

### Fund description and summary of investment policy

The Fund invests in a focused portfolio of African securities that are selected for their expected risk and return profile. The Fund may invest a substantial portion of the assets in a single country or region rather than a diversified portfolio of assets.

### Fund objective and benchmark

The Fund seeks to achieve the maximum US dollar total return while minimising the risk of loss within the context of an African bond fund. The benchmark is the FTSE 3 Month US T Bill + 4% Index.

### How we aim to achieve the Fund's objective

We assess an asset's intrinsic value based on long-term fundamentals and invest where our assessment of intrinsic value exceeds the price by a margin of safety. This approach allows us to identify assets that may be out of favour with the market because of poor near-term prospects, but offer good value over the long term.

### Suitable for those investors who

- Seek exposure to African interest-bearing assets
- Are comfortable with market and currency fluctuations
- Are prepared to take on the risk of capital loss
- Typically have an investment horizon of more than five years

### Capacity

The Fund currently has no capacity constraints. Allan Gray Bermuda Limited (the 'Investment Manager') may, at its discretion, refuse a subscription or phase a subscription into the Fund over a number of dealing days. Redemptions may be limited to US\$5m or 2.5% of the Fund (whichever is less) per dealing day.

### Fair value pricing

The board of directors of the Fund ('the board') may fair value the Fund's assets in accordance with the board's fair value pricing policies if:

- The closing market quotations or official closing prices are not readily available or do not accurately reflect the fair value of a Fund asset; or
- The value of a Fund asset has been materially affected by events occurring before the Fund's pricing time but after the close of the exchange or market on which the asset is principally traded.

The board delegates the responsibility for fair value pricing decisions to a Valuation Committee of the Investment Manager.

### Fund information on 31 December 2021

|                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Fund currency                     | US\$              |
| Fund size                         | US\$413m          |
| Number of shares                  | 2 477 453         |
| Price (net asset value per share) | US\$161.10        |
| Number of issuers                 | 18                |
| Dealing day                       | Weekly (Thursday) |
| Class                             | C                 |
| Class inception date              | 14 May 2020       |

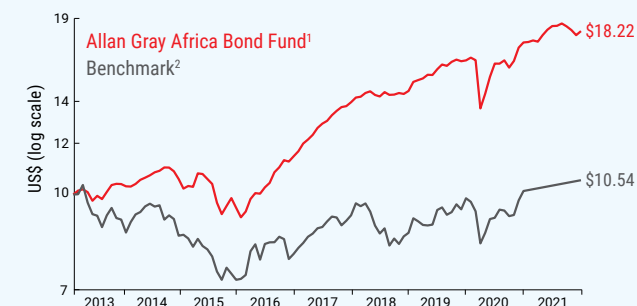
### Minimum investment amounts

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Minimum initial investment    | US\$100 000 |
| Minimum subsequent investment | US\$1 000   |

1. Prior to the inception of this class of the Fund, the performance and risk measures are calculated using the A class performance of the Fund. The net of fee return is calculated as the gross of fee return reduced by an investment management fee of 0.7% per annum, which is accrued monthly in arrears.
2. The current benchmark is the FTSE 3 Month US T Bill + 4% Index. From inception to 31 December 2020 the benchmark was the J.P. Morgan GBI-EM Global Diversified Index. Performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 December 2021. Calculation based on the latest available data as supplied by third parties.
3. Maximum percentage decline over any period calculated from monthly returns. The maximum drawdown occurred from January 2020 to March 2020 and maximum benchmark drawdown occurred from April 2013 to December 2015. Drawdown is calculated on the total return of the Fund/benchmark (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. This is the highest or lowest rolling 12-month return the Fund has experienced since inception. The Fund's highest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 28 February 2017 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 31 March 2021. The Fund's lowest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 30 September 2015 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 31 August 2015. All rolling 12-month figures for the Fund and the benchmark are available from the Allan Gray Service Team on request.

