

**Fund description and summary of investment policy**

The Fund invests in a focused portfolio of Frontier Market Equities. The Fund price is reported in US dollars, but the underlying holdings are denominated in various currencies. Returns are likely to be volatile.

Classification: Frontier Markets – Equity

**Fund objective and benchmark**

The Fund aims to outperform Frontier Markets over the long term without taking on greater risk of loss. The Fund’s benchmark is the MSCI Frontier Emerging Markets (FEM) Index. The Fund does not seek to mirror the benchmark but instead may deviate meaningfully from this performance benchmark in pursuit of superior returns. To the extent that its investments differ from those in the benchmark, the Fund faces the risk of underperforming the benchmark.

**Frontier Market Equities**

There are numerous risks involved in investing in Frontier Market Equities. These risks may be significantly higher than in more developed markets and may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Individual countries may impose capital controls preventing the repatriation of foreign currency
- Returns are expected to be more volatile, and the average drawdown may be higher, than in more developed markets
- Low liquidity whereby subscriptions into the Fund may have to be phased in, and redemptions from the Fund may be limited per dealing day
- Market prices may not accurately reflect the fair value of a Fund asset and fair value pricing may be used

There is no assurance that the investment approach of the Fund will be successful or that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

See the “Important information for investors” section for more information.

**How we aim to achieve the Fund’s objective**

We invest in equities 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 Frontier Market Equities
- Are comfortable with above-average stock market and currency fluctuations
- Are prepared to take on the risk of capital loss
- Have a minimum investment horizon of five years

**Fund information on 28 February 2023**

Fund currency	US\$
Fund size	US\$729m
Number of shares	4 945 484
Price (net asset value per share)	US\$133.56
Number of share holdings	42
Dealing day	Weekly (Thursday)
Class	C
Class inception date	21 January 2021

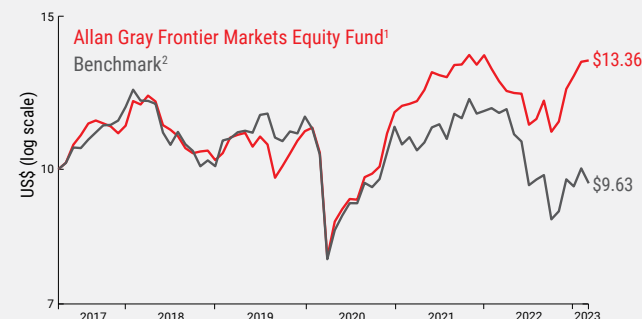
**Minimum investment amounts**

Minimum initial investment	US\$50 000
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.
2. MSCI Frontier Emerging Markets Index (source: MSCI), performance as calculated by Allan Gray. 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 31 March 2018 to 31 March 2020 and maximum benchmark drawdown occurred from 31 January 2018 to 31 March 2020. 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 31 March 2021 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 31 March 2020 and the benchmark’s occurred during the 12 months ended 31 March 2020. 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 (3 April 2017)	33.6	-3.7
<b>Annualised:</b>		
Since inception (3 April 2017)	5.0	-0.6
Latest 5 years	2.4	-4.3
Latest 3 years	8.5	-2.5
Latest 2 years	6.0	-5.9
Latest 1 year	5.7	-17.1
Year-to-date (not annualised)	4.2	0.8
<b>Risk measures (since inception, based on month-end prices)</b>		
Maximum drawdown <sup>3</sup>	-34.9	-36.3
Percentage positive months <sup>4</sup>	62.0	56.3
Annualised monthly volatility <sup>5</sup>	16.5	17.5
Highest annual return <sup>6</sup>	51.5	33.6
Lowest annual return <sup>6</sup>	-27.8	-28.7

Relative to benchmark return required to reach high watermark: 0.0%.

**Meeting the Fund objective**

The Fund aims to outperform Frontier Markets over the long term without taking on greater risk of loss. The Fund may experience periods of underperformance in pursuit of this objective. Since inception, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark. The maximum drawdown and lowest annual return numbers in the "Performance in US\$ net of all fees and expenses" table show that the Fund has not experienced more downside than its benchmark in periods of negative market returns. We believe our philosophy of buying undervalued equities should generate positive absolute returns over time.

**Subscription and redemption charge**

Investors may be charged 1% when subscribing for Fund shares. Investors may be charged 1% 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. Allan Gray Bermuda Limited (the "Investment Manager") may waive these charges if transactions substantially offset one another.

**Annual management fee**

The management fee consists of a base fee of 0.7% and a performance component. The fee rate is calculated weekly by comparing the Fund's total performance for the week, after the base fee is deducted, to that of the benchmark.

