

## Fund description and summary of investment policy

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. The deviation of the Fund's selected share portfolio from the composition of the underlying benchmark indices (on which the derivative contracts are based) is restricted and closely monitored. This does not eliminate the risk of capital loss should the selected equities underperform.

## Suitable for those investors who

- Seek absolute (i.e. positive) returns regardless of stock market trends
- Require a high degree of capital stability over a 3-year time horizon
- 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\*

Initial lump sum per investor account	R50 000
Additional lump sum	R1 000
Debit order**	R1 000

\*Lower minimum investment amounts apply for investments in the name of an investor younger than 18. Please refer to our website for more information.

\*\*Only available to investors with a South African bank account.

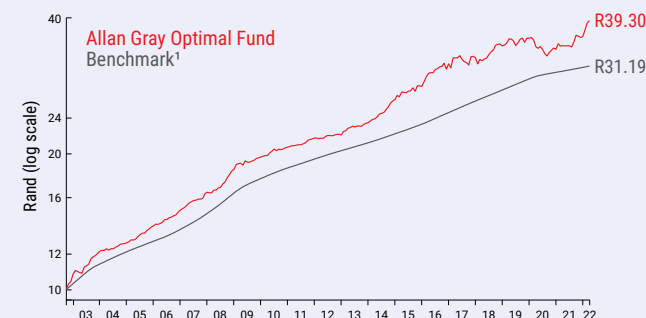
## Fund information on 31 March 2022

Fund size	R0.9bn
Number of units	22 938 031
Price (net asset value per unit)	R24.44
Class	A

- The daily interest rate as supplied by FirstRand Bank Limited (source: FirstRand Bank), performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 March 2022.
- This is based on the latest available numbers published by IRESS as at 28 February 2022.
- Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum drawdown occurred from 6 February 2020 to 15 September 2020. Drawdown is calculated on the total return of the Fund (i.e. including income).
- The percentage of calendar months in which the Fund produced a positive monthly return since inception.
- 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.
- These are the highest or lowest consecutive 12-month returns since inception. This is a measure of how much the Fund and the benchmark returns have varied per rolling 12-month period. The Fund's highest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 30 September 2003 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 30 September 2003. The Fund's lowest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 31 August 2020 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 30 November 2021. All rolling 12-month figures for the Fund and the benchmark are available from our Client Service Centre on request.

## Performance net of all fees and expenses

Value of R10 invested at inception with all distributions reinvested



% Returns	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	CPI inflation <sup>2</sup>
<b>Cumulative:</b>			
Since inception (1 October 2002)	293.0	211.9	166.7
<b>Annualised:</b>			
Since inception (1 October 2002)	7.3	6.0	5.2
Latest 10 years	6.2	4.7	5.0
Latest 5 years	3.9	4.5	4.2
Latest 3 years	3.2	3.7	4.4
Latest 2 years	6.8	2.7	4.2
Latest 1 year	13.6	2.7	5.7
Year-to-date (not annualised)	8.5	0.7	1.4
<b>Risk measures (since inception)</b>			
Maximum drawdown <sup>3</sup>	-10.2	n/a	n/a
Percentage positive months <sup>4</sup>	75.6	100.0	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility <sup>5</sup>	4.1	0.6	n/a
Highest annual return <sup>6</sup>	18.1	11.9	n/a
Lowest annual return <sup>6</sup>	-8.2	2.5	n/a

## Meeting the Fund objective

Since inception and over the latest 10-year period, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark, which is the daily interest rate supplied by FirstRand Bank Limited. Over the latest five-year period the Fund has underperformed its benchmark. The Fund aims to deliver long-term positive returns, irrespective of stock market returns.

## 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 2021	31 Dec 2021
Cents per unit	15.6876	35.9602

## Annual management fee

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.

## Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs

The annual management fee is included in the TER. The TER is a measure of the actual expenses incurred by the Fund over a one and three-year period (annualised). Since Fund returns are quoted after deduction of these expenses, the TER should not be deducted from the published returns (refer to page 4 for further information). Transaction costs are disclosed separately.

## Top 10 share holdings on 31 March 2022 (updated quarterly)

Company	% of portfolio
Glencore	6.3
Sasol	6.0
Standard Bank	6.0
Nedbank	5.2
Sibanye-Stillwater	4.7
MTN	4.2
Gold Fields	4.2
AngloGold Ashanti	3.9
Impala Platinum	3.8
British American Tobacco	2.8
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>47.0</b>

## Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs

TER and transaction costs breakdown for the 1- and 3-year period ending 31 March 2022	1yr %	3yr %
<b>Total expense ratio</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>1.18</b>
Fee for benchmark performance	1.00	1.00
Performance fees	0.00	0.00
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.03	0.03
VAT	0.15	0.15
<b>Transaction costs (including VAT)</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.11</b>
<b>Total investment charge</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>1.29</b>

## Asset allocation on 31 March 2022

Asset class	Total
Net equities	7.4
Hedged equities	76.8
Property	1.5
Commodity-linked	0.0
Bonds	0.0
Money market and bank deposits	14.3
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Minimum	(September 2016) -3.6% <sup>7</sup>
Average	4.9%
Maximum	(November 2018) 15.4%

7. The negative net equity exposure as at 30 September 2016 is due to the cash acquisition of SABMiller by Anheuser-Busch In-Bev. This was corrected and the Fund had a positive net equity exposure by 4 October 2016.