### Performance in US\$ net of all fees and expenses

Value of US\$10 invested at inception with all distributions reinvested



| % Returns   | Fund <sup>1</sup> | Benchmark <sup>2</sup> |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Cumulative:</b>  |                   |                        |
| Since inception (27 March 2013)                                   | 82.2              | 5.4                    |
| <b>Annualised:</b>  |                   |                        |
| Since inception (27 March 2013)                                   | 7.1               | 0.6                    |
| Latest 5 years  | 9.6               | 5.5                    |
| Latest 3 years  | 7.6               | 6.6                    |
| Latest 2 years  | 5.5               | 3.4                    |
| Latest 1 year   | 4.3               | 4.0                    |
| Year-to-date (not annualised)                                     | 4.3               | 4.0                    |
| <b>Risk measures (since inception, based on month-end prices)</b> |                   |                        |
| Maximum drawdown <sup>3</sup>                                     | 17.0              | -29.3                  |
| Percentage positive months <sup>4</sup>                           | 67.0              | 61.3                   |
| Annualised monthly volatility <sup>5</sup>                        | 9.1               | 11.0                   |
| Highest annual return <sup>6</sup>                                | 28.4              | 22.3                   |
| Lowest annual return <sup>6</sup>                                 | -15.7             | -21.5                  |

### Meeting the Fund objective

The Fund seeks to achieve the maximum US dollar return while minimising the risk of loss within the context of an African bond fund. The Fund experiences periods of underperformance in pursuit of this objective. Since inception the Fund has outperformed its benchmark and delivered positive absolute returns in US dollars.

### Subscription and redemption charge

Investors may be charged 0.5% when subscribing for Fund shares. Investors may be charged 0.5% when redeeming Fund shares in the case of significant redemptions. These charges are paid into the Fund to offset the costs associated with the transactions that are borne by the Fund. The Investment Manager may waive these charges if transactions substantially offset one another.

### Annual management fee

The management fee consists of a fixed fee of 0.70% p.a.

### Total expense ratio (TER) and Transaction costs<sup>7</sup>

The annual management fee charged 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. The TER and Transaction costs cannot be determined accurately because of the short life span of the class. Calculations are based on actual data where possible and best estimates where actual data is not available.

| TER and Transaction costs breakdown for the 1- and 3-year period ending 30 September 2021 | 1yr %       | 3yr %       |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Total expense ratio</b>  | <b>0.84</b> | <b>0.87</b> |
| Management fee  | 0.70        | 0.70        |
| Custody fees  | 0.08        | 0.09        |
| Other costs excluding transaction costs   | 0.06        | 0.08        |
| <b>Transaction costs</b>  | <b>0.00</b> | <b>0.00</b> |
| <b>Total investment charge</b>  | <b>0.84</b> | <b>0.87</b> |

7. Prior to the inception of this class of the Fund, the TER and Transaction costs data is that of the A Class of the Fund, reduced by 0.3% p.a.

### Fund positioning on 31 December 2021<sup>8</sup>

|                                 | Local currency | Foreign currency | % of portfolio |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Governments<sup>10</sup></b> | <b>35.3</b>    | <b>29.6</b>      | <b>64.9</b>    |
| Ghana                           | 7.4            | 4.2              | 11.6           |
| Egypt                           | 2.1            | 8.4              | 10.5           |
| Uganda                          | 10.3           | 0.0              | 10.3           |
| South Africa                    | 7.3            | 2.8              | 10.2           |
| Senegal                         | 0.0            | 6.5              | 6.5            |
| Kenya                           | 2.1            | 2.5              | 4.6            |
| Ivory Coast                     | 0.0            | 4.0              | 4.0            |
| Nigeria                         | 2.9            | 0.0              | 2.9            |
| Namibia                         | 1.8            | 0.0              | 1.8            |
| Tunisia                         | 0.0            | 1.2              | 1.2            |
| Zambia                          | 0.9            | 0.0              | 0.9            |
| Botswana                        | 0.5            | 0.0              | 0.5            |
| <b>Corporates<sup>10</sup></b>  | <b>0.0</b>     | <b>18.7</b>      | <b>18.7</b>    |
| Nigeria                         | 0.0            | 11.7             | 11.7           |
| Ghana                           | 0.0            | 5.2              | 5.2            |
| Togo                            | 0.0            | 1.8              | 1.8            |
| <b>Cash<sup>9</sup></b>         | <b>7.3</b>     | <b>9.1</b>       | <b>16.4</b>    |
| <b>Total (%)<sup>10</sup></b>   | <b>42.6</b>    | <b>57.4</b>      | <b>100.0</b>   |

