

FUND DETAILS AT 31 AUGUST 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. Limited.

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 16.26 R 3 129 m R20 000 Minimum lump sum per investor account: Minimum lump sum per fund: R5 000 R 500 Minimum debit order per fund: Additional lump sum per fund: R 500 No. of share holdings: 58

Income distribution: 01/07/09 - 30/06/10 (cents per unit)

Total 21.43

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)

Equity market volatility remains exceedingly prevalent with the ALSI shedding 3.6% for the month of August following the strong return of 8% in July. This volatility is indicative of the mixed signals emanating from South African companies in terms of overall earnings visibility as a result of an equivocal economic recovery. Even though ALSI earnings as a whole are now close to trendline levels, we remain bearish on our expectations for overall growth in company profits. Accordingly, we believe consensus expectations for earnings growth that are being discounted into current equity prices are too optimistic on the whole. We are cautious on the current level of equity markets in light of our view of the underlying fundamentals.

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

¹ The Top 10 share holdings at 30 June 2010. Updated quarterly.

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010 2

Total expense ratio	Included in TER			
	Trading costs	Performance component	Fee at benchmark	Other expenses
1.29%	0.14%	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 June 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 ation of future TERs. The information provided is applicable to class A units

ASSET ALLOCATION AS AT 31 AUGUST 2010

	% of portfolio	
Asset class	Total	
Net SA Equities	3.6	
Foreign Inward Listing on the JSE	0.3	
Hedged SA Equities	80.0	
Property	0.2	
Money Market and Bank Deposits	15.9	
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)

110 110 100 100 **Optimal Fund** 90 90 Benchmark 80 70 70 60 60 50 50 40 40 30 30 20 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009

% Returns	Fund	Benchmark ³
Since inception (unannualised)	104.1	82.7
Latest 5 years (annualised)	8.9	7.8
Latest 3 years (annualised)	8.8	8.5
Latest 1 year	6.2	5.9
Risk measures (Since inception month end prices)		
Maximum drawdown ⁴	-2.2	n/a
Percentage positive months	85.3	100.0
Annualised monthly volatility	2.9	0.6

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 August 2010.

Maximum percentage decline over any period.

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