**Fee for performance equal to the Fund's benchmark:** 0.7% p.a.

For each percentage point above or below the benchmark we add or deduct 0.2%. This means that Allan Gray shares in approximately 20% of the performance relative to the benchmark. The fee can decrease to a minimum of 0%. If the fee would have been negative, the negative fee will be carried forward to reduce the next week's fee (and all subsequent weeks until the underperformance is recovered).

**Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs**

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.

**Country of primary listing on 28 February 2023**

Country	% of Equities	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>
United Kingdom	25.3	0.0
Philippines	15.9	31.8
Nigeria	13.8	3.1
Kazakhstan	12.5	4.3
Egypt	6.5	3.7
Australia	6.1	0.0
Bangladesh	5.4	2.2
Sri Lanka	2.9	0.3
Kuwait	2.8	0.0
Kenya	2.6	2.5
Romania	2.5	3.7
Argentina	1.2	0.0
Pakistan	1.1	0.2
Slovenia	0.9	2.5
Vietnam	0.7	12.8
Peru	0.0	11.5
Morocco	0.0	4.9
Colombia	0.0	4.3
Iceland	0.0	4.3
Oman	0.0	2.1
Other	0.0	5.9
<b>Total (%)<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

8. The TER and Transaction costs data is that of the A Class of the Fund, reduced by 0.3% p.a.

Note: There are ~32 countries in the benchmark, therefore countries not in the Fund may be shown as "Other" as the last balancing item for the benchmark.

**Sector allocation on 28 February 2023**

Sector	% of Fund	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>
Energy	1.9	2.5
Basic materials	11.6	8.1
Industrials	2.1	10.6
Consumer staples	23.0	8.2
Healthcare	4.1	3.4
Consumer discretionary	3.8	5.0
Telecommunications	0.0	7.6
Utilities	0.0	3.9
Financials	45.6	38.2
Real estate	0.0	12.5
Money market and bank deposits	8.0	0.0
<b>Total (%)<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Asset allocation on 28 February 2023**

Asset Class	Total
Net equity	92.0
Bonds	6.8
Money market and bank deposits	1.2
<b>Total (%)<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs<sup>8</sup>**

TER and transaction costs breakdown for the 1- and 3-year period ending 31 December 2022	1yr %	3yr %
<b>Total expense ratio</b>	<b>4.72</b>	<b>3.35</b>
Fee for benchmark performance	0.70	0.70
Performance fees	3.85	2.46
Custody fees	0.10	0.13
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.07	0.06
<b>Transaction costs</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.12</b>
<b>Total investment charge</b>	<b>4.77</b>	<b>3.47</b>

It has been said that a perfect world is scary for stocks, and a scary world is perfect for stocks – alluding to the observation that cheap prices are usually accompanied by negative news flow. By many measures, frontier markets are currently a scary choice for more conservative investors, considering the higher levels of uncertainty. However, the negative sentiment and uncertainty can lead to mispricing in the market, which presents opportunities for long-term investors.

2022 began with unrest in Kazakhstan followed by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Inflation was high in many markets within the frontier universe and many currencies came under significant pressure, notably the Ghanaian cedi which depreciated by 39% versus the US dollar in 2022.

Against this backdrop, absolute returns have been disappointing, driven by a derating of earnings multiples and currency weakness. While the Fund returned 16% during Q4, the absolute returns were disappointing at -5.4% for the 2022 calendar year. Many of the holdings in the Fund have actually grown their earnings. The flipside of the prevailing low earnings multiples is that they are positive for returns going forward.

Relative returns have been better, with the MSCI Frontier Emerging Markets Index returning -18.2% for the 2022 calendar year and 9.2% in Q4. Some drivers of the positive relative performance include the large underweight position in Vietnam, which has derated significantly on concerns relating to its property sector, and the large overweight position in Georgian banks. The Georgian economy grew significantly in 2022, benefiting from a large inflow of people into the nation and higher tourism and transportation-related revenues, among other factors. The Georgian lari strengthened by 14% relative to the US dollar in 2022.

Some of the larger trades during 2022 included adding to Georgian and Kazakh banks, and to Filipino stocks. Material overweight markets include Nigeria, Argentina, Georgia and Kazakhstan. Material underweights include the Philippines, Vietnam, Peru and Columbia.

Halyk Bank is our largest holding in Kazakhstan. Halyk Bank is targeting loan growth of over 30% per annum. About 35% of its loan book is US dollar denominated, enabled by cheap funding from US dollar deposits. Russian exposure is manageable, provisioning seems to be adequate, and it is well capitalised.

