# **ALLAN GRAY BALANCED FUND**

## Fact sheet at 31 August 2004



Sector: Domestic AA Prudential Medium Equity

Inception Date: 1 October 1999
Fund Manager: Arjen Lugtenburg
Qualification: M Com, CA(SA), CFA

The Fund's investment strategy is to earn a higher rate of return than the market value-weighted average of the domestic medium equity prudential unit trust sector excluding the Allan Gray Balanced Fund without assuming any greater monetary risk. Risk will be higher than the Stable Fund but less than the Equity Fund.

### **Fund Details**

# Price: 2400.64 cents Size: R 5 716 936 547 Minimum lump sum: R 5 000 Minimum monthly: R 500 Subsequent lump sums: R 500 No. of share holdings: 70

01/07/03-30/06/04 dividend (cpu): Total 85.77

Interest 12.94, Dividend 34.50,

S24J Accrual 37.66, Property dividend 0.68

**Annual Management Fee:** The monthly charge rate is directly related to the rolling two-year return of the fund compared with that of its benchmark. The limits are 0.57-1.71% p.a. (incl. VAT).

# Commentary

The surprise during August came from the unexpected 0.5% interest rate cut. Although not the claimed intent, the Rand immediately weakened, and resource and other Rand-hedge shares appreciated in value. While this action may not be indicative of the future value of the Rand, it does illustrate the risk to a portfolio of being underweight these shares, at a time when they are offering reasonable value and the Rand is overbought. We continue to believe the Rand to be unsustainably strong and that selected resource shares offer good value. We are also finding investment opportunities elsewhere in the world with competitive return expectations e.g. Japan. We therefore used the recent Rand strength and Reserve Bank approval to increase the Funds holdings in offshore assets and selected resource shares. In response to relative valuation moves, we also continued to rotate the Fund out of industrial shares, especially retailers, in favour of resource and banking shares.

### Top 10 Share Holdings at 30 June 2004\*

JSE Code	Company	% of portfolio
SOL	Sasol	8.13
TBS	Tigbrands	5.16
MTN	MTN - Group	5.16
SBK	Stanbank	3.61
HAR	Harmony	3.34
NPK	Nampak	3.34
ASA	Absa	3.17
GRY	Grayprop	2.68
NPN	Naspers - N	2.52
AGL	Anglo	2.38

<sup>\*</sup> As of 29 February 2004, the 'Top 10 Share Holdings' table will only be updated quarterly.

# **Asset Allocation**

Sector	% of Fund
Shares	64.78
Property	3.95
Bonds	17.06
Money Market & Cash	6.38
Foreign	7.83
Total	100.00

Performance (net of fees, including income, assumes reinvestment of dividends, on a NAV to NAV basis)



% Returns	Balanced Fund	Avg Prudential Fund
Since Inception (unannualise	ed) 194.1	77.6
Latest 5 years (annualised)	-	-
Latest 3 years (annualised)	18.9	11.4
Latest 1 year	22.8	21.7
Risk Measures		
(Since incep. month end price	es)	
Maximum drawdown*	-12.5	-19.2
Annualised monthly volatility	11.1	11.6

<sup>\*</sup> Maximum percentage decline over any period

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