovereign and banking crisis in Europe. This is sending markets lower and driving valuations in a number of the more economically sensitive areas to more attractive levels. While we are not yet at an extreme point in the cycle, the blanket risk-averse sentiment has given Orbis the opportunity to take large positions in selected areas of the market where their research suggests companies are particularly undervalued. Looking forward, we believe your Fund's investments in these areas should generate pleasing returns whether markets recover or flounder.

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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.

Disclaimer

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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

*TERs are shown for class A units only

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 31 July 2012

Company	% of portfolio
INPEX	3.0
Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson	2.7
Micron Technology	2.6
NetEase	2.4
WellPoint	2.3
Actelion	2.2
NKSJ	2.1
Rakuten	2.1
Google	2.0
Baker Hughes	1.9
Total	23.3

Fund allocation on 31 July 2012

	%
Orbis Optimal SA (US\$)	69.8
Orbis Optimal SA (euro)	30.2
Foreign absolute return funds	100.0

Geographical exposure of funds on 31 July 2012

Region	Net equity exposure (%)	Hedged equity exposure (%)	Fund currency exposure (%)
North America	0	31	58
Europe	6	16	28
Japan	6	15	0
Asia ex-Japan	2	11	13
Other	0	1	1
Total	14	74	100

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