

ALLAN GRAY OPTIMAL FUND

Fact sheet at 31 July 2005



Sector: Domestic AA Targeted Absolute Return
Inception Date: 1 October 2002
Fund Manager: Stephen Mildenhall
Qualification: B Com(Hons), CA(SA), CFA

This is a long-term absolute return fund for the investor who wishes to avoid the volatility generally associated with stock and bond markets, but still wants exposure to specialist stockpicking skills and to enjoy a positive rate of return which is higher than that of cash. This is a low risk fund.

Fund Details

Price: 1226.56 cents
Size: R 1 267 043 769
Minimum lump sum: R 25 000
Minimum monthly: R 2 500
Subsequent lump sums: R 2 500
No. of share holdings: 45
01/07/04-30/06/05 dividend (cpu): Total 24.72
Interest 5.66, Dividend 19.06

Annual Management Fee: Fixed fee of 1% (excl. VAT) per annum. Performance-fee of 20% of the daily outperformance of the benchmark. In times of underperformance, no performance fees are charged until the underperformance is recovered.

Commentary

The Fund invests in a portfolio of equities and substantially reduces stockmarket risk by using equity derivatives. As a result, the Fund's return should not be correlated with equity markets but it is rather dependent on the level of short-term interest rates and the ability of the Fund's equity portfolio to outperform the underlying benchmark equity index. The Fund has outperformed its benchmark since inception and has marginally outperformed its benchmark over the last 12 months. Most of the outperformance has occurred in the last six months as the Fund's shares outperformed the market over this period. We continue to believe that the opportunities for stock-pickers like ourselves are currently better than they have been over the last year or so.

Top 10 Share Holdings at 30 June 2005*

JSE Code	Company	% of portfolio
AGL	Anglo	12.03
BIL	Billiton	8.99
SOL	Sasol	7.85
SBK	Stanbank	5.68
MTN	MTN - Group	5.41
HAR	Harmony	4.80
RCH	Richemont	4.17
SAB	SAB -Brews	3.92
ASA	Absa	3.87
IMP	Implats	3.81

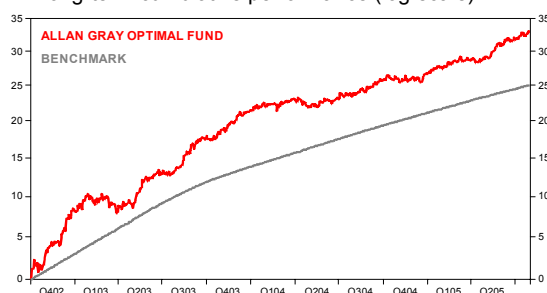
* The 'Top 10 Share Holdings' table is updated quarterly.

Asset Allocation

Asset Class	% of Fund
Equities	90.84
Derivatives	-86.44
Net Equity Exposure	4.40
Derivative - Contract Value	86.44
Money Market and Cash	9.16
Total	100.00

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

Long-term cumulative performance (log-scale)



% Returns

Optimal Fund Benchmark*

Since Inception (unannualised)	32.2	25.1
Latest 5 years (annualised)	-	-
Latest 3 years (annualised)	-	-
Latest 1 year	7.4	5.8
Risk Measures		
<i>(Since incep. month end prices)</i>		
Maximum drawdown**	-2.2	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility	3.6	0.8

* The daily call rate of FirstRand Bank Limited

** Maximum percentage decline over any period

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