

FUND DETAILS AT 31 MAY 2010

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 16.20
Size:	R 3 101 m
Minimum lump sum per investor account:	R20 000
Minimum lump sum per fund:	R5 000
Minimum debit order per fund:	R 500
Additional lump sum per fund:	R 500
No. of share holdings:	56

Income distribution: 01/04/09 - 31/03/10 (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, the Fund's return comprises of 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).

Following a flat to weak performance in April 2010, the FTSE/JSE All Share Index (ALSI) extended its losses into May with the market ending the month approximately 5% lower. This weakness has not been entirely surprising to us and regular readers and investors will be aware that we have been sceptical about the sustainability of current market pricing for some months especially given our more bearish assessment of the underlying fundamentals.

Over the past 12 months our more defensive share positioning and low net equity weighting has clearly hurt the alpha component of returns for this Fund as our shares have underperformed the market. In the shorter term, however, we have seen a slight reversal of the relative performance of this Fund, and it has now started to outperform its benchmark for the quarter to date. Continued weakness in equity markets would provide us with the opportunity to increase the net equity exposure of the Fund, as margins of safety across several shares begins to widen providing a greater buffer against loss of capital.

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. In this broader environment of heightened uncertainty, volatility and extended valuations, we are particularly confident about the relevance of this Fund as a component of an investor's overall portfolio.

OPTIMAL FUND

TOP 10 SHARE HOLDINGS1

Company	% of portfolio
BHP Billiton	13.6
SABMiller	10.4
Anglo American	9.6
Sasol	6.9
Anglogold Ashanti	5.6
MTN	4.8
Compagnie Fin Richemont SA	3.5
Standard Bank	3.4
Impala Platinum	3.0
Sanlam	2.8

¹ The Top 10 share holdings at 31 March 2010. Updated quarterly.

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010 2

	Included in TER			
Total expense ratio	Trading costs	Performance component	Fee at benchmark	Other expenses
1.39%	0.24%	0.00%	1.14%	0.01%

² A 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 March 2010. 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 MAY 2010

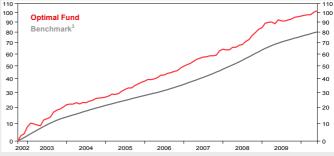
	% of portfolio
Asset class	Total
Net SA Equities	3.6
Foreign Inward Listing on the JSE	0.3
Hedged SA Equities	82.6
Property	0.2
Money Market and Bank Deposits	13.3
Total	100.0

Note: There may be slight discrepancies in the totals due to rounding.

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)	102.1	80.2
Latest 5 years (annualised)	9.1	7.8
Latest 3 years (annualised)	8.9	8.7
Latest 1 year	5.1	6.2
Risk measures (Since inception month end prices)		
Maximum drawdown ⁴	-2.2	n/a
Percentage positive months	85.9	100.0
Annualised monthly volatility	2.9	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 May 2010.

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