



FUND DETAILS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009

Sector: Domestic AA - Targeted Absolute Return
Inception date: 1 October 2002
Fund manager: Delphine Govender
Fund objective:
 The Fund aims to exceed the return of the Daily Call Rate of FirstRand Bank.

Suitable for those investors who:

- Seek absolute (i.e. positive) returns regardless of stock market trends
- Are risk-averse and require a high degree of capital stability
- Are retired or nearing retirement
- Seek the diversification benefits of uncorrelated returns relative to shares or bonds
- Wish to diversify a portfolio of shares or bonds
- Wish to add a product with an alternative investment strategy to their overall portfolio

Price: R 15.84
Size: R 2 771 m
Minimum lump sum per investor account: R 20 000
Minimum lump sum per fund: R 5 000
Minimum debit order per fund: R 500
Additional lump sum per fund: R 500
No. of share holdings: 57

Income distribution: 01/01/09 - 31/12/09 (cents per unit) Total 34.06
 Distributes bi-annually. To the extent that the total expenses exceed the income earned in the form of dividends and interest, the Fund will not make a distribution.

Annual management fee:

The annual management fee rate is dependent on the return of the Fund relative to its benchmark. The benchmark is the return on call deposits with FirstRand Bank Limited (for amounts in excess of R5m). 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

The Fund invests in a portfolio of equities and substantially reduces stock market risk and exposure by selling equity derivatives against the equity portfolio. 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. In essence, therefore, the Fund's return comprises two components: (1) the cash return implicit in the pricing of the sold futures contracts +/- (2) the out/underperformance of the equity portfolio versus the index (i.e. the alpha).

Since inception the Fund has returned 96.2%, outperforming the benchmark's return of 75.9%. For the 12 months ended 31 December 2009, the Fund has delivered 6.5%, below the benchmark's 7.6%.

We have seen a sharp rally in the FTSE/JSE All Share Index (ALSI) since the beginning of 2009 with the ALSI up in excess of 30%. As a result, the Optimal Fund, with its very low net equity exposure, would naturally tend to lag in the context of rapidly rising equity prices. In addition, the equity component of the Fund is invested in more defensive shares which have underperformed the market as a whole since the first quarter of this year. We believe that current broader equity prices are presently discounting very optimistic expectations in terms of the earnings' outlook for several companies, especially cyclical companies. We are more cautious in terms of our expectations for the scale and pace of recovery of both economic activity and company profits, and are more circumspect on the sustainability of current equity prices.

With an explicit mandate to minimise volatility, preserve capital (i.e. limit loss) and deliver uncorrelated returns versus equity markets, we feel the Optimal Fund is appropriately positioned to meet its objectives over the long term. It is important for investors to remember that given that the Fund does contain an equity component - albeit a small one - it is possible for the Fund to deliver a negative return over very short periods of time. Since the inception of the Fund, 87 months ago, there have been approximately 13 separate months where a negative monthly return has been recorded. We remain assured, however, that this does not compromise the long-term objective of seeking to deliver absolute returns.

Given our view that the risk of loss from the equity market as a whole is now higher than average, we are particularly confident about the relevance of this Fund as a component of an investor's overall portfolio.

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OPTIMAL FUND

TOP 10 SHARE HOLDINGS¹

Company	% of portfolio
BHP Billiton Plc	12.1
SABMiller Plc	10.1
Anglo American Plc	9.2
Sasol	6.6
Anglogold Ashanti	5.6
MTN Group Limited	4.7
Compagnie Fin Richemont SA	3.8
Impala Platinum	3.2
Standard Bank Group Limited	3.1
Sanlam	2.5

¹ The Top 10 share holdings at 31 December 2009. Updated quarterly.

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009²

Total expense ratio	Included in TER			
	Trading costs	Performance component	Fee at benchmark	Other expenses
1.85%	0.36%	0.34%	1.14%	0.01%

²A Total Expense Ratio (TER) is a measure of a portfolio's assets that are relinquished as operating expenses. The total operating expenses are expressed as a percentage of the average value of the portfolio, calculated for the year to the end of September 2009. Included in the TER is the proportion of costs that are incurred by the performance component, fee at benchmark, trading costs (including brokerage, VAT, STT, STRATE and insider trading levy) and other expenses. These are disclosed separately as percentages of the net asset value. A higher TER ratio does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER cannot be regarded as an indication of future TERs. The information provided is applicable to class A units.

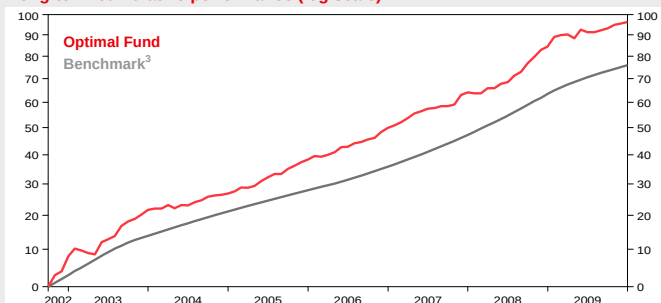
ASSET ALLOCATION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009

Asset class	% of portfolio
Net SA equities	3.1
Hedged SA equities	80.9
Listed property	0.4
Foreign	0.3
Money market and cash	15.3
Total	100

PERFORMANCE

Fund performance shown net of all fees and expenses as per the TER disclosure.

Long-term cumulative performance (log scale)



% Returns	Fund	Benchmark ³
Since inception (unannualised)	96.2	75.9
Latest 5 years (annualised)	9.1	7.7
Latest 3 years (annualised)	9.4	9.0
Latest 1 year	6.5	7.6
Risk measures (Since inception month end prices)		
Maximum drawdown ⁴	-2.2	n/a
Percentage positive months	85.1	100.0
Annualised monthly volatility	3.0	0.7

³ The return on call deposits with FirstRand Bank Limited (for amounts in excess of R5m). Source: FirstRand Bank, performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 December 2009.

⁴ Maximum percentage decline over any period.

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