### Weighted average yield on 31 December 2021

|                     | Weighted average yield (%) | % of portfolio |
|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Local currency      | 13.4                       | 35.3           |
| Other <sup>11</sup> | 9.0                        | 4.4            |
| US\$                | 7.8                        | 43.9           |
| Cash                | 0.0                        | 16.4           |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>8.6</b>                 | <b>100.0</b>   |

### Asset allocation on 31 December 2021

| Asset Class                                     | Total        |
|---|--------------|
| Net equity                                      | 0.0          |
| Hedged equity                                   | 0.0          |
| Property  | 0.0          |
| Commodity-linked                                | 0.0          |
| Bonds   | 77.6         |
| Money market, bank deposits and currency hedges | 22.4         |
| <b>Total (%)<sup>10</sup></b>                   | <b>100.0</b> |

8. The total Nigerian exposure includes accruals for naira-settled currency forwards, valued at the Nigerian Autonomous Foreign Exchange Rate (NAFEX), that are shown under cash.

9. Cash is held in multiple currencies and includes USD treasury bills.

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

11. Other represents all non-cash holdings not denominated in local African currency or US\$ (eg. EUR)

Fixed income in 2021 was defined by COVID-19 and inflation.

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to surprise markets as new variants emerged and governments responded unpredictably towards them. The lasting impact on many African issuers is likely to be higher debt and social commitments, stretching government revenues and worsening credit strength.

Inflation fears impacted African borrowers as benchmark rates rose. This hurts performance in the short term but should be positive over the long term, provided inflation is controlled. Deflation is a greater risk for issuers with debt levels approaching or exceeding historic highs, which describes most of the world's governments. For Africa specifically, inflation should support commodity prices and economic growth, leading to higher revenue that can be used to service and repay debt. However, it is worth noting that historically inflation has not always been controlled, and can easily move from helping to harming debt sustainability.

African bonds had a disappointing end to 2021. The Standard Bank Africa Bond Index returned -2% over 2021, with most of the weakness experienced in the last four months of the year. We were cautious about valuations earlier in the year and lowered duration, switched exposure from Eurobonds to more appropriately priced local currency bonds, and added South African exposure for diversification.

This was partially successful, with some of the Fund's local currency exposures performing well. The notable exceptions were Ghana, where investors are rightly questioning the government's fiscal projections, and South Africa, where Omicron fears and contagion from peers such as Turkey weakened both

the currency and yields. We believe bond prices in both markets have priced in the risks, and we have maintained the Fund's exposure. We are monitoring Ghana's fiscal situation, specifically the sustainability of interest payments in an environment of high rates and low government revenue collection.

The benefit of recent weakness is that African bonds are now more appropriately priced. Benchmark African sovereign Eurobonds offer hard currency yields ranging from mid-single digits for South Africa to low double digits for Ghana. The Fund owns a basket of these with a weighted average yield of 7.0%. The Fund's local currency exposure offers an equally attractive 13.4% weighted average yield, denominated in reasonably priced or cheap currencies. Despite a relatively large cash position earning zero yield, the Fund's overall yield is high single digits. Currency and economic diversification mean we expect the Fund's long-term US dollar return to approximate this yield, which is attractive in the context of suppressed global bond yields.

