

# Allan Gray Africa ex-SA Equity Fund

Fund manager: Andrew Lapping  
Inception date: 1 January 2012  
Class: A

## Fund description

The Fund invests in a focused portfolio of companies with significant business interests in Africa (excluding South Africa), regardless of the location of the stock exchange listing. The Fund price is reported in US dollars but the underlying holdings are denominated in various currencies. Returns are likely to be volatile.

## Fund objective and benchmark

The Fund aims to outperform African equity markets over the long term without taking on greater risk of loss. The Fund's benchmark is the Standard Bank Africa Total Return Index.

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

We invest in shares that we believe offer superior fundamental value while taking into account risk and return. We research companies and assess their intrinsic value based on long-term fundamentals; we then invest in businesses where our assessment of intrinsic value exceeds the share price by a margin of safety. This approach allows us to identify shares that may be out of favour with the market because of poor near-term prospects, but offer good value over the long-term. The Fund's holdings will deviate meaningfully from those in the index both in terms of individual holdings and sector exposure.

## Suitable for those investors who

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

## Minimum investment amounts

Minimum initial investment: US\$50 000  
Minimum subsequent investment: US\$1 000

## Annual management fee

The management fee consists of a fixed fee and a performance fee component. The fixed fee is charged at a rate of 1% per year. The performance fee is 20% of the extent to which the Fund outperforms the benchmark, after the fixed fee is deducted and subject to the Fund exceeding the 'high watermark'. The high watermark is the maximum ratio the Fund's net asset value per share, including distributions, has achieved relative to the benchmark since the Fund's inception.

## Subscription and redemption charge

Investors are charged 1% when transacting in Fund shares, both on subscription and redemption. This is paid into the Fund to offset the costs associated with the transaction that are borne by the Fund. Allan Gray International Proprietary Limited may waive this charge in the case of significant offsetting flows.

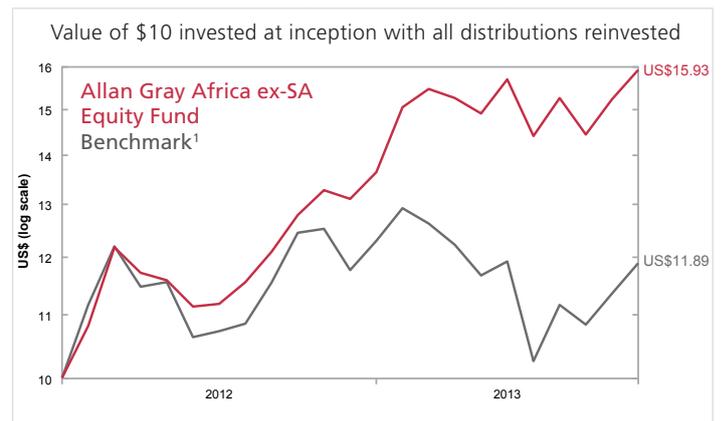
## Capacity

The Fund currently has limited capacity. The Investment Manager may, at its discretion, refuse a subscription or phase a subscription into the Fund over a number of dealing days. The Investment Manager may at its discretion limit redemptions to US\$5m or 2.5% of the Fund (whichever is less) per dealing day.

## Fund information on 31 October 2013

Fund currency: US\$  
Fund size: US\$133m  
Fund price: US\$159.30  
Number of share holdings: 54  
Dealing day: Weekly (Thursday)

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



% Returns	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
<i>Unannualised:</i>		
Since inception	59.3	18.9
<i>Annualised:</i>		
Since inception	28.9	9.9
Latest 1 year	19.9	-5.1
Year-to-date (unannualised)	16.7	-3.3
<b>Risk measures (since inception, based on month-end prices)</b>		
Maximum drawdown <sup>2</sup>	-8.6	-20.6
Percentage positive months <sup>3</sup>	63.6	63.6
Annualised monthly volatility <sup>4</sup>	18.1	22.1

Relative to benchmark return required to reach high watermark: 4.9%.

1. Standard Bank Africa Total Return Index (source: Standard Bank), performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 October 2013. Calculation based on the latest available data as supplied by third parties.
2. Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum drawdown occurred from February 2012 to May 2012 and maximum benchmark drawdown occurred from January 2013 to June 2013. Drawdown is calculated on the total return of the Fund/benchmark (i.e. including income).
3. The percentage of calendar months in which the Fund produced a positive monthly return since inception.
4. 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.

## Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 30 September 2013

The past quarter was an interesting one for African equity investors. The activity in Egypt and Zimbabwe illustrated how political risks can influence stock market returns but, more importantly, how remaining rational and focused on company valuations, rather than market sentiment, is key.

Despite the military removing and arresting the democratically elected Egyptian leaders, the EGX30 index has appreciated 25% from the days before the coup. We have begun to trim some of our Egyptian positions based on valuation. Despite the recent sales, 30% of the Fund is still invested in businesses that operate in Egypt, which includes companies that operate in Egypt but are listed elsewhere.

Investing in Zimbabwe carries many risks, but fortunately these risks are well known and reflected in company valuations. The Mugabe/Zanu-PF victory in the recent elections gave us the opportunity to take advantage of investor fear. The Fund has investments in eight Zimbabwean companies, the two largest being telecommunications provider Econet Wireless and brewer and soft drink company Delta Corporation. These are both high-quality, attractively valued companies that dominate their respective sectors. The Zanu-PF rhetoric is very anti-business and its election victory seemingly surprised some people and caused a 30% price decline in both Econet and Delta. We were aggressive buyers of these shares at the lower levels. The prices have since recovered somewhat, though not to pre-election levels. It may be that some investors were betting on the business-friendly MDC winning the election, which would have been nice, but in reality was very unlikely. The only precedent that I recall of a long-time African leader losing an election and handing over power is Hastings Banda of Malawi, who lost an election after 30 years in power, but then he was 96, Mr Mugabe is only 89.

The Zanu-PF policies add risk to Zimbabwean investments but they also add to returns. The anti-business stance makes doing business difficult, reduces competition and inflates the cost of capital. All these factors lead to high returns for established Zimbabwean businesses.

*Commentary contributed by Andrew Lapping*

## Country of primary listing on 31 October 2013

Country	% of Equities	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Zimbabwe	23.5	1.8
Nigeria	17.6	19.1
Egypt	16.7	16.1
United Kingdom	8.4	19.9
Canada	7.9	9.0
Kenya	6.9	10.7
France	6.8	1.4
BRVM	3.6	1.1
Rwanda	2.0	0.1
Uganda	2.0	0.0
Netherlands	1.3	0.0
Mauritius	1.1	1.3
Botswana	1.1	0.6
Australia	1.0	7.8
Malawi	0.2	0.0
Morocco	0.0	6.2
Portugal	0.0	2.1
Tunisia	0.0	1.7
USA	0.0	0.7
Ghana	0.0	0.3
Tanzania	0.0	0.2
<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## Sector allocation on 31 October 2013

Sector	% of Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Oil & gas	12.0	11.6
Basic materials	14.2	28.4
Industrials	0.5	5.1
Consumer goods	22.1	9.6
Healthcare	0.3	0.0
Consumer services	3.5	0.6
Telecommunications	13.8	9.4
Utilities	3.4	0.4
Financials	24.4	34.8
Technology	0.0	0.1
Fixed interest/Liquidity	5.8	0.0
<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

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### Fees

A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions is available on request from Allan Gray. Commission and incentives may be paid and if so, would be included in the overall costs.

### Share price

Share prices are calculated on a net asset value basis, which calculation is made by dividing the value of the net assets of the Fund attributable to the shares by the number of shares in issue. The weekly price of the Fund is normally calculated each Friday based on the prices of the underlying investments prevailing at 5:30pm Bermuda time on the previous business day. Purchase requests must be received by the Registrar of the Fund (being Citi Fund Services (Bermuda), Ltd.) by 5:00pm Bermuda time on that dealing day to receive that week's price. Redemption requests must be received by the Registrar of the Fund by 12 noon Bermuda time, on the particular dealing day on which shares are to be redeemed to receive that week's price.

### Performance

Investments in Collective Investment Schemes are generally medium- to long-term investments. The value of shares may go down as well as up and past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future. Performance figures are from Allan Gray International Proprietary Limited and are for lump sum investments with income distributions reinvested.