

Allan Gray Stable Fund

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Fund manager: Ian Liddle
(Most foreign assets are invested in Orbis funds)
Inception date: 1 July 2000
Class: A

Fund information on 31 March 2013

Fund size: R29 826m
Fund price: R26.71
Number of share holdings: 73

Fund description

The Fund invests in a mix of shares, bonds, property, commodities and cash. The Fund may buy foreign assets up to a maximum of 25% of the Fund (with an additional 5% for African ex-SA investments). The Fund typically invests the bulk of its foreign allowance in a mix of funds managed by Orbis Investment Management Limited, our offshore investment partner. The maximum net equity exposure of the Fund is 40%. The Fund's net equity exposure may be reduced from time to time using exchange-traded derivative contracts on stock market indices. The Fund is managed to comply with the investment limits governing retirement funds. Returns are likely to be less volatile than those of an equity-only fund or a balanced fund.

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

Fund objective and benchmark

The Fund aims to provide a high degree of capital stability and to minimise the risk of loss over any two-year period, while producing long-term returns that are superior to bank deposits on an after-tax basis. The Fund's benchmark is the return of call deposits (for amounts in excess of R5m) with FirstRand Bank Limited plus 2%, on an after-tax basis at an assumed tax rate of 25%.

How we aim to achieve the Fund's objective

A major portion of the Fund is typically invested in money market instruments. We seek to deploy the Fund's cash by investing in shares when they can be bought at a significant discount to their intrinsic value. We thoroughly research companies to assess their intrinsic value from a long-term perspective. This long-term perspective enables us to buy shares which are shunned by the stock market because of their unexciting or poor short-term prospects, but which are relatively attractively priced if one looks to the long term. If the stock market offers few attractive shares, we may allocate a low weight to shares or partially hedge the Fund's stock market exposure in consideration of the Fund's capital preservation objectives. The Fund may also invest in bonds, property and commodities. The Fund's bond and money market investments are actively managed.

Suitable for those investors who

- Are risk-averse and require a high degree of capital stability
- Seek both above-inflation returns over the long term, and capital preservation over any two-year period
- Require some income but also some capital growth
- Wish to invest in a unit trust that complies with retirement fund investment limits

Minimum investment amounts

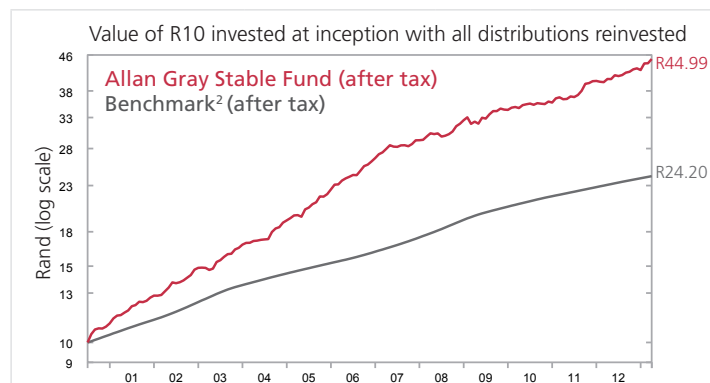
Minimum lump sum per investor account: R20 000
Additional lump sum: R500
Minimum debit order*: R500

*Only available to South African residents.

Annual management fee

The annual management fee rate is dependent on the return of the Fund relative to its benchmark. The benchmark is the return of call deposits (for amounts in excess of R5m) with FirstRand Bank Limited plus 2%, on an after-tax basis at an assumed rate of 25%, over a rolling two-year period. The fee hurdle (above which a fee greater than the minimum fee of 0.5% is charged) is performance equal to the benchmark minus 5%. For performance equal to the benchmark a fee of 1.0% (excl. VAT) per annum is payable. The manager's sharing rate is 10% of the out- and underperformance of the benchmark over a rolling two-year period and a maximum fee of 1.5% (excl. VAT) applies. If however, the Fund's cumulative return over a rolling two-year period is equal to or less than 0%, no annual management fee will be charged. The annual management fee is calculated on the daily value of the Fund excluding any assets invested in the Orbis funds. Assets invested in the Orbis funds incur a management fee within the Orbis funds. These fees and other expenses are included in the total expense ratio.

