

Fund manager: Ruan Stander
Inception date: 1 October 2002
Class: A

Fund description

The Fund invests mainly in selected shares and it uses exchange-traded derivative contracts on stock market indices to substantially reduce its net equity exposure to within a range of 0-20%. As a result, the Fund's return depends on the level of short-term interest rates (implicit in the pricing of the sold futures contracts) and the performance of the Fund's selected shares relative to the stock market index. The Fund's return is therefore unlikely to be correlated with equity market returns. In addition, a portion of the Fund is typically invested in cash and margin deposits.

ASISA unit trust category: South African - Multi Asset - Low Equity

Fund objective and benchmark

The Fund aims to provide investors with long-term positive returns higher than those available in the money market sector, irrespective of stock market returns. The Fund's benchmark is the daily interest rate as supplied by FirstRand Bank Limited.

How we aim to achieve the Fund's objective

The Fund invests in selected shares and seeks to substantially reduce stock market risk by selling exchange-traded equity index derivatives. The selected share portfolio is derived from our thorough research process, but the selection of equities in this Fund may differ from that in the other Allan Gray funds by more closely resembling the composition of the indices on which the derivatives contracts are based. The deviation of the Fund's selected share portfolio from the benchmark indices is restricted and closely monitored. This does not eliminate the risk of loss should the selected equities underperform.

Suitable for those investors who

- Seek steady absolute (i.e. positive) returns regardless of stock market trends
- Require a high degree of capital stability
- Wish to invest in a product that offers uncorrelated returns relative to shares or bonds as a 'building block' in a diversified multi-asset class portfolio

Minimum investment amounts

Minimum lump sum per investor account: R20 000
 Additional lump sum: R500
 Minimum debit order*: R500

*Only available to South African residents.

Annual management fee and total expense ratio (TER)

The fee rate is calculated daily by comparing the Fund's total performance to that of the benchmark.

Fee for performance equal to the Fund's benchmark: 1.00% p.a. excl. VAT

The Fund is first required to recover any underperformance before a fee higher than the fee for performance equal to the benchmark can be charged. This is known as a high watermark. If the Fund's performance is above its previous high watermark, we add 0.2% to the fee for each percentage of performance above the high watermark. The fee is uncapped.

The annual management fee is included in the TER. The TER is a measure of the actual expenses incurred by the Fund over a 12 month period. Since

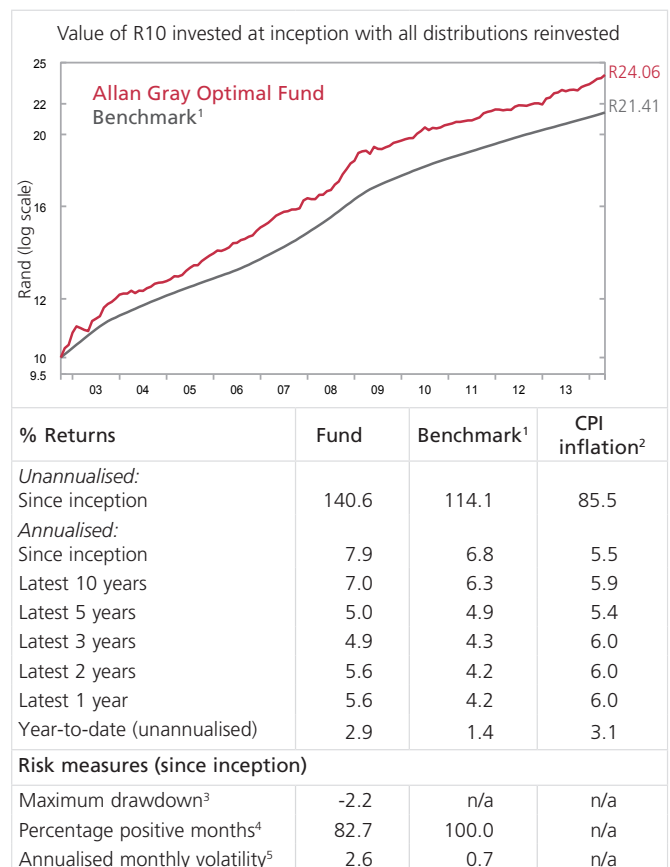
Fund information on 30 April 2014

Fund size: R843m
Fund price: R17.86
Number of share holdings: 40

Income distributions for the last 12 months

To the extent that income earned in the form of dividends and interest exceeds expenses in the Fund, the Fund will distribute any surplus biannually.	30 Jun 2013	31 Dec 2013
Cents per unit	15.6466	19.0309

Performance net of all fees and expenses



1. The daily interest rate as supplied by FirstRand Bank Limited (source: FirstRand Bank), performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 30 April 2014.

