

FUND DETAILS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 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 16.24 |
|--|-----------|
| Size: | R 3 079 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: | 59 |
| | |

Income distribution: 01/10/09 - 30/09/10 (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 \pm (2) the out/underperformance of the equity portfolio versus the index (i.e. the alpha).

Equity market volatility remains exceedingly prevalent with the ALSI gaining 8.7% for the month of September after shedding 3.6% in August. 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 trend line levels and are expected to rise in the near term, we remain bearish on the sustainability of the level of overall company profits in the medium to longer term. Accordingly, we believe consensus expectations for earnings growth that is 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.

ALLAN GRAY OPTIMAL FUND

TOP 10 SHARE HOLDINGS¹

| Company | % of portfolio |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| BHP Billiton | 11.6 |
| SABMiller | 10.3 |
| Anglo American | 8.8 |
| Sasol | 7.2 |
| AngloGold Ashanti | 5.6 |
| MTN | 4.9 |
| Compagnie Fin Richemont SA | 3.6 |
| Standard Bank | 3.2 |
| Sanlam | 2.8 |
| Impala Platinum | 2.7 |

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

TOTAL EXPENSE RATIO FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010 2

| | Included in TER | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Total expense ratio | 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 indication of future TERs. The information provided is applicable to class A units.

ASSET ALLOCATION AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

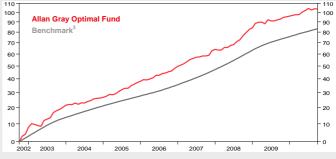
| | % of portfolio | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| Asset class | Total | | |
| Net SA Equities | 3.3 | | |
| Foreign Inward Listing on the JSE | 0.4 | | |
| Hedged SA Equities | 83.4 | | |
| Property | 0.2 | | |
| Money Market and Bank Deposits | 12.7 | | |
| Total | 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) | 103.7 | 83.5 |
| Latest 5 years (annualised) | 8.6 | 7.8 |
| Latest 3 years (annualised) | 8.8 | 8.4 |
| Latest 1 year | 5.6 | 5.9 |
| Risk measures (Since inception month end prices) | | |
| Maximum drawdown ⁴ | -2.2 | n/a |
| Percentage positive months | 84.4 | 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 30 September 2010.

Maximum percentage decline over any period.

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