

## ALLAN GRAY-ORBIS GLOBAL OPTIMAL FUND OF FUNDS

**Fund managers:** Duncan Artus. (The underlying Orbis funds are managed by Orbis.) **Inception date:** 2 March 2010

### Fund description and summary of investment policy

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

### Minimum investment amounts

Minimum lump sum per investor account	R20 000
Additional lump sum	R500
Minimum debit order*	R500

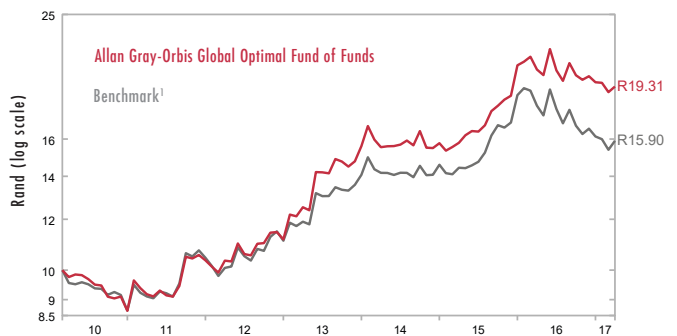
\*Only available to investors with a South African bank account.

### Fund information on 31 March 2017

Fund size	R1.2bn
Number of units	64 054 544
Price (net asset value per unit)	R19.29
Class	A

### Performance net of all fees and expenses

Value of R10 invested at inception with all distributions reinvested



% Returns	Fund		Benchmark <sup>1</sup>		CPI inflation <sup>2</sup>	
	ZAR	US\$	ZAR	US\$	ZAR	US\$
<b>Cumulative:</b>						
Since inception	93.1	10.9	59.0	-8.7	45.7	12.5
<b>Annualised:</b>						
Since inception	9.7	1.5	6.8	-1.2	5.5	1.7
Latest 5 years	13.3	1.4	9.5	-2.0	5.8	1.4
Latest 3 years	7.5	-0.6	3.9	-4.0	5.7	1.2
Latest 2 years	10.6	5.4	4.9	0.0	6.7	1.9
Latest 1 year	-5.9	3.5	-11.8	-3.0	6.3	2.8
Year-to-date (not annualised)	-1.5	0.8	-1.5	0.8	2.1	0.9
<b>Risk measures (since inception)</b>						
Maximum drawdown <sup>3</sup>	-18.9	-14.1	-26.0	-15.1	n/a	n/a
Percentage positive months <sup>4</sup>	49.4	50.6	44.7	48.2	n/a	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility <sup>5</sup>	14.2	6.6	13.6	4.9	n/a	n/a
Highest annual return <sup>6</sup>	39.6	12.9	35.6	9.4	n/a	n/a
Lowest annual return <sup>6</sup>	-11.9	-11.8	-19.1	-11.6	n/a	n/a

1. The simple average of the benchmarks of the underlying funds, performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 March 2017.

2. This is based on the latest numbers published by INET BFA as at 28 February 2017.

3. Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum rand drawdown occurred from 18 May 2016 to 24 March 2017 and maximum benchmark drawdown occurred from 18 January 2016 to 24 March 2017. 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.

6. These are the highest or lowest consecutive 12-month returns since inception. This is a measure of how much the Fund and the benchmark returns have varied per rolling 12-month period. The Fund's highest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 31 December 2013 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 31 January 2016. The Fund's lowest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 28 February 2017 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 28 February 2017. All rolling 12-month figures for the Fund and the benchmark are available from our Client Service Centre on request.

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### Meeting the Fund objective

Since inception and over the latest five-year period, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark, although it should be noted that the returns on dollar and euro cash have been low over this period. There has been some volatility in the Fund's returns. The underlying funds' maximum drawdowns to date, in their reporting currencies, are 10% for the Orbis Optimal SA Dollar class and 7% for the Orbis Optimal SA Euro class.

### 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 2016</b>
<b>Cents per unit</b>	<b>0.0000</b>

### Annual management fee

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)

### Total expense ratio (TER) and Transaction costs

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 3-year period (annualised). Since Fund returns are quoted after deduction of these expenses, the TER should not be deducted from the published returns (refer to page 4 for further information). Transaction costs are disclosed separately.

