

# Allan Gray Stable Fund

**Fund managers:** Ian Liddle, Mark Dunley-Owen  
(Most foreign assets are invested in Orbis funds)

**Inception date:** 1 July 2000

**Class:** A

## Fund information on 31 January 2014

**Fund size:** R33 790m

**Fund price:** R29.00

**Number of share holdings:** 71

## 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. The Fund's benchmark is the daily interest rate as supplied by FirstRand Bank Limited plus 2%.

## 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

## Annual management fee and total expense ratio (TER)

Allan Gray charges a fee based on the net asset value of the Fund excluding the portion invested in Orbis funds. The fee rate is calculated daily by comparing the Fund's total performance over the last two years, to that of the benchmark. If the Fund's return over two years is equal to or less than 0%, Allan Gray will not charge a fee.

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

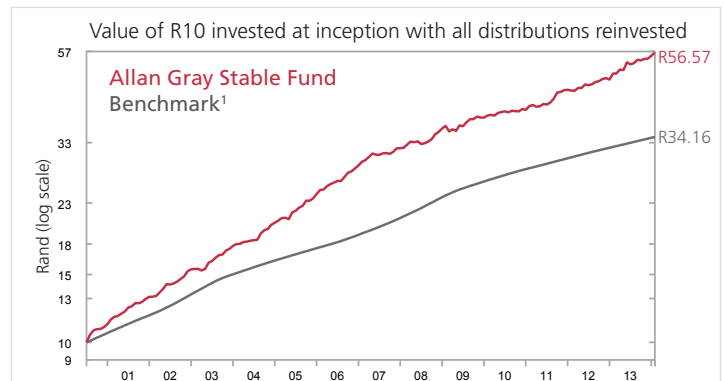
For each percentage of two-year performance above or below the benchmark we add or deduct 0.1%, subject to the following limits:

Maximum fee: 1.50% p.a. excl. VAT  
Minimum fee: 0.50% p.a. excl. VAT

This means that Allan Gray shares in approximately 20% of annualised performance relative to the benchmark.

A portion of the Fund may be invested in Orbis funds. Orbis charges performance-based fees within these funds that are calculated based

## Performance net of all fees and expenses



% Returns	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	CPI inflation <sup>2</sup>
<i>Unannualised:</i>			
Since inception	465.7	241.6	112.5
<i>Annualised:</i>			
Since inception	13.6	9.5	5.7
Latest 10 years	12.1	8.5	5.8
Latest 5 years	9.2	7.2	5.4
Latest 3 years	11.3	6.4	5.7
Latest 2 years	12.0	6.3	5.6
Latest 1 year	13.5	6.2	5.4
Year-to-date (unannualised)	2.0	0.5	0.3
<b>Risk measures (since inception)</b>			
Maximum drawdown <sup>3</sup>	-4.1	n/a	n/a
Percentage positive months <sup>4</sup>	81.0	100.0	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility <sup>5</sup>	4.3	0.7	n/a

1. The Fund's benchmark is the daily interest rate as supplied by FirstRand Bank Limited plus 2%, performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 January 2014.
2. This is based on the latest numbers published by I-Net Bridge as at 31 December 2013.
3. 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).
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.

## 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.

on each Orbis fund's performance relative to its own benchmark.

The annual management fees charged by both Allan Gray and Orbis are included in the TER. The TER is a measure of the actual expenses incurred by the Fund over a 12 month period. Since 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 December 2013	%
Fees for benchmark performance	1.02
Performance fees	0.80
Other costs including trading costs	0.09
VAT	0.16
<b>Total expense ratio</b>	<b>2.07</b>

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## Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 31 December 2013

The FTSE/JSE All Share Index (ALSI) traded below 18 000 at the height of the global financial crisis in November 2008. Five years later, at the end of 2013, it traded above 46 000.

One way of interpreting this is that South African equities have returned more than 150% over the last five years. Investors have maximised returns by maximising exposure to risk assets.

Another interpretation is that South African equities would fall by 60% if they were to return to late-2008 levels. We hope this does not happen, but it is not impossible. Some of the challenges that caused the crisis have not gone away, and new challenges have emerged, particularly within South Africa. In such an environment, limiting investment risk is an important determinant of future returns.

The Fund is focused on both risk and return. Its objective is to minimise the risk of loss over any two-year period, while producing long-term returns superior to bank deposits. This is particularly appropriate when asset prices have risen sharply over a relatively short period of time, as has happened recently.

It is pleasing that the Fund achieved both aspects of its objective during 2013. It returned 15.3% versus 6.2% for its benchmark. The maximum monthly drawdown during the year was -1.2% in June compared to -5.7% for the ALSI. The Fund's performance since inception is similarly pleasing – it has outperformed its benchmark by 4.1% per year and it has generated positive returns over all two-year periods.

To be fair, the Fund's track record has been accumulated during a tremendous bull market. We don't know whether future asset returns will be as good as the recent past, but if history is a reliable guide, they will probably disappoint. The Fund continues to maintain a conservative equity market exposure. It seeks to better cash returns through stock-picking outperformance on hedged equities, exposure to foreign assets which offer superior value to South African assets, investments in high-quality dividend-paying companies such as British American Tobacco, Sasol, SABMiller and Standard Bank, and niche opportunities in the credit markets.

Commentary contributed by Mark Dunley-Owen

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

Company	% of portfolio
British American Tobacco	4.5
Sasol	4.1
SABMiller	2.7
Standard Bank	2.1
Remgro	1.3
NetEase	0.9
Reinet Investments SA	0.9
Growthpoint Properties	0.8
INPEX	0.8
American Intl. Group	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>18.8</b>

## Asset allocation on 31 January 2014

Asset class	Total	SA	Foreign
Net Equity	17.2	11.8	5.4
Hedged Equity	31.5	14.6	16.9
Property	1.7	1.4	0.3
Commodities	4.9	4.9	0.0
Bonds	7.2	7.2	0.0
Money Market and Bank Deposits	37.5	33.2	4.2
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>73.2</b>	<b>26.8<sup>6</sup></b>

6. 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	23.7%
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.

	31 Mar 2013	30 Jun 2013	30 Sept 2013	31 Dec 2013
Cents per unit	13.4051	13.0091	14.2539	14.3869

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

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.