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ALLAN GRAY EQUITY FUND

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(Most foreign assets are invested in Orbis funds.) **Inception date:** 1 October 1998

Fund description and summary of investment policy

The Fund invests primarily in shares listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE). The Fund may buy foreign assets up to a maximum of 25% of the Fund, with an additional 5% allowed for African ex-SA investments. The Fund invests the bulk of its foreign allowance in equity funds managed by Orbis Investment Management Limited, our offshore investment partner. The Fund is typically fully invested in shares. Returns are likely to be volatile, especially over short- and medium-term periods.

ASISA unit trust category: South African – Equity – General

Fund objective and benchmark

The Fund aims to create long-term wealth for investors. It aims to outperform the average return of South African General Equity Funds over the long term, without taking on greater risk of loss. To pursue its objective the Fund's portfolio may differ materially from those of its peers. This will result in the Fund underperforming its benchmark materially at times. The Fund aims to compensate for these periods of underperformance by delivering outperformance over the long term. The Fund's benchmark is the market value-weighted average return of funds in the South African – Equity – General category (excluding Allan Gray funds).

How we aim to achieve the Fund's objective

We seek to buy shares offering the best relative value while maintaining a diversified portfolio. We thoroughly research companies to assess their intrinsic value from a long-term perspective. This long-term perspective enables us to buy shares from sellers who over-react to short-term difficulties or undervalue long-term potential. We invest in a selection of shares across all sectors of the stock market, and across the range of large, mid and smaller cap shares.

Suitable for those investors who

- Seek exposure to listed equities to provide long-term capital growth
- Are comfortable with stock market fluctuation, i.e. short- to medium-term volatility
- Are prepared to accept the risk of capital loss
- Typically have an investment horizon of more than five years
- Wish to use the Fund as an equity '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

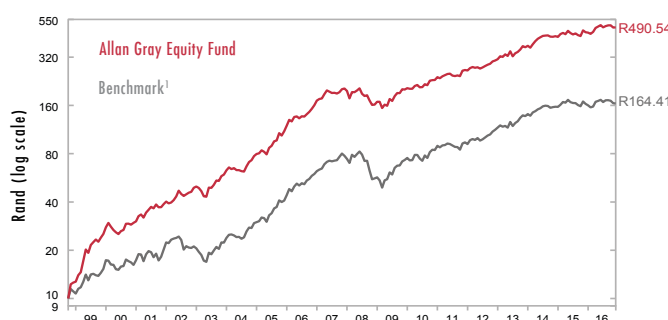
*Only available to investors with a South African bank account.

Fund information on 30 November 2016

Fund size	R38.6bn
Number of units	69 024 064
Price (net asset value per unit)	R364.43
Class	A

Performance net of all fees and expenses

Value of R10 invested at inception with all distributions reinvested



% Returns	Fund	Benchmark ¹	CPI inflation ²
Cumulative:			
Since inception	4805.4	1544.1	167.4
Annualised:			
Since inception	23.9	16.7	5.6
Latest 10 years	11.8	10.6	6.2
Latest 5 years	13.0	11.8	5.6
Latest 3 years	10.0	6.2	5.6
Latest 2 years	6.5	2.3	5.5
Latest 1 year	7.2	0.5	6.4
Year-to-date (not annualised)	7.9	2.7	6.0
Risk measures (since inception)			
Maximum drawdown ³	-31.3	-45.4	n/a
Percentage positive months ⁴	66.1	59.2	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility ⁵	15.7	17.3	n/a
Highest annual return ⁶	125.8	73.0	n/a
Lowest annual return ⁶	-20.7	-37.6	n/a

1. The market value-weighted average return of funds in the South African – Equity – General category (excluding Allan Gray funds). From inception to 28 February 2015 the benchmark was the FTSE/JSE All Share Index including income. Source: INET BFA, performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 30 November 2016.

2. This is based on the latest numbers published by INET BFA as at 31 October 2016.

3. Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum drawdown occurred from 20 May 2008 to 27 October 2008 and maximum benchmark drawdown occurred from 22 May 2008 to 20 November 2008. 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 30 September 1999 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 30 April 2006. The Fund's lowest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 30 November 2008 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 28 February 2009. 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

The Fund has created wealth for its long-term investors. Since inception and over the latest 10 and five-year periods, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark, and its returns have exceeded CPI inflation by a significant margin. The Fund experiences periods of underperformance in pursuit of its objective of creating long-term wealth for investors, without taking on greater risk of loss than the average equity fund. The maximum drawdown and lowest annual return numbers, in the 'Performance net of all fees and expenses' table, show that the Fund has successfully reduced downside risk in periods of negative market returns.

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 biannually.	31 Dec 2015	30 Jun 2016
Cents per unit	0.0000	114.5508

Annual management fee

Allan Gray charges a fee based on the net asset value of the Fund excluding the portion invested in Orbis funds. The fee rate is calculated daily by comparing the Fund's total performance for the day to that of the benchmark.

