# **ALLAN GRAY OPTIMAL FUND**

# Fact sheet at 31 January 2007

Sector: Domestic AA Targeted Absolute Return

Inception Date: 1 October 2002
Fund Manager: Delphine Govender
Qualification: BCom, 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**

## Commentary

 Price:
 1 350.91 cents

 Size:
 R 866 907 958

 Minimum lump sum:
 R 25 000

 Minimum monthly:
 R 2 500

 Subsequent lump sums:
 R 2 500

 No. of share holdings:
 41

Income Distribution: Bi-annually 01/01/06-31/12/06 dividend (cpu): 26.55

Interest 7.13, Dividend 19.42

**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.

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 dependent rather 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 50.9%, outperforming the benchmark return of 36.7%. For the past 12 months, the Fund returned 8.2% compared to the benchmark return of 6.4%. The South African stockmarket has continued its very strong run with the ALSI trading at near record levels. The high absolute level of the market as well as the high level of valuation for the market as measured by the P/E ratio of over 17x does heighten the risk of lower potential equity returns from current levels. In this environment of an increasing risk of capital loss from overall equity markets, we believe that the Optimal Fund's potential to deliver long-term absolute returns, uncorrelated with overall equity markets, is a particularly attractive one.

#### Top 10 Share Holdings at 31 December 2006\*

JSE Code	Company	% of portfolio
AGL	Anglo	13.41
BIL	Billiton Plc	7.77
MTN	MTN Group	7.09
SAB	SAB	6.60
RCH	Richemont	4.61
REM	Remgro	4.52
IMP	Impala	4.39
SOL	Sasol	3.79
SBK	Stanbank	3.54
NPN	Nasionale Pers	2.90
* The 'Top 10 Share Holdings' table is updated quarterly.		

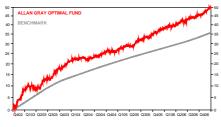
Asset Class	% of Fund
Gross SA Equities	88.5
Derivatives	-85.3
Net SA Equities	3.3
Hedged SA Equities	85.3
Property	0.9
Commodities (Newgold ETF)	0.0
Bonds	0.0
Money Market and Cash	10.5
Foreign	0.0
Total	100.0

Total net SA and foreign equity exposure: 3.3

**Asset Allocation** 

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





% Returns	Optimal Fund	Benchmark*
Since Inception (unannualise	d) 50.9	36.7
Latest 5 years (annualised)	-	-
Latest 3 years (annualised)	7.3	6.1
Latest 1 year	8.2	6.4
Risk Measures		
(Since incep. month end price	es)	
Maximum drawdown**	-2.2	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility	3.1	0.7

- \* The daily call rate of FirstRand Bank Limited.
- \*\* Maximum percentage decline over any period. Performance as calculated by Allan Gray.

### Allan Gray Unit Trust Management Limited

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