# Allan Gray-Orbis Global Optimal Fund of Funds

## Fund managers:

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2 March 2010

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(The underlying Orbis funds are managed by Orbis) Inception date: Class:

**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 cashequivalent 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.

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.

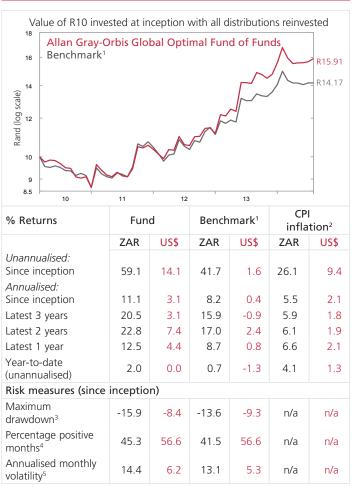
# Fund information on 31 July 2014

Fund size:

Fund price:

R1 586m R15.89

# Performance net of all fees and expenses



1. The simple average of the benchmarks of the underlying funds, performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 July 2014.

This is based on the latest numbers published by I-Net Bridge as at 30 June 2014.

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 June 2014	%
Fee for benchmark performance	1.00
Performance fees	1.01
Other costs including trading costs	0.25
VAT	0.00
Total expense ratio	2.26

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# Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 30 June 2014

The Orbis Optimal Funds are designed for those clients who seek exposure to Orbis' stock-picking capabilities, while also seeking to substantially reduce the stock market exposure inherent in those investments. The Funds do this by investing in selected shares from around the world and then selling a basket of stock index futures to offset stock market risk.

While a hedged strategy such as Optimal comes with less stock market risk than equities alone, it also sacrifices the returns that can come from market movements. Why might this be desirable? After all, it stands to reason that owning equities should reward investors over the long term. This has borne out historically: on average, stocks have delivered about four percentage points per annum more than cash since 1900\*.

But while taking greater risk can generate greater returns, there are no guarantees, and bad luck can compound in the same way that good luck can. Given this, investors often choose to hold more cash to dampen the impact of extreme negative outcomes.

The Optimal Strategy provides an alternative option. If bad luck strikes and stock markets decline, Optimal's hedging policy can help soften the blow, but the Funds can still produce positive real returns if the stocks selected by Orbis outperform their local markets. This approach may prove particularly relevant in the current environment, where cash offers negative real returns and investors have become comfortable buying riskier assets at relatively high prices.

Accordingly, Orbis believes that prospective returns on many equity markets appear relatively low versus history and that cash is unattractive. Given Optimal's potential for positive real returns, the prospective equity market reward it forfeits may be a reasonable price to pay for downside protection in the current environment.

\*Source: Credit Suisse Investment Returns Yearbook 2014 and Elroy Dimson, Paul Marsh and Mike Staunton, Triumph of the Optimists: 101 Years of Global Investment Returns, Princeton University Press, 2002

Adapted from an Orbis commentary contributed by Graeme Forster. For the full commentary please refer to the Orbis quarterly reports available at www.allangray.co.za

# Top 10 share holdings on 31 July 2014

Company	% of portfolio
Samsung Electronics	3.8
NetEase	3.3
Mitsubishi	2.2
INPEX	2.2
Motorola Solutions	1.9
SAP	1.6
Cable & Wireless Comm.	1.6
Dai-ichi Life Insurance	1.6
Nissan Motor	1.6
Sumitomo	1.6
Total	21.4

## Fund allocation on 31 July 2014

Fund	%
Orbis Optimal SA (US\$)	75.0
Orbis Optimal SA (euro)	25.0
Foreign absolute returns funds	100.0

## Asset allocation on 31 July 2014

	Total	North America	Europe	Japan	Asia ex-Japan	Other
Net equities	13	0	0	1	11	0
Hedged equities	75	30	16	18	10	2
Cash/currency hedge	12	28	8	-19	-5	-1
Total (%)	100	58	24	0	16	1

## 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	0.3877

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

A fund of funds unit trust may only invest in other unit trusts, which levy their own charges, that could result in a higher fee structure for these portfolios. The Fund may be closed to new investments at any time in order to be managed in accordance with its mandate. Permissible deductions may include management fees, brokerage, STT, auditor's fees, bank charges and trustee fees. Unit trusts are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending. The Fund may borrow up to 10% of the market value of the portfolio to bridge insufficient liquidity. Allan Gray Unit Trust Management (RF) Proprietary Limited ("the Company") is a member of the Association for Savings & Investment SA (ASISA). Allan Gray Proprietary Limited, an authorised financial services provider, is the appointed investment manager of the Company. The Company is incorporated and registered under the laws of South Africa and is supervised by the Financial Services Board. The Company has been approved by the Regulatory Authority of Botswana to market its unit trusts in Botswana, however it is not supervised or licensed in Botswana.

#### Unit price

Unit rust 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.

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.

