## ALLAN GRAY OPTIMAL FUND

## Fact sheet at 31 July 2007

Domestic AA -Targeted Absolute Return

1 October 2002

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Sector: Inception Date: Fund Manager:

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:	1 401.86 cents	Total Expense Ratio*				
Size:	R 987 153 491	Total Expense	Included in TER			
Minimum lump sum:	R 25 000	Ratio	Trading Costs	Performance Component	1	
Minimum monthly:	R 2 500	1.84%	0.21%	0.49%	1	
Subsequent lump sums:	R 2 500	*A Total Expense Ratio (TER) is a measure of a portfolio's assets that are relinquished as operating expenses (incl. VAT). It is expressed as a percentage of the average value of the portfolio, calculated for the year to the end of March 2007. Included in the TER is the proportion of costs that are incurred in the performance component and trading costs. These are disclosed seperately as percentages of the net asset value.				
No. of share holdings:	43					
Income distribution:	Bi-annually					
01/07/06-30/06/07 dividend (cpu):	Total 24.92					
	Interest 7.63, Dividend 17.29					

## Annual management fee:

The annual management fee rate is dependent on the return of the Fund relative to its benchmark, the daily call rate of FirstRand Bank Limited. The fee hurdle (above which a fee greater than the minimum fee of 1% is charged) is performance equal to the benchmark. The manager's sharing rate is 20% of the outperformance of the benchmark. The fee is uncapped, however a high watermark principle applies which means that should the Fund underperform it would first be required to recover the underperformance before any further performance fees are payable.

## Commentary

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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 57.6%, outperforming the benchmark return of 42%. For the past 12 months, the Fund returned 9.4% compared to the benchmark return of 7.6%. The month of July 2007 was a volatile one for the South African stockmarket with the market touching an all-time high during the month and then ending the month approximately 4% below this peak. We believe that given the current high level of valuation of the ALSI (as measured by the P/E ratio of approximately 16x) together with the current conditions apparent in global stockmarkets, volatility will remain a feature of the South African stockmarket for some time. This heightens the risk of lower potential equity returns from current levels. In this environment of an increased volatility and 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 30 June 2007*			Asset Allocation						
JSE Code	Company	% of portfolio			% of Fund				
AGL	Anglo	13.8	Gross SA Equities*		83.9				
BIL	Billiton Plc	9.7	Derivatives		-83.4				
SAB	SAB	7.1	Net SA Equities*		0.5				
RCH	Richemont	6.7	Hedged SA Equities		83.4				
MTN	MTN Group	5.9	Property		1.6				
REM	Remgro	3.8	Commodities (Newgold ET	F)	0.0				
IMP	Impala	3.0	Bonds		0.0				
SBK	Stanbank	2.8	Money Market and Cash		14.5				
AMS	Angloplat	2.6	Foreign		0.0				
NPN	Nasionale Pers	2.5	Total		100.0				
* The 'Top 10 Share Holdings' table is updated quarterly. *Listed property excluded.									
Performance (net of fees, including income, assumes reinvestment of dividends, on a NAV to NAV basis)									
Long-term cumulative performance (log-scale)			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	nchmark*					
60 ALLAN GRAY OPTIMAL FUND			Since Inception (unannualised)	57.6	42.0				
50 BENCHMARK			Latest 5 years (annualised)	-	-				
			Latest 3 years (annualised)	8.3	6.3				
35 30 30			Latest 1 year	9.4	7.6				
			Risk Measures						
			(Since incep. month end prices)						
			Maximum drawdown**	-2.2	n/a				
s <b>1</b>		5	Annualised monthly volatility	2.9	0.7				
* The daily call rate of FirstRand Bank Limited.									
CAR2 2223 4403 0204 0404 0225 0405 0206 0406 0207 ** Maximum percentage decline over any period.									
Source: FNB, performance as calculated by Allan Gray on 31 July 2007.									
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