Allan Gray Equity Fund

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Fund managers: Duncan Artus, Jithen Pillay, Rory Kutisker-Jacobson, Tim Acker (Most foreign assets are invested in Orbis funds) **Inception date:** 1 October 1998

30 June 2025

Fund description and summary of investment policy

The Fund invests primarily in shares listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE). The Fund can invest a maximum of 45% offshore. 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

Fund information on 30 June 2025

Fund size	R51.8bn
Number of units	46 503 079
Price (net asset value per unit)	R682.16
Class	А

- The market value-weighted average return of funds in the South African – Equity – General category, excluding Allan Gray funds. (Effective 1 October 2024, this category started excluding funds that can only invest in South African equities.) Source: Morningstar, performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 30 June 2025. From inception to 28 February 2015 the benchmark was the FTSE/JSE All Share Index including income. Source: IRESS.
- CPI inflation has been calculated based on the most recent rebased values from Stats SA, reflecting the data as at 31 May 2025 (source: IRESS).
- Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum drawdown occurred from 3 September 2018 to 23 March 2020 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.
- 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 31 March 2020 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.

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 (1 October 1998)	10636.1	3436.8	306.8
Annualised:			
Since inception (1 October 1998)	19.1	14.3	5.4
Latest 10 years	9.3	7.9	4.8
Latest 5 years	16.7	16.1	5.2
Latest 3 years	16.7	15.2	4.8
Latest 2 years	16.2	15.9	4.0
Latest 1 year	21.9	22.7	2.8
Year-to-date (not annualised)	13.7	11.7	2.2
Risk measures (since inception)			
Maximum drawdown ³	-37.0	-45.4	n/a
Percentage positive months ⁴	66.4	60.4	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility ⁵	14.9	16.2	n/a
Highest annual return ⁶	125.8	73.0	n/a
Lowest annual return ⁶	-24.3	-37.6	n/a

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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. 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 2024	30 Jun 2025
Cents per unit	635.7956	838.4062

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. Orbis pays a marketing and distribution fee to Allan Gray.

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 one and three-vear period (annualised). Since Fund returns are guoted 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.

Top 10 share holdings on 30 June 2025 (SA and Foreign) (updated quarterly)7

Company	% of portfolio
British American Tobacco	5.3
Naspers & Prosus	5.0
AB InBev	4.9
Standard Bank	2.8
AngloGold Ashanti	2.5
The Walt Disney Company	2.4
Nedbank	2.1
Woolworths	2.1
Remgro	2.0
Mondi	2.0
Total (%)	31.1

7. Underlying holdings of foreign funds are included on a look-through basis.

8. Includes listed property.

9. ETSE/JSE All Share Index.

Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs (updated quarterly)

TER and transaction costs breakdown for the 1- and 3-year period ending 30 June 2025	1yr %	3yr %
Total expense ratio	1.29	1.87
Fee for benchmark performance	1.02	1.04
Performance fees	0.21	0.65
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.04	0.04
VAT	0.02	0.14
Transaction costs (including VAT)	0.10	0.08
Total investment charge	1.39	1.95

Sector allocation on 30 June 2025 (updated quarterly)7

Sector	% of equities ⁸	% of ALSI ⁹
Financials	23.6	28.2
Consumer staples	18.9	11.4
Basic materials	13.4	22.5
Consumer discretionary	12.7	6.7
Industrials	11.3	2.9
Technology	9.2	16.4
Healthcare	4.4	1.2
Energy	3.2	0.7
Telecommunications	1.6	5.3
Real estate	1.5	4.8
Utilities	0.3	0.0
Total (%)	100.0	100.0

Asset allocation on 30 June 20257

Asset class	Total	South Africa	Foreign
Net equities	91.9	51.8	40.1
Hedged equities	0.0	0.0	0.0
Property	1.4	0.3	1.2
Commodity-linked	0.3	0.3	0.0
Bonds	0.2	0.0	0.2
Money market and cash ¹⁰	6.2	5.2	1.0
Total (%)	100.0	57.5	42.5 ¹¹

10. Including currency hedges.

11. The Fund can invest a maximum of 45% offshore. Market movements may periodically cause the Fund to move beyond these limits. This must be corrected within 12 months.

