

Fund manager: Sean Munsie **Inception date:** 1 October 2002

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

Fund information on 30 September 2025

Fund size	R0.9bn
Number of units	23 339 123
Price (net asset value per unit)	R23.95
Class	Α

- The Fund's benchmark is the daily interest rate, as supplied by FirstRand Bank, performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 30 September 2025.
- CPI inflation has been calculated based on the most recent rebased values from Stats SA, reflecting the data as at 31 August 2025 (source: IRESS).
- 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).
- 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.
- 6. 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 ¹	CPI inflation ²
Cumulative:			
Since inception (1 October 2002)	341.5	289.5	216.6
Annualised:			
Since inception (1 October 2002)	6.7	6.1	5.2
Latest 10 years	4.9	5.5	4.8
Latest 5 years	5.8	5.4	5.0
Latest 3 years	4.1	7.0	4.2
Latest 2 years	5.4	7.1	3.8
Latest 1 year	6.4	6.7	3.3
Year-to-date (not annualised)	3.0	4.9	3.3
Risk measures (since inception)			
Maximum drawdown ³	-10.2	n/a	n/a
Percentage positive months ⁴	72.1	100.0	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility ⁵	4.4	0.6	n/a
Highest annual return ⁶	18.1	11.9	n/a
Lowest annual return ⁶	-8.2	2.5	n/a



Fund manager: Sean Munsie
Inception date: 1 October 2002

Meeting the Fund objective

Since inception and over the latest five-year period, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark. Over the latest 10-year period, the Fund has underperformed its benchmark, which is the daily interest rate supplied by FirstRand Bank Limited. 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.	31 Dec 2024	30 Jun 2025
Cents per unit	37.8455	42.9417

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 30 September 2025 (updated quarterly)

Company	% of portfolio
Gold Fields	8.5
AngloGold Ashanti	8.2
Naspers & Prosus	6.7
AB InBev	5.4
FirstRand	4.9
British American Tobacco	4.8
Premier Group	3.9
Sasol	3.7
Mondi	3.5
Aspen	3.1
Total (%)	52.7

Asset allocation on 30 September 2025

Asset class	Total
Net equities	2.2
Hedged equities	82.4
Property	0.0
Commodity-linked	0.0
Bonds	0.0
Money market and cash	15.4
Total (%)	100.0

Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs (updated quarterly)

TER and transaction costs breakdown for the 1- and 3-year period ending 30 September 2025	1yr %	3yr %
Total expense ratio	1.16	1.17
Fee for benchmark performance	1.00	1.00
Performance fees	0.00	0.00
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.01	0.02
VAT	0.15	0.15
Transaction costs (including VAT)	0.09	0.11
Total investment charge	1.25	1.28

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

Minimum	-3.6% ⁷ (September 2016)
Average	4.5%
Maximum	15.4% (November 2018)

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.



Fund manager: Sean Munsie
Inception date: 1 October 2002

Allan Gray Optimal Fund

30 September 2025

The FTSE/JSE All Share Index (ALSI) added to its impressive gains in the latest quarter, returning 12.9% and taking its year-to-date return to a remarkable 31.7%. It is seldom that returns from the local equity market rank near the top of global performance tables across multiple time periods, but now is such a time. Over the last five years, the ALSI has generated a US dollar return of 18.3% per annum, ahead of both the S&P 500 and the MSCI World indices at 16.5% and 14.4% respectively.

Key to the recent bout of outperformance has been gold, with the price of the metal up 47% thus far this year, including 12% in the last month alone. This last leg higher coincided with the market starting to price in multiple US Federal Reserve interest rate cuts owing to a weakening labour market in the United States. Concerns around increasing political influence on the central bank's actions also likely contributed. Prospects for looser monetary policy conditions ahead, while US inflation continues to run stubbornly above target, heighten the appeal of gold. Only 1979, when inflation concerns were widespread, has seen better returns for the metal at this point in the year.

On the back of this move, the share prices of local gold miners have more than doubled so far this year. Platinum group metal producers, such as Valterra (formerly Anglo American Platinum) and Impala, have recently joined the market rally with their shares up nearly 50% in September alone. This, as platinum regained its allure as a precious metal, with increased investment and jewellery demand, particularly in China, aided by tight inventory levels as South African producers recover from supply disruptions earlier in the year. In last quarter's

commentary, we highlighted the concentrated nature of the local index, with precious metal producers now holding a 24% weight. Historically, the return profile from this sector has been highly erratic due to the cyclical nature of metal prices and the economics for the miners being eroded over time by cost creep and value-destructive corporate actions.

Against this backdrop, the Fund slightly underperformed its benchmark in the last quarter. While the Fund benefited from its holdings in gold miners, this was mostly offset by an underweight exposure to the platinum sector. In addition, some of the Fund's higher-conviction positions, such as brewer AB InBev, paper and packaging group Mondi and Aspen Pharmacare, fared poorly relative to the index. Significant differences between the Fund's bottom-up stock selection and that of the index offer opportunities for future potential outperformance, irrespective of the level of the overall index.

