

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 March 2022

Fund currency	US\$
Fund size	US\$382m
Number of shares	2 310 868
Price (net asset value per share)	US\$159.65
Number of issuers	20
Dealing day	Weekly (Thursday)
Class	C
Class inception date	14 May 2020

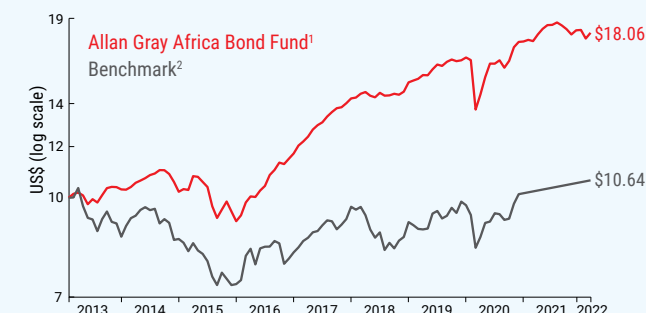
Minimum investment amounts

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 March 2022. 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 ¹	Benchmark ²
Cumulative:		
Since inception (27 March 2013)	80.6	6.4
Annualised:		
Since inception (27 March 2013)	6.8	0.7
Latest 5 years	8.1	4.4
Latest 3 years	5.6	6.0
Latest 2 years	14.7	12.8
Latest 1 year	3.0	4.0
Year-to-date (not annualised)	-0.9	1.0
Risk measures (since inception, based on month-end prices)		
Maximum drawdown ³	-17.0	-29.3
Percentage positive months ⁴	67.0	62.4
Annualised monthly volatility ⁵	9.1	10.9
Highest annual return ⁶	28.4	22.3
Lowest annual return ⁶	-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 costs⁷

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 31 December 2021	1yr %	3yr %
Total expense ratio	0.82	0.86
Management fee	0.70	0.70
Custody fees	0.09	0.09
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.03	0.07
Transaction costs	0.00	0.00
Total investment charge	0.82	0.86

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 March 2022⁸

	Local currency	Foreign currency	% of portfolio
Governments¹⁰	21.4	45.6	67.0
Uganda	11.4	0.0	11.4
South Africa	6.8	2.9	9.7
Kenya	2.2	7.0	9.2
Ivory Coast	0.0	8.9	8.9
Senegal	0.0	8.7	8.7
Ghana	0.0	8.3	8.3
Egypt	0.0	7.3	7.3
Nigeria	0.2	1.3	1.5
Benin	0.0	1.2	1.2
Botswana	0.6	0.0	0.6
Namibia	0.2	0.0	0.2
Corporates¹⁰	0.0	22.7	22.7
Nigeria	0.0	12.4	12.4
Ghana	0.0	5.2	5.2
Zambia	0.0	2.8	2.8
Togo	0.0	1.3	1.3
Mauritius	0.0	1.0	1.0
Cash⁹	3.2	7.1	10.3
Total (%)¹⁰	24.6	75.4	100.0

Weighted average yield on 31 March 2022

	Weighted average yield (%)	% of portfolio
Local currency	11.8	21.4
Other ¹¹	6.7	13.3
US\$	9.1	55.0
Cash	0.0	10.3
Total	8.4	100.0

Asset allocation on 31 March 2022

Asset Class	Total
Net equity	0.0
Hedged equity	0.0
Property	0.0
Commodity-linked	0.0
Bonds	87.1
Money market, bank deposits and currency hedges	12.9
Total (%)¹⁰	100.0

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)

The narrative about inflation being transitory – a common refrain among major central banks during the pandemic recovery period – has decisively been put to rest. Developed country policymakers are increasingly waking up to the reality of persistently higher prices and this has been a rude awakening: US inflation reached 40-year highs in February, printing at a whopping 7.9%. During the quarter, the Federal Reserve ended its asset purchase programme and embarked on its first rate hike of 25 basis points. The Bank of England implemented its third rate hike in a row, while the European Central Bank announced the winding down of asset purchases from the end of March.

If the major central banks were still in bed recovering from the rude inflationary wake-up call, then Russia's invasion of Ukraine must have been akin to being splashed with a bucket of ice cold water. The sanctions imposed on Russia resulted in the oil price touching US\$140 per barrel, the highest since 2008. The conflict has also affected global food prices, given that Russia and Ukraine are large wheat exporters. The sad reality is that the conflict has not only resulted in unjustifiable human suffering and loss of life in Ukraine but has also exported economic pain to the rest of the world through higher food and fuel prices, which have a particularly harmful effect on people in developing countries.

Rising global interest rates, food and oil prices pose a *multiple* whammy for African credits. Like many risk assets, African bonds have benefited from loose developed country monetary policy, which resulted in inflows – some of which will start to reverse. Higher food and oil prices have implications for current accounts, inflation and (in some cases) fiscal accounts. While higher oil prices are a boon for oil exporters, they are a curse for oil importers. And higher global food prices affect all. Below are three examples of how these issues are playing out in some key African countries:

- **Egypt:** The banking system's net foreign assets have been declining since early 2021, pointing to foreign investor outflows. Egypt is the largest wheat importer in the world, and bread is heavily subsidised. Therefore, higher wheat prices will put pressure on both the fiscus and the current account. So far, the Central Bank has responded by devaluing the Egyptian pound and hiking interest rates by 100 basis points.

- **Nigeria:** The oil exporter has been struggling to meet its OPEC quota due to pipeline vandalism and a chronic lack of investment in oil infrastructure, resulting in the country partly missing out on higher prices. Whatever revenue benefit there is from higher oil prices will largely be eroded by fuel price subsidies. These were supposed to be scrapped in June, but the government has balked at doing this in a pre-election year.
- **Ghana:** Market jitters over fiscal sustainability led to the Eurobonds and the cedi selling off sharply from January. Moody's downgrade to Caa1 made matters worse. The authorities are adamant they can stabilise the ship without an IMF programme, which is the very thing that may be needed to restore investor confidence. Ghanaian assets remain under pressure, with the Eurobonds trading at distressed levels.

Increased market volatility during the quarter presented us with opportunities to make good value additions and switches. We sold out of Tunisia and Zambia and added First Quantum Minerals, Liquid Telecom, Benin and Nigeria Eurobonds. We also switched out Egypt and Ghana local currency for Eurobonds, while reducing the Fund's overall exposure to Ghana. Finally, we added Kenya, Senegal and Côte d'Ivoire Eurobonds.

The Fund is currently invested as follows: 23% in corporate Eurobonds, which we view as defensive; 21% in local currency debt (mostly Uganda and South Africa), which has also proven defensive; and 46% in sovereign Eurobonds, which are offering good value due to the recent market sell-off. The Fund has 7% in US dollar cash and 3% in local currency cash (mostly naira). We continue to exit the Nigerian market as the currency forwards mature.

Commentary contributed by Londa Nxumalo

Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 31 March 2022

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Share 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 shares in issue. Forward pricing is used. The weekly price of the Fund is

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.

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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