TER and Transaction costs breakdown for the 3-year period ending 31 March 2017	%
<b>Total expense ratio</b>	<b>1.43</b>
Fee for benchmark performance	0.99
Performance fees	0.36
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.08
VAT	0.00
<b>Transaction costs (including VAT)</b>	<b>0.15</b>
<b>Total investment charge</b>	<b>1.58</b>

### Top 10 share holdings on 31 March 2017

Company	% of portfolio
XPO Logistics	3.5
Mitsubishi	3.0
Sumitomo	2.5
Charter Communications	2.5
Nissan Motor	2.4
JD.com	2.3
KB Financial Group	2.2
Honda Motor	2.1
INPEX	1.9
Sumitomo Mitsui Fin.	1.9
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>24.3</b>

### Fund allocation on 31 March 2017

Foreign absolute return funds	%
Orbis Optimal SA (US\$)	59.8
Orbis Optimal SA (Euro)	40.2
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Asset allocation on 31 March 2017

	Total	North America	Europe	Japan	Asia ex-Japan	Other
Net equity	1.7	-6.5	1.7	-0.7	5.4	1.8
Hedged equity	85.8	35.5	14.2	23.6	10.8	1.7
Fixed interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodity-linked	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net current assets	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>16.0</b>
<b>Currency exposure of the Orbis funds</b>						
Funds	100.0	53.6	42.1	0.0	3.2	1.1

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

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## Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 31 March 2017

It has been eight years since global equity markets bottomed in March 2009. Since then, stock markets have been robust, with the MSCI World Index returning a solid 11% per annum. This has substantially outpaced the return on cash-like securities, implying well above normal compensation for taking on the extra risk inherent in owning equities.

But the healthy headline return hides substantial underlying dispersion. For example, the MSCI World ex-US Index has returned 7.4% per annum – not bad, but also not terribly unusual versus long-term historical averages. On the other hand, the US stock market return has been truly extraordinary, delivering more than 15% per annum since the 2009 low. This has been matched only by the historic bull markets of the 1920s, 1950s and 1990s.

Outperformance has driven the US equity weight in the World Index close to a three-decade high. Idiosyncratic opportunities still exist in the US, but like house hunting in a highly desirable neighbourhood, bargains are hard to come by.

Outside of the US, equities have risen since 2009, but markets have been led higher not by cyclicals, which would be indicative of growth enthusiasm, but by the shares of more defensive businesses. Orbis believes that the rally of defensive shares is one of many distortions created by dominant price-insensitive market participants such as the central banks. Add passive vehicles (ETFs) and trend-following strategies, which broadly follow momentum, into the mix and you are left with a recipe for substantial mispricings.

Taking the house-hunt analogy a little further, the most popular neighbourhoods are currently in the US and in the least economically sensitive sectors. It is therefore unsurprising that Orbis is finding greater fundamental value elsewhere. An example would be the financial sector, where Orbis holds select investments from Europe, Japan and the emerging markets.

Financials clearly do not fall into the 'stable' bucket that has benefited most from post-Global Financial Crisis trends, as they are economically-sensitive and levered businesses. Central bank policies have been broadly negative for financials on a few related fronts. Fundamentally, lower interest rates and extremely shallow yield curves significantly compress loan spreads, and therefore bank profitability. And valuation-wise, lower discount rates are less helpful for cyclical, lower-growth businesses that derive a smaller proportion of their current value from future cash flow expectations. Layer on increased regulation, plus onerous capital, and you end up in a tough neighbourhood indeed.

But low optimism leads to low prices. In aggregate, shares of non-US banks can be purchased at depressed levels in absolute, relative and historical terms. And these below-normal prices are available at a time when balance sheets are substantially stronger than they have been historically. The neighbourhood need not become highly desirable in order to produce satisfying long-term shareholder returns; it just has to become incrementally 'less bad'.

A good example is ING Groep, a leading northern European retail and commercial bank. Much of ING's loan book is collateralised, its loan loss provisions are well covered by pre-provision profits, the business is geographically diversified and management appears to be prudent risk-takers. The bank leads the way in offsetting some of the many industry headwinds through technology enhancements that enable efficiency gains. Although one pays a little more for the quality of the franchise, Orbis considers the price to be very reasonable for what it believes will be a resilient long-term winner in the European banking sector.

The Optimal funds tend to have the greatest appeal when two conditions are present. The first is when the compensation on offer for taking broad stock market risk is below average. The second is when there exist significant mispricings within markets. The current environment ticks both boxes. By hedging broader stock market risk and focusing on attractive individual stock selections such as ING, Optimal protects against broad market risks, while still benefiting from bargains in those areas that have been most neglected.