During the quarter, we bought FirstRand, reducing the extent of its underweight exposure in the Fund. We initiated new positions in Shoprite, Mr Price and Oceana and trimmed the Fund's weighting towards British American Tobacco and gold miners.

Commentary contributed by Sean Munsie

Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 30 September 2025



Fund manager: Sean Munsie
Inception date: 1 October 2002

Allan Gray Optimal Fund

30 September 2025

© 2025 Allan Gray Proprietary Limited. All rights reserved. The content and information may not be reproduced or distributed without the prior written consent of Allan Gray Proprietary Limited ("Allan Gray").

Information and content

The information in and content of this publication are provided by Allan Gray as general information about the company and its products and services. Allan Gray does not guarantee the suitability or potential value of any information or particular investment source. The information provided is not intended to, nor does it constitute financial, tax, legal, investment or other advice. Before making any decision or taking any action regarding your finances, you should consult a qualified financial adviser. Nothing contained in this publication constitutes a solicitation, recommendation, endorsement or offer by Allan Gray; it is merely an invitation to do business. Allan Gray has taken and will continue to take care that all information provided, in so far as this is under its control, is true and correct. However, Allan Gray shall not be responsible for and therefore disclaims any liability for any loss, liability, damage (whether direct or consequential) or expense of any nature whatsoever which may be suffered as a result of or which may be attributable, directly or indirectly, to the use of or reliance on any information provided. Allan Gray is an authorised financial services provider.

Management Company

Allan Gray Unit Trust Management (RF) (Pty) Ltd (the "Management Company") is registered as a management company under the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act 45 of 2002, in terms of which it operates unit trust portfolios under the Allan Gray Unit Trust Scheme, and is supervised by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA). The Management Company is incorporated under the laws of South Africa and has been approved by the regulatory authority of Botswana to market its unit trusts in Botswana, however, it is not supervised or licensed in Botswana. Allan Gray (Pty) Ltd (the "Investment Manager"), an authorised financial services provider, is the appointed investment manager of the Management Company and is a member of the Association for Savings & Investment South Africa (ASISA). The trustee/custodian of the Allan Gray Unit Trust Scheme is Rand Merchant Bank, a division of FirstRand Bank Limited. The trustee/custodian can be contacted at RMB Custody and Trustee Services: Tel: +27 (0)11 301 6335 or www.rmb.co.za.

Performance

Collective investment schemes in securities (unit trusts or funds) 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 future performance. The Management Company does not provide any guarantee regarding the capital or the performance of the Fund. Performance figures are provided by the Investment Manager and are for lump sum investments with income distributions reinvested. Actual investor performance may differ as a result of the investment date, the date of reinvestment and applicable taxes.

Fund mandate

Funds may be closed to new investments at any time in order to be managed according to their mandates. Unit trusts are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending. The funds may borrow up to 10% of their market value to bridge insufficient liquidity.

Unit price

Unit trust prices are calculated on a net asset value basis, which is the total market value of all assets in the Fund, including any income accruals and less any permissible deductions from the Fund, 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 Management Company by 14:00 each business day to receive that day's price. Unit trust prices are available daily on www.allangray.co.za.

Fees

Permissible deductions may include management fees, brokerage, securities transfer tax, auditor's fees, bank charges and trustee fees. A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions is available on request from Allan Gray. For more information about our annual management fees, refer to the <u>frequently asked questions</u>, available via the Allan Gray website.

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 threeyear 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).

FTSE/JSE All Share Index, FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholder Weighted All Share Index, FTSE/JSE All Bond Index, FTSE/JSE Financials Index and FTSE/JSE Resources Index

The FTSE/JSE All Share Index, FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholder Weighted All Share Index, FTSE/JSE All Bond Index, FTSE/JSE Financials Index and FTSE/JSE Resources Index are calculated by FTSE International Limited ("TFSE") in conjunction with the JSE Limited ("JSE") in accordance with standard criteria. The FTSE/JSE All Share Index, FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholder Weighted All Share Index, FTSE/JSE Financials Index and FTSE/JSE Resources Index are the proprietary information of FTSE and the JSE. All copyright subsisting in the values and constituent lists of the FTSE/JSE All Share Index, FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholder Weighted All Share Index, FTSE/JSE All Bond Index, FTSE/JSE Resources Index vests in FTSE and the JSE jointly. All their rights are reserved.

MSCI Index

Source: MSCI. MSCI makes no express or implied warranties or representations and shall have no liability whatsoever with respect to any MSCI data contained herein. The MSCI data may not be further redistributed or used as a basis for other indexes or any securities or financial products. This report is not approved, endorsed, reviewed or produced by MSCI. None of the MSCI data is intended to constitute investment advice or a recommendation to make (or refrain from making) any kind of investment decision and may not be relied on as such.

Important information for investors

Need more information?

You can obtain additional information about your proposed investment from Allan Gray free of charge either via our website www.allangray.co.za or via our Client Service Centre on 0860 000 654