Fee for performance equal to the Fund's benchmark: 1.00% p.a. excl. VAT

For each annualised percentage point above or below the benchmark we add or deduct 0.2%. The maximum fee is uncapped and if the fee would have been negative, 0% will be charged for the day and the negative fee will be carried forward to reduce the next day's fee (and all subsequent days until the underperformance is recovered).

This means that Allan Gray shares in approximately 20% of annualised performance relative to the benchmark.

A portion of the Fund may be invested in Orbis funds. Orbis charges performance-based fees within these funds that are calculated based on each Orbis fund's performance relative to its own benchmark. The Orbis equity funds charge 1.5% p.a. for performance equal to their benchmarks. The minimum Orbis equity fund fee is 0.5% p.a. and the maximum is 2.5% p.a.

Total expense ratio (TER) and Transaction costs

The annual management fees charged by both Allan Gray and 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 30 September 2016	%
Total expense ratio	2.29
Fee for benchmark performance	1.29
Performance fees	0.72
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.01
VAT	0.27
Transaction costs (including VAT)	0.06
Total investment charge	2.35

Top 10 share holdings on 30 September 2016 (SA and Foreign) (updated quarterly)⁹

Company	% of portfolio
Sasol	7.3
Standard Bank	6.8
Naspers ⁷	6.7
British American Tobacco	6.2
Old Mutual	5.2
Reinet	3.1
Remgro	3.0
Investec	2.3
Rand Merchant Investment ⁷	2.0
Nedbank	1.8
Total (%)	44.3

7. Including Stub Certificates.

Sector allocation on 30 September 2016 (updated quarterly)⁹

Sector	% of Fund	% of ALSI ⁸
Oil and gas	1.3	0.0
Basic materials	19.0	22.1
Industrials	11.6	4.8
Consumer goods	8.9	15.9
Healthcare	4.0	4.0
Consumer services	12.3	23.7
Telecommunications	1.3	4.8
Utilities	0.2	0.0
Financials	31.6	24.3
Technology	3.1	0.4
Commodity-linked	1.5	0.0
Other	0.6	0.0
Money market and bank deposits	4.7	0.0
Total (%)	100.0	100.0

8. FTSE/JSE All Share Index.

Asset allocation on 30 November 2016⁹

Asset Class	Total	South Africa	Africa ex-SA	Foreign ex-Africa
Net equity	94.9	79.9	0.7	14.2
Property	1.1	0.8	0.0	0.4
Commodity-linked	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Money market and bank deposits	2.5	1.2	0.0	1.3
Total (%)	100.0	83.4	0.8	15.9

9. Underlying holdings of Orbis funds are included on a look-through basis.

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

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Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 30 September 2016

It is interesting to note the surprise announcements made by several market 'darlings' over the course of the third quarter of 2016. Mr Price revealed negative unit sales growth and cautioned investors that its next reported profits are unlikely to exceed those of the previous year. Aspen's recently reported earnings were impacted by currency volatility and a disappointing performance of its South African business. Steinhoff's core business – excluding acquisitions – is growing slower than many expected. Mediclinic is struggling with the integration of its Middle East businesses. Richemont is experiencing a sharp slowdown in sales and expects profits to be down 45% when it next reports results. These are only a few examples.

In all instances the shares sold off quite sharply in absolute terms and also relative to the market. There have been one or two missteps – a supply chain issue here, a slow response to a competitor there – but share price weakness cannot be attributed exclusively to management. In some cases the companies did what they could in response to rapidly changing conditions.

The bigger problem was one of unreasonable expectations. The price-to-earnings (PE) multiples that these companies traded on were in the twenties and thirties. Profit margins in some cases rose to unsustainable levels. Lofty valuations provide little margin for error and a high degree of continued future success was priced in already.

Expectations for the future prospects of many of the Fund's top holdings are far more modest. Sasol, Standard Bank and Nedbank trade on PEs of less than 10. Old Mutual and Investec's PEs are in the low teens. The conglomerates – Reinet, Remgro and even Naspers – trade at discounts of between 15% and 30% to their sum-of-parts values. British American Tobacco's current valuation relative to the FTSE/JSE All Share Index is lower than its average since listing on the JSE in 2008.

The outlook does not appear rosy for all the Fund's holdings, with some facing meaningful challenges. Fortunately, a rosy outlook is no prerequisite for a good investment. The future merely has to be a little better than what is implied by share prices today.

Netcare, Naspers and Investec were the most significant additions to the Fund this quarter, funded by disposals of SABMiller and selected gold shares. The foreign portion of the Fund, invested in the Orbis Global Equity Fund, has increased from 10.8% at the end of the second quarter to 13.5% at end of the third quarter.

Commentary contributed by Simon Raubenheimer

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Notes for consideration

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

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

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.

FTSE/JSE All Share Index

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Foreign exposure

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