Orbis typically retains modest long exposure to the stock markets they consider to be the most attractive based on their bottom-up research, and likewise, uses hedging to eliminate exposure to stock markets where they believe assets are overvalued. The Fund adopted a slightly negative net beta-adjusted exposure to the Japanese stock market in the quarter, reflecting the belief that overall it is currently not attractively valued. Your Fund continues to retain a net long exposure to selected Asian stock markets, which Orbis believes are broadly undervalued. There have been no material changes to the Fund's currency exposures. Changes to the top 10 holdings were minimal and largely driven by price movements among Orbis' preferred shares.

*Adapted from Orbis commentaries contributed by Graeme Forster*

*For the full commentary please see [www.orbisfunds.com](http://www.orbisfunds.com)*

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### Notes for consideration

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.

### Management Company

Allan Gray Unit Trust Management (RF) Proprietary Limited (the 'Management Company') is registered as a management company under the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act 45 of 2002, in terms of which it operates 11 unit trust portfolios under the Allan Gray Unit Trust Scheme, and is supervised by the Financial Services Board ('FSB'). The Management Company is incorporated under the laws of South Africa and 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. Allan Gray Proprietary Limited (the 'Investment Manager'), an authorised financial services provider, is the appointed Investment Manager of the Management Company and is a member of the Association for Savings & Investment South Africa (ASISA). The trustee/custodian of the Allan Gray Unit Trust Scheme is Rand Merchant Bank, a division of FirstRand Bank Limited. The trustee/custodian can be contacted at RMB Custody and Trustee Services: Tel: +27 (0)87 736 1732 or [www.rmb.co.za](http://www.rmb.co.za)

### Performance

Collective Investment Schemes in Securities (unit trusts or funds) 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 future performance. Movements in exchange rates may also cause the value of underlying international investments to go up or down. The Management Company does not provide any guarantee regarding the capital or the performance of the Fund. Performance figures are provided by the Investment Manager and are for lump sum investments with income distributions reinvested. Where annualised performance is mentioned, this refers to the average return per year over the period. Actual investor performance may differ as a result of the investment date, the date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax.

### Fund mandate

The Fund may be closed to new investments at any time in order to be managed according to its mandate. Unit trusts are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending. The Fund may borrow up to 10% of its market value to bridge insufficient liquidity.

### Unit price

Unit trust prices are calculated on a net asset value basis, which is the total market value of all assets in the Fund including any income accruals and less any permissible deductions from the Fund 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 Management Company by 14:00 each business day to receive that day's price. Unit trust prices are available daily on [www.allangray.co.za](http://www.allangray.co.za)

### Fees

Permissible deductions may include management fees, brokerage, Securities Transfer Tax (STT), auditor's fees, bank charges and trustee fees. A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions is available on request from Allan Gray.

### Total expense ratio (TER) and Transaction costs

The total expense ratio (TER) is the annualised percentage of the Fund's average assets under management that has been used to pay the Fund's actual expenses over the past three years. The TER includes the annual management fees that have been charged (both the fee at benchmark and any performance component charged), VAT and other expenses like audit and trustee fees. Transaction costs (including brokerage, Securities Transfer Tax [STT], STRATE and FSB Investor Protection Levy and VAT thereon) are shown separately. Transaction costs are a necessary cost in administering the Fund and impact Fund returns. They should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time including market returns, the type of financial product, the investment decisions of the investment manager and the TER. Since Fund returns are quoted after the deduction of these expenses, the TER and Transaction costs should not be deducted again from published returns. As unit trust expenses vary, the current TER cannot be used as an indication of future TERs. 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. The TER and other funds' TERs should then be used to evaluate whether the Fund performance offers value for money. The sum of the TER and Transaction costs is shown as the Total investment charge.

### Fund of funds

A fund of funds is a unit trust that invests in other unit trusts, which charge their own fees. Allan Gray does not charge any additional fees in its funds of funds.

### Foreign exposure

The Fund invests in foreign funds managed by Orbis Investment Management Limited, our offshore investment partner.

### Need more information?

You can obtain additional information about your proposed investment from Allan Gray free of charge either via our website [www.allangray.co.za](http://www.allangray.co.za) or via our Client Service Centre on 0860 000 654.