

ALLAN GRAY

ALLAN GRAY MONEY MARKET FUND

Fund managers: Andrew Lapping, Gary Elston. **Inception date:** 1 July 2001

Fund description and summary of investment policy

The Fund invests in South African money market instruments with a term shorter than 13 months. These instruments can be issued by government, parastatals, corporates and banks. The Fund is managed to comply with regulations governing retirement funds.

While capital losses are unlikely, they can occur if, for example, one of the issuers of an instrument held by the Fund defaults. In this event losses will be borne by the Fund and its investors.

ASISA unit trust category: South African - Interest Bearing - Money Market

Fund objective and benchmark

The Fund aims to preserve capital, maintain liquidity and generate a sound level of income. The Fund's benchmark is the Alexander Forbes Short Term Fixed Interest (STeFI) Composite Index.

How we aim to achieve the Fund's objective

The Fund invests in selected money market instruments providing an income yield and a high degree of capital stability. We formulate an interest rate outlook, which is influenced by our inflation outlook and expectations of the resulting Reserve Bank policy response. Based on this analysis, we select investments for the Fund. These assets are typically held to maturity. We take a conservative approach to credit risk.

Suitable for those investors who

- Require monthly income distributions
- Are highly risk-averse but seek returns higher than bank deposits
- Need a short-term investment account

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 December 2016

Fund size	R13.6bn
Number of units	13 489 637 270
Price (net asset value per unit)	R1.00
Monthly yield at month end	0.66
Fund duration (days)	88.86
Fund weighted average maturity (days)	111.37
Class	A

Income distribution for the last 12 months

Actual payout (cents per unit), the Fund distributes monthly

Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2016
0.57	0.55	0.60	0.59
May 2016	Jun 2016	Jul 2016	Aug 2016
0.62	0.61	0.64	0.64
Sep 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2016
0.63	0.65	0.63	0.66

Performance net of all fees and expenses

% Returns	Fund	Benchmark ¹	CPI inflation ²
Cumulative:			
Since inception	231.1	227.6	136.1
Annualised:			
Since inception	8.0	8.0	5.7
Latest 10 years	7.5	7.3	6.3
Latest 5 years	6.2	6.1	5.6
Latest 3 years	6.8	6.6	5.7
Latest 2 years	7.1	6.9	5.7
Latest 1 year	7.7	7.4	6.6
Year-to-date (not annualised)	7.7	7.4	6.3
Risk measures (since inception)			
Highest annual return ³	12.8	13.3	n/a
Lowest annual return ³	5.2	5.2	n/a

1. The current benchmark is the Alexander Forbes Short Term Fixed Interest (STeFI) Composite Index. Since inception to 31 March 2003, the benchmark was the Alexander Forbes 3-Month Deposit Index. From 1 April 2003 to 31 October 2011 the benchmark was the Domestic Fixed Interest Money Market Collective Investment Scheme sector excluding the Allan Gray Money Market Fund, performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 December 2016.

2. This is based on the latest numbers published by INET BFA as at 30 November 2016.

3. 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 July 2003 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 31 July 2003. The Fund's lowest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 30 September 2013 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 31 October 2013. 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 preserved capital, maintained liquidity and generated a sound level of income.

Annual management fee

A fixed fee of 0.25% p.a. excl. VAT

Total expense ratio (TER) and Transaction costs

The annual management fee is 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 December 2016	%
Total expense ratio	0.29
Annual management fee	0.25
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.00
VAT	0.04
Transaction costs (including VAT)	0.00
Total investment charge	0.29

Exposure by issuer on 31 December 2016

	% of portfolio
Government and parastatals	17.7
Republic of South Africa	17.7
Corporates	5.6
Sanlam	2.3
Toyota Financial Services	1.8
Mercedes-Benz S.A.	1.1
Aspen	0.4
Banks⁴	76.7
FirstRand	17.9
Barclays Africa	17.4
Nedbank	17.4
Standard Bank	15.2
Investec Bank	8.8
Total (%)	100.0

4. Banks include negotiable certificates of deposit (NCDs), fixed deposits and call deposits.

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

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Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 31 December 2016

2016 brought with it numerous events, both domestic and international, to remind investors of the uncertain and unpredictable times that we are living in. Who would have thought that we would be faced with the unlikely scenarios of Brexit, a Trump presidency or that many of the developed countries would have 10-year bonds with negative yields at some point in the year? Two of the dominant local stories for 2016 were the heightened political uncertainty and the rating agencies' reviews of the country – adding to volatility in the markets.

South Africa managed to retain its investment grade ratings on both its local and foreign currency debt from all three rating agencies. While this was good news for fixed income investors, it unfortunately does not mean that the threat has gone away, and the political uncertainty is far from over.

Despite the volatility in 2016, the 12-month bank NCD rate ended the year around the same level it started, at around 8.45%, having traded in a 50-basis point range over the year. The 10-year government bond (R186) rallied in 2016 from 9.71% down to below 9%, and the rand strengthened from R15.56/US\$ to under R14.00/US\$.

In November 2016 the annual rate of inflation as measured by the South African Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 6.6% year-on-year (y-o-y). This is off the peak of 7.0% y-o-y in February, but well above the lowest point of 5.9% y-o-y in August. Food remains a large driver of inflation, with the latest reading of 11.8% y-o-y as the drought persists. Food inflation is expected to moderate from here and average annual inflation should fall to below the 6% y-o-y upper end of the South African Reserve Bank's target band in 2017.

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) left the repo rate unchanged again in November, bringing the total repo rate hikes to 75 basis points for the year, with all hikes occurring in the first quarter. There is a general feeling that we may be at the end of the current repo rate hiking cycle, with inflation expectations moderating given the current levels of the rand.

South Africa's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) appears to have bottomed, with the latest forecast from the MPC of 0.4% for 2016 and then 1.2% for 2017, showing improvement. However, the current account deficit remains a concern, with the latest estimate at 4.0% of GDP for 2016.

We still maintain that the shape of the money market yield curve is too steep, and the Fund's strategy is to continue taking advantage of this steepness by investing in the longer end, which offers the best value for the associated risks. With the prospect of interest rates not rising in the near future, we are reducing our allocation to pure floating rate notes. We are focusing on a mix of short-dated treasury bills for liquidity and longer-dated bank NCDs with maturities between six months and one year. No new issuers were included in the Fund over the fourth quarter.

Commentary contributed by Gary Elston

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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. 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 applicable taxes.

The Allan Gray Money Market Fund is not a bank deposit account

The Fund aims to maintain a constant price of 100 cents per unit. The total return an investor receives is made up of interest received and any gain or loss made on instruments held by the Fund. While capital losses are unlikely, they can occur if, for example, one of the issuers of an instrument defaults. In this event investors may lose some of their capital. To maintain a constant price of 100 cents per unit, investors' unit holdings will be reduced to the extent of such losses. The yield is calculated according to ASISA standards. Excessive withdrawals from the Fund may place it under liquidity pressure; if this happens withdrawals may be ring-fenced and managed over a period of time. 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.

Compliance with Regulation 28

The Fund is managed to comply with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act. Exposures in excess of the limits will be corrected immediately, except where due to a change in the fair value or characteristic of an asset, e.g. market value fluctuations, in which case they will be corrected within a reasonable time period. The Management Company does not monitor compliance by retirement funds with section 19(4) of the Pension Funds Act (item 6 of Table 1 to Regulation 28).

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 or via our Client Service Centre on 0860 000 654.