2. This is based on the latest numbers published by I-Net Bridge as at 31 March 2014.

3. Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum drawdown occurred from 25 February 2003 to 27 March 2003. Drawdown is calculated on the total return of the Fund (i.e. including income).

4. The percentage of calendar months in which the Fund produced a positive monthly return since inception.

5. The standard deviation of the Fund's monthly return. This is a measure of how much an investment's return varies from its average over time.

Fund returns are quoted after deduction of these expenses, the TER should not be deducted from the published returns (refer to page 2 for further information).

TER breakdown for the year ending 31 March 2014	%
Fee for benchmark performance	1.00
Performance fees	0.00
Other costs including trading costs	0.09
VAT	0.15
Total expense ratio	1.24

Allan Gray Optimal Fund

Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 31 March 2014

The Optimal Fund aims to provide long-term positive returns ahead of money market returns regardless of movements in the stock or bond markets. Although this objective has been achieved since the launch of the Fund in 2002, the margin of outperformance has been lower than we would like. This is partly attributable to the very conservative deviation between the Fund's stock picks and the composition of the stock market index futures contracts used to hedge its equity market exposure. By increasing the Fund's deviation from the index, we believe that we can improve the prospect for higher long-term returns without changing the objective of the Fund and without putting the long-term preservation of capital at risk.

While the objective of the Optimal Fund is different to the Stable Fund, both are suitable for investors who require a high degree of capital stability. In comparing the returns of the Stable and Optimal Funds, one would note that the Stable Fund has been more variable in any given month. One measure of this is the 'Annualised monthly volatility' that is disclosed on our fund factsheets, with the Stable Fund measuring at 4.3% versus the Optimal Fund's 2.7%. Going forward in the Optimal Fund we intend to make more intensive use of our thorough, bottom-up stock-picking research to attempt to earn higher returns. The consequence of this is that the Fund's monthly volatility may increase and be closer to that of the Stable Fund, but importantly the Fund's return will still be largely independent of general movements in the stock market.

One example of this change would be a greater positive net exposure to shares that we find attractive on a bottom-up basis. For example: if we find a share attractive relative to the South African market we may now hold 9% of the share in the Fund for a 6% overweight position relative to the index, whereas we previously would have been willing to hold only a 6% position for a 3% overweight position.

We hope that this change will serve Fund investors better within the existing mandate of the Fund. We expect to start increasing the Fund's deviation from the ALSI40 index as market conditions permit over the second quarter.

Commentary contributed by Ruan Stander

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Top 10 share holdings on 31 March 2014 (updated quarterly)

Company	% of portfolio
SABMiller	10.4
BHP Billiton	10.0
Sasol	7.7
Naspers	7.4
Compagnie Fin Richemont	6.9
British American Tobacco	6.6
Anglo American	5.5
MTN	4.6
Standard Bank	4.5
Old Mutual	2.7
Total	66.5

Asset allocation on 30 April 2014

Asset class	Total
Net SA Equities	3.7
Hedged SA Equities	85.2
Property	0.7
Money Market and Bank Deposits	10.4
Total (%)	100.0

Since inception, the Fund's month-end net equity exposure has varied as follows:

Minimum	0.0% (August 2007)
Average	4.5%
Maximum	15.4% (January 2003)

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

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Unit price

Unit trust prices are calculated on a net asset value basis, which is the total market value of all assets in the portfolio including any income accruals and less any permissible deductions from the portfolio divided by the number of units in issue. Forward pricing is used and Fund valuations take place at approximately 16:00 each business day. Purchase and redemption requests must be received by the manager by 14:00 each business day to receive that day's price.

Fees

A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the manager. Commission and incentives may be paid and if so, would be included in the overall costs.

TER

The total expense ratio (TER) is the percentage of the Fund's average assets under management that has been used to pay the Fund's operating expenses over the past year. The TER includes the annual management fees that have been charged (both the fee at benchmark and any performance component charged), trading costs (including brokerage, STT, STRATE and insider trading levy), VAT and other expenses. Since unit trust expenses vary, the current TER cannot be used as an indication of future TERs. All Allan Gray performance figures are quoted after the deduction of costs incurred within the Fund so the TER is not a new cost. A higher TER ratio does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. Instead, when investing, the investment objective of the Fund should be aligned with the investor's objective and compared against the performance of the Fund. TERs should then be used to evaluate whether the Fund performance offers value for money.

Performance

Collective Investment Schemes in Securities (unit trusts) are generally medium- to long-term investments. The value of units may go down as well as up and past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future. Performance figures are from Allan Gray Proprietary Limited and are for lump sum investments with income distributions reinvested.