

# Allan Gray-Orbis Global Optimal Fund of Funds

ALLAN GRAY

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

**Inception date:** 2 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:** Global - Multi Asset - Low Equity

## 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

## 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).

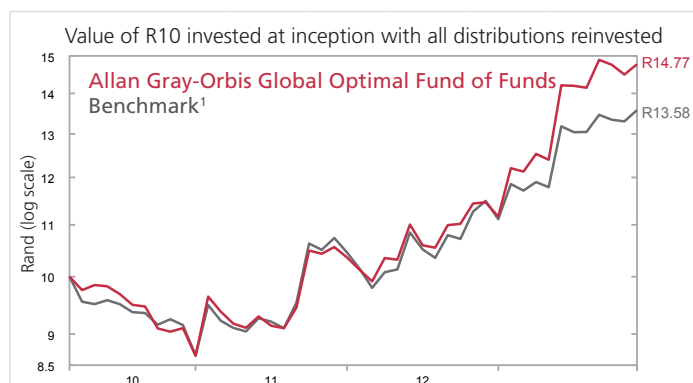
The annual management fees charged by Orbis are included in the TER. The TER is a measure of the actual expenses incurred by the Fund over a 12 month period.

## Fund information on 30 November 2013

**Fund size:** R1 218m

**Fund price:** R14.76

## 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                            | 47.7  | 11.3 | 35.8                   | 2.3  | 20.7                       | 7.6  |
| <i>Annualised:</i>                         |       |      |                        |      |                            |      |
| Since inception                            | 11.0  | 3.0  | 8.5                    | 0.7  | 5.3                        | 2.0  |
| Latest 3 years                             | 17.5  | 4.3  | 14.1                   | 1.2  | 5.7                        | 2.2  |
| Latest 2 years                             | 18.3  | 5.7  | 12.5                   | 0.5  | 5.6                        | 1.6  |
| Latest 1 year                              | 28.9  | 11.9 | 18.2                   | 2.6  | 5.5                        | 0.9  |
| Year-to-date (unannualised)                | 32.3  | 10.2 | 22.2                   | 1.8  | 5.0                        | 1.2  |
| <b>Risk measures (since inception)</b>     |       |      |                        |      |                            |      |
| Maximum drawdown <sup>3</sup>              | -15.9 | -8.4 | -13.6                  | -9.3 | n/a                        | n/a  |
| Percentage positive months <sup>4</sup>    | 40.0  | 57.8 | 42.2                   | 57.8 | n/a                        | n/a  |
| Annualised monthly volatility <sup>5</sup> | 14.6  | 6.6  | 13.5                   | 5.7  | n/a                        | n/a  |

1. The simple average of the benchmarks of the underlying funds, performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 30 November 2013.
2. This is based on the latest numbers published by I-Net Bridge as at 31 October 2013.
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.

## 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.

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 2013 | %           |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Fee for benchmark performance                       | 0.99        |
| Performance fees                                    | 1.69        |
| Other costs including trading costs                 | 0.25        |
| VAT                                                 | 0.00        |
| <b>Total expense ratio</b>                          | <b>2.93</b> |

## Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 30 September 2013

At Orbis and Allan Gray, our core skill is bottom-up stock picking. We recognise, however, that our clients have varying degrees of risk tolerance and can't rely solely on equities. No matter how much attention we pay to margin of safety in our stock selections, a portfolio of equities will always be subject to substantial volatility driven by changes in general conditions and attitudes toward risk.

As a result, the Global Optimal Fund of Funds provides a lower risk alternative with a higher degree of capital stability by investing in a mix of Orbis Optimal SA Funds. This serves to isolate Orbis' stock picking skill by stripping out most of the stock market return through the sale of index futures. Of course there are other 'low beta' alternatives to Optimal SA. Bonds are the traditional and most liquid alternative to stock market exposure. Though yields have risen from the lows seen in 2012, in our view bonds remain far from being the type of cheap and unloved asset from which one would expect to generate satisfactory real returns over the long term.

Inflation remains the key risk. Consider that in the 1940s, 10-year US Treasury yields were held between 2-3% to finance war debts, and even moderate inflation substantially reduced the real value of both the coupons and the principal, leaving bondholders with considerably diminished purchasing power. Investors who bought US Treasuries in 1940 and rolled forward on an annual basis wouldn't regain real purchasing power for another 50 years – not exactly what you would call a safe investment.

The situation is arguably even worse for developed countries today. Not only are they once again burdened with excessive debt, but this time around they also face the challenge of funding programmes for their aging populations. The path of least pain is to keep interest rates below the rate of inflation to relieve the real burden of the debt. The cost of such policies would again be borne by bondholders. That is not to say we are forecasting that inflation will again be the inevitable result, but we do think it is a very real risk for which investors are not fully compensated at current bond prices.

Unlike the relatively stable cash flows that bonds offer, Optimal SA's returns are inherently uncertain and likely to fluctuate in the short term along with stock selection results. But Orbis believes the risk of a prolonged inflation-adjusted drawdown – the key risk facing bondholders today – is relatively low in Optimal SA, provided that Orbis continues to deliver on its core skill.

## Top 10 share holdings on 30 November 2013

| Company                         | % of portfolio |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| NetEase                         | 3.5            |
| INPEX                           | 2.8            |
| American Intl. Group            | 2.7            |
| NKSJ Holdings                   | 2.4            |
| Barclays                        | 2.1            |
| Japan Tobacco                   | 1.9            |
| Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson | 1.8            |
| Apache                          | 1.8            |
| Samsung Electronics             | 1.8            |
| Cable & Wireless Comm.          | 1.8            |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>22.6</b>    |

## Fund allocation on 30 November 2013

| Fund                                  | %            |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Orbis Optimal SA (US\$)               | 72.9         |
| Orbis Optimal SA (euro)               | 27.1         |
| <b>Foreign absolute returns funds</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

## Asset allocation on 30 November 2013

|                     | Total      | North America | Europe    | Japan    | Asia ex-Japan | Other    |
|---------------------|------------|---------------|-----------|----------|---------------|----------|
| Net equities        | 6          | 0             | 0         | 0        | 5             | 1        |
| Hedged equities     | 83         | 28            | 21        | 20       | 13            | 1        |
| Cash/currency hedge | 11         | 29            | 3         | -20      | 0             | -1       |
| <b>Total (%)</b>    | <b>100</b> | <b>57</b>     | <b>24</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>18</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. | <b>31 Dec 2012</b> |
| Cents per unit                                                                                                                                      | 0.3246             |

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

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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

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.