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

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Market participants would be forgiven for having developed a mild case of post-traumatic stress disorder over the last three months. The now infamous "Liberation Day", the near collapse of South Africa's government of national unity (GNU) and the drastic escalation of tensions in the Middle East were the defining events of the quarter. Yet, if an investor fell into a coma at the end of March and only re-emerged at the end of June, a glance at closing stock market levels would suggest nothing but good news. Both the MSCI World Index and the S&P 500 were up 11% in US dollars at the end of the quarter. However, there was a wild ride in between. Over the four days after Donald Trump announced sweeping tariffs in early April, the S&P 500 fell 12%. A subsequent pause in implementation saw the index recover all its losses by 2 May, only to power ahead 25% from the Liberation Day bottom on the back of a trade deal with China and a negotiated ceasefire in the Middle East. Both the MSCI World Index and S&P 500 ended the second guarter at all-time highs.

We have yet to see where the final US tariff proposals will land. Current estimates put the effective forward rate at the highest level since the 1930s. At the peril of trying to read Trump's mind, the problem he is trying to fix is a real one. The United States' share of global consumption is almost double its share of global production - an outlier compared to most regional blocs. The US also has a growing fiscal deficit that must be funded. There are, however, reasons to be concerned. Firstly, policy uncertainty is usually not supportive for private sector capital investment. One faces a sharp headwind to maintain strong growth in such an environment (South Africa is an unfortunate case in point here). Secondly, US companies will bear the burden of the tariffs and have a choice: They can either pass on those higher costs to consumers via higher prices, or they can absorb them into their margins. The former is not conducive to low and stable inflation (something we thought was at risk even before the tariff announcements). The latter is not good for company earnings. The S&P 500 trades on 22 times forward earnings versus the MSCI World ex-US on 15 times; using this alone to conclude the US is expensive, is lazy. US companies deserve a premium rating, as they have grown faster with lower earnings volatility and higher cash conversion. However, what worries us is 1) the S&P 500's rating is more than 40% above its own history, and 2) earnings expectations are high despite the risks discussed above. As such, our global stock positions are tilted away from the US, and those within the US are in the less-crowded names.

Locally, things were even more extreme. The FTSE/JSE All Share Index (ALSI) fell 9% two days after 2 April, fully recovering over the next eight days and marching to an all-time high in mid-June (a 20% gain from the Liberation Day bottom). A sharper recovery was aided by the precious metal shares (up 14% over the guarter; making up 17% of the ALSI). If we are to ease our social and economic challenges, South Africa needs to grow real gross domestic product (GDP) meaningfully. The key internal enablers of this remain missing: The GNU is tenuous, capital investment is stagnant and infrastructure performance is still subpar. Unfortunately, even if we solve all our problems, the weakening global growth environment makes a turnaround much harder. For technical reasons, the ALSI today is far more exposed to the SA economy versus a decade ago. SA banks and insurers make up almost a guarter of the index, with retailers and healthcare making up a further 10%. Given our concerns about the SA economy, our positioning is tilted offshore, particularly towards the defensive rand hedges. AB InBev is a great example of such a share. Beer is winning share of throat, the company has pricing power from strong brands and consumers trading up, there is material scope for earnings to grow and, most importantly, we can buy it for a reasonable price.

To paraphrase Vladimir Lenin: There are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happen. Given the heightened risk environment, we are primarily solving for absolute returns. If stock markets continue to run, our defensive tilt means we will likely lag on a relative basis but hopefully with healthy absolute returns. However, if there is a longer-lasting wobble, our positioning should hold up more robustly in protecting client capital. Our through-the-cycle track record has been built on the latter.

During the quarter, the Fund added to its positions in Glencore and Aspen Pharmacare and reduced its holdings in Gold Fields and Prosus.

Commentary contributed by Jithen Pillay

Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 30 June 2025

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Fund mandate

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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 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

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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 one- and three-year periods. 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, Share Transactions Totally Electronic (STRATE) and FSCA Investor Protection Levy and VAT thereon) are shown separately. Transaction costs are necessary costs 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 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 (TIC).

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