

ALLAN GRAY OPTIMAL FUND
Fact sheet at 28 February 2006


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: 1272.30 cents
Size: R 976 130 758
Minimum lump sum: R 25 000
Minimum monthly: R 2 500
Subsequent lump sums: R 2 500
No. of share holdings: 39
01/01/05-31/12/05 dividend (cpu): Total 22.82
 Interest 4.74, Dividend 18.08

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. Since inception the Fund has returned 39.3% comfortably outperforming the benchmark by 10%. For the past 12 months, the Fund returned 8.2% compared to the benchmark return of 5.4%. The All Share Index is currently at record levels in absolute terms and trading at a price earnings ratio of 16x, well above its long-term average of 11.5x. In this environment of an increasing risk of capital loss from equity markets, we believe that the Optimal Fund's potential to deliver long-term absolute returns is a particularly attractive one.

Top 10 Share Holdings at 31 December 2005*

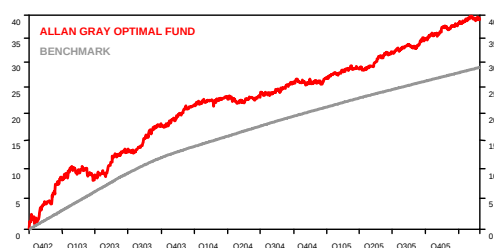
JSE Code	Company	% of portfolio
AGL	Anglo	12.82
BIL	Billiton	8.55
SOL	Sasol	7.57
MTN	MTN	5.84
SAB	SAB	5.26
IMP	Implats	4.24
RCH	Richemont	4.00
HAR	Harmony	3.94
REM	Remgro	3.91
SBK	Stanbank	3.45

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

Asset Allocation

Asset Class	% of Fund
Equities	92.99
Derivatives	-81.09
Net Equity Exposure	11.90
Derivative - Contract Value	81.09
Fixed Interest/Liquidity	7.01
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)	39.3	29.0
Latest 5 years (annualised)	-	-
Latest 3 years (annualised)	8.3	7.1
Latest 1 year	8.2	5.4
Risk Measures		
<i>(Since incep. month end prices)</i>		
Maximum drawdown**	-2.2	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility	3.4	0.8

* The daily call rate of FirstRand Bank Limited

** Maximum percentage decline over any period

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