Performance net of all fees and expenses



% Returns	Fund ¹	Bench- mark ^{1,2}	Before tax ³		CPI inflation ⁴
			Fund	Bench- mark	
<i>Unannualised:</i>					
Since inception	349.9	142.0	410.7	224.9	104.3
<i>Annualised:</i>					
Since inception	12.5	7.2	13.6	9.7	5.8
Latest 10 years	11.8	6.6	12.8	9.0	5.3
Latest 5 years	8.2	6.3	9.0	8.4	6.0
Latest 3 years	9.1	5.0	9.6	6.8	5.2
Latest 2 years	11.2	4.8	11.7	6.5	6.0
Latest 1 year	11.2	4.7	11.6	6.3	5.9
Year-to-date (unannualised)	6.0	1.1	6.1	1.5	1.3
Risk measures (since inception)					
Maximum drawdown ⁵	-4.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Percentage positive months ⁶	79.7	100.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility ⁷	4.2	0.5	n/a	n/a	n/a

1. Fund and benchmark performance adjusted for income tax at an assumed rate of 25%. (See Fund objective)
2. The return of call deposits (for amounts in excess of R5m) with FirstRand Bank Limited plus 2%; on an after-tax basis at an assumed tax rate of 25% (Source: FirstRand Bank), performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 March 2013.
3. Actual performance of the Fund and benchmark before making any adjustments for tax.
4. This is based on the latest numbers published by I-Net Bridge as at 28 February 2013.
5. Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum drawdown occurred from 12 January 2009 to 10 March 2009. Drawdown is calculated on the total return of the Fund (i.e. including income).
6. The percentage of calendar months in which the Fund produced a positive monthly return since inception.
7. 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.

Total expense ratio (TER)

The TER for the year ending 31 December 2012 is 1.65% and included in this is a performance fee of 0.45% and trading costs of 0.05%. The annual management fee rate for the three months ending 31 March 2013 was 1.55% (annualised). These figures are inclusive of VAT, where applicable. Fund returns are quoted after deduction of costs incurred within the Fund so the TER should not be deducted from Fund returns (refer to page 2 for further information).

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Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 31 March 2013

The Fund's single largest stock exposure is to British American Tobacco (4.9% directly, and 0.5% indirectly via Reinet). BAT bears many of the hallmarks of an ideal 'Stable Fund' share. Its reported profits are backed up by free cash flow, most of which is distributed to shareholders by way of dividends and share buybacks. The company has considerable pricing power, which affords it the opportunity to grow its profits in line with inflation over time, without further capital investment. BAT operates in over 100 countries, which lends stability to its profits. One could argue that BAT is in itself already a pretty well-diversified investment (at least geographically).

Of course there are risks attached to an investment in BAT (as there are with all equity investments). In some countries BAT's brands are being attacked by plain packaging legislation. Other countries introduce sudden and disruptive increases in excise taxes from time to time. The threat of the illicit trade constantly hangs over the industry.

In assessing these risks, one needs to remember that approximately 70% of the gross revenue collected by BAT is paid over by the company to governments in the form of excise and income taxes (ignoring VAT). Only 7% of gross revenue is retained by the company as profits. BAT is a very efficient tax collector for governments around the world, and in many ways their interests are aligned. It is certainly preferable for people to smoke a BAT cigarette on which full taxes have been paid, than an illicit cigarette supplied by organised crime syndicates.

While the 6.5% free cash flow yield on the share is enough to warrant a significant position, there is additional potential upside from efficiency gains and cost savings, change in mix towards BAT's global drive brands, underlying growth in emerging markets and in the long term, new innovative products.

Unfortunately, there are not too many opportunities like BAT to be found on the JSE at present, and so the Fund continues to maintain a conservative overall equity exposure.

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Top 10 share holdings on 31 March 2013 (SA and Foreign) (updated quarterly)

Company	% of portfolio
British American Tobacco	4.9
Sasol	3.6
SABMiller	2.8
Remgro	1.8
Micron Technology	1.1
Anglo American ⁸	1.1
Sanlam	1.1
Standard Bank	1.0
American Intl. Group	0.9
Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson	0.8
Total	19.0

8. Including Anglo American Stub Certificates.

Asset allocation on 31 March 2013

Asset class	Total	SA	Foreign
Net Equity	13.8	9.6	4.2
Hedged Equity	36.1	17.9	18.2
Property	0.5	0.3	0.2
Commodities (Gold)	2.9	2.9	0.0
Bonds	5.0	5.0	0.0
Money Market and Bank Deposits	41.7	38.6	3.1
Total	100.0	74.4	25.6⁹

9. The Fund is above its foreign exposure limit due to market value movements.

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

Minimum	12.4% (January 2010)
Average	24.3%
Maximum	39.4% (August 2004)

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 quarterly.

	30 Jun 2012	30 Sept 2012	31 Dec 2012	31 Mar 2013
Cents per unit	17.8014	12.3897	14.3128	13.4051

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

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Compliance with Regulation 28

The Fund is managed to comply with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act. Exposures in excess of the limits will be corrected immediately, except where due to a change in the fair value or characteristic of an asset, e.g market value fluctuations, in which case they will be corrected within a reasonable time period. Allan Gray Unit Trust Management (RF) Proprietary Limited does not monitor compliance by retirement funds with section 19(4) of the Pension Funds Act (item 6 of Table 1 to Regulation 28).

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. Fluctuations and movements in exchange rates may also cause the value of underlying international investments to go up or down.

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

*TERs are shown for class A units only

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.