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

The Fund has had a decent start to the year, returning 8.5% for the quarter, outperforming its cash benchmark by 7.8%. After a strong prior year, the FTSE/JSE All Share Index (ALSI) has begun 2022 in a more muted fashion, with a 3.8% return year to date. As a reminder though, it is the selection of individual shares, rather than the overall level of the market, that drives the Fund's performance. This stock selection process contributed to the Fund's return during the quarter.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues to overshadow all else. Many of the market themes that served the Fund well in 2021 carried over to this year and, if anything, were exacerbated by the outbreak of the conflict in late February. Firstly, the Fund has been overweight resources for some time, particularly oil (via Sasol), coal (via Glencore) and platinum group metal (PGM) miners. Russia is a key producer of these commodities. Supply uncertainty, either from sanctions (or the threat thereof) or rising resource nationalism, has pushed most commodity prices materially higher. While this is clearly beneficial in the near term for producers, we are cognisant of the potential impacts arising from possible demand destruction and any general slowdown in economic activity that may follow. As share prices rallied, we trimmed some cyclical resources exposure (mainly PGM miners) in favour of more defensive rand hedges.

Secondly, the Fund has meaningful exposure to domestically focused companies. Many of these companies' business activities and share prices have continued on the post-COVID-19 recovery path from overly depressed levels. For example, local banks recently reported results that came in well above expectations. The promise of rising rates, in response to increased inflation, and the view that the worst impacts of the pandemic have now passed, serve as additional tailwinds. Select local shares, particularly those favoured by foreign investors, are also benefiting to some degree from the fallout from the Western sanctions placed on Russia.

Historically, Russian stocks carried a material weight in emerging market indices, implying foreign investment flows are now likely to be directed towards more palatable markets, such as our own. In our view, this is supported by relative valuation levels, where the ALSI screens attractively versus both developed and emerging market peers.

Lastly, the low weighting to Naspers/Prosus that the Fund has maintained for some time was a significant contributor to performance this quarter. Multiple factors have weighed on the share, some perhaps more temporary than others. The Chinese regulatory overhang and its accompanying impact on the technology sector has not fully dissipated, made evident in Tencent's weak recent results. At the same time, global technology stocks have come under pressure, with valuation multiples compressing considerably, particularly for companies that remain loss-making. This has, in turn, impacted the market valuation of the Naspers "rump" assets. And then to compound matters, with specific reference to Tencent, the US and Europe's response to Russia's actions has brought scenarios that were previously viewed as tail risks for investors in Chinese assets increasingly into focus.

The volatility we have witnessed over the quarter, while unsettling, does create opportunities for potential outperformance. One such example is Mondi which, owing to its Russian paper and packaging business, has come under substantial pressure and now trades below our assessment of its intrinsic value, even if no value is attributed to its Russian assets.

During the quarter, the Fund sold Naspers/Prosus, PGM miners and MTN. Alongside Mondi, we initiated new positions in AB InBev and Pick n Pay and added to our holdings in select gold miners.

Commentary contributed by Sean Munsie

**Fund manager quarterly  
commentary as at  
31 March 2022**

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## Unit price

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## Fees

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## Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs

The total expense ratio (TER) is the annualised percentage of the Fund's average assets under management that has been used to pay the Fund's actual expenses over the past one- and three-year periods. The TER includes the annual management fees that have been charged (both the fee at benchmark and any performance component charged), VAT and other expenses like audit and trustee fees. Transaction costs (including brokerage, securities transfer tax, Share Transactions Totally Electronic (STRATE) and FSCA Investor Protection Levy and VAT thereon) are shown separately. Transaction costs are necessary costs in administering the Fund and impact Fund returns. They should not be considered in isolation as returns may be impacted by many other factors over time, including market returns, the type of financial product, the investment decisions of the investment manager, and the TER. Since Fund returns are quoted after the deduction of these expenses, the TER and transaction costs should not be deducted again from published returns. As unit trust expenses vary, the current TER cannot be used as an indication of future TERs. A higher TER 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. The TER and other funds' TERs should then be used to evaluate whether the Fund performance offers value for money. The sum of the TER and transaction costs is shown as the total investment charge (TIC).

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