The Fund added South African, Ugandan and Botswana exposure and reduced Tullow and Kenyan exposure during the quarter. We converted Nigerian naira exposure into US dollars as our currency forward contracts, issued by the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), matured. At the end of 2021, 10% of the Fund remains naira denominated. The majority of this is hedged via forward contracts and we expect it to reduce towards zero as the CBN continues to meet its commitments. We intend to deploy this cash into more attractive investments, further improving the Fund's yield and expected return.

**Commentary contributed by Mark Dunley-Owen**

**Fund manager quarterly  
commentary as at  
31 December 2021**

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## Information and content

The Fund is incorporated and registered under the laws of Bermuda and is supervised by the Bermuda Monetary Authority. The Fund's share classes are also listed on the Bermuda Stock Exchange. The primary custodian of the Fund is Standard Bank of South Africa Limited. The custodian can be contacted at Investor Services, 2nd Floor, 25 Pixley Ka Isaka Seme Street, Johannesburg, South Africa. The Investment Manager has appointed Allan Gray Unit Trust Management (RF) Proprietary Limited (the "Representative") as its representative for the purpose of approval in terms of the Collective Investment Schemes Control Act 45 of 2002. The Representative is incorporated under the laws of South Africa and is supervised by the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA). The Investment Manager of the Fund is Allan Gray Bermuda Limited.

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normally calculated each Friday. Purchase requests must be received by the Registrar of the Fund by 17:00 South African time on that dealing day to receive that week's price. Redemption requests must be received by the Registrar of the Fund by 17:00 South African time, on the particular dealing day on which shares are to be redeemed to receive that week's price. Share prices are available on [www.allangray.com](http://www.allangray.com).

## Fees and charges

Permissible deductions from the Fund may include management fees, brokerage, securities transfer tax, auditor's fees, bank charges and custody fees. A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the Representative.

## 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) and other expenses like audit fees. Transaction costs (including brokerage, securities transfer tax and investor protection levies where applicable) are shown separately. There are no explicit brokerage charges in global bond markets. The broker rather takes an undisclosed spread between the purchase and sale price. The spread (charge) can vary from negligible to substantial depending on the asset and market circumstances. The disclosed transaction charge is therefore zero but in reality there are transaction costs which reflect in the Fund's returns. We aim to minimise costs by keeping our trading activity to a minimum and always seeking out the most favourable price when buying and selling assets. 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 fund, 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 from published returns. As collective investment scheme 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).

## Yield

The Allan Gray Africa Bond Fund yield is current, calculated as at month-end.

## Foreign exposure

There are significant risks involved in investing in securities listed in the Fund's universe of emerging and developing countries including liquidity risks, sometimes aggravated by rapid and large outflows of "hot money" and capital flight, concentration risk, currency risks, political and social instability, the possibility of expropriation, confiscatory taxation or nationalisation of assets and the establishment of foreign exchange controls which may include the suspension of the ability to transfer currency from a given country.

The Fund can use derivatives to manage its exposure to currencies and/or interest rates and this exposes the Fund to contractual risk. Contractual risk includes the risk that a counterparty will not settle a transaction according to its terms and conditions because of a dispute over the terms of the contract (whether or not bona fide) or because of a credit or liquidity problem, causing the Fund to suffer a loss. Such contract counterparty risk is accentuated for contracts with longer maturities where events may intervene to prevent settlement, or where the Fund has concentrated its transactions with a single or small group of counterparties. Borrowing, leveraging, and trading securities on margin will result in interest charges and, depending on the amount of trading activity, such charges could be substantial. The low margin deposits normally required in futures and forward trading, which the Fund may utilise, permit a high degree of leverage. As a result, a relatively small price movement in a futures or forward contract may result in immediate and substantial losses to the investor.

## Important information for investors

### Need more information?

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