Consumer goods companies represent 23% of the Fund, including several consumer staples stocks. This is an industry that has been undergoing global consolidation over a number of decades. Several of our retail holdings could be attractive acquisition targets, providing upside optionality. Frontier staples are

currently trading on low multiples relative to their history, their developed market peers and their earnings growth prospects. The ability to pass on rising input costs (many of which are denominated in US dollars), the strong US dollar and concerns over consumers' disposable income are weighing on sentiment. We consider these factors to be cyclical rather than structural and we do not expect them to permanently reduce the earnings power and intrinsic value of these businesses.

14% of the Fund is invested in resource stocks, with the main exposures to uranium, platinum group metals (PGMs), oil and gas, and base metals. These businesses trade on low multiples of our normal free cashflow estimates and our assessment of the medium-term demand-supply dynamic is that they are likely to be supportive to the underlying commodity prices. Valuations of mining stocks are depressed relative to other sectors, and the likelihood and observed occurrence of supply disruptions is rising. Furthermore, the prolonged lack of capital expenditure in many commodities and the rising costs of production are seen as factors that could limit the downside if there is a prolonged recession.

The Fund is materially overweight Nigerian stocks. The Nigerian All Share Index is trading at 2003 levels when measured in US dollars. While these stocks are attractively priced, we intend to reduce their weighting. This is being hampered by difficulties in repatriating funds from Nigeria. We are monitoring the situation closely.

The Fund has holdings in profitable businesses, trading on low valuations (the five-year average return on equity is 26%, the dividend yield is 6.6%, the price to net asset value is 1.5 times). Given the tightening of monetary conditions and high starting valuations in many markets, our current positioning is focused on capital preservation.

Prevailing market conditions suit assets that produce things that are needed, such as food and industrial raw materials. The Fund is well positioned from this perspective with large allocations to staples, sin stocks and commodities. High inflation usually leads to higher interest rates, which erode the value of long-duration assets, because they make future cashflows less valuable. Businesses can offset inflation by raising prices but only partially. Banks stand to profit from a larger spread between their lending and deposit rates. The stocks in the portfolio trade on low price-to-earnings ratios so their multiples should be relatively less affected by rising rates. We are looking for opportunities in non-banking stocks outside Africa.

**Commentary contributed by Varshan Maharaj**

## Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 31 December 2022

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### Definitions

Frontier Markets means markets included in the MSCI Frontier Emerging Markets (FEM) Index and Beyond Frontier markets. Beyond Frontier markets are markets not included in developed, emerging or frontier indices. Frontier Market Equities means equity in companies domiciled, geographically located or with significant business interests in Frontier Markets, regardless of the location of the stock exchange listing.

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### Performance

Collective investment schemes (unit trusts or mutual funds) are generally medium- to long-term investments. Where annualised performance is mentioned, this refers to the average return per year over the period. The value of shares or the investment may go down as well as up and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Movements in exchange rates may cause the value of underlying international investments to go up or down. Neither the Investment Manager, the Fund nor the Representative provides any guarantee regarding the capital or the performance of the Fund. Performance figures are provided by the Investment Manager and are for lump sum investments with income distributions reinvested. The performance graph is for illustrative purposes only. Actual investor performance may differ as a result of the investment date, the date of reinvestment and applicable taxes.

### MSCI Index

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### Share price

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.co.za](http://www.allangray.co.za).

### 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 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. 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 again 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).

### Frontier markets

There are significant risks involved in investing in shares 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. Frontier market countries have varying laws and regulations and, in some, foreign investment is controlled or restricted in varying degrees.

### 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. Total investor redemptions may be limited to US\$5m or 2.5% of the Fund (whichever is less) per dealing day. The Investment Manager retains the right to distribute all or part of any redemption proceeds in specie (in kind).

### 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: 1) 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 2) 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.

### Contractual risk

The Fund can use derivatives to manage its exposure to stock markets, 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.

### Derivatives

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 used by the Fund permit a high degree of leverage; accordingly, a relatively small price movement in a futures or forward contract may result in immediate and substantial losses to the investor. Price movements of forward contracts and other derivative contracts in which the assets of the Fund may be invested are highly volatile and are influenced by, among other things, interest rates, changing supply and demand relationships, trade, fiscal, monetary and exchange control programmes and policies of governments, and national and international political and economic events and policies. Forward contracts are not traded on exchanges and are not standardised; rather, banks and dealers act as principals in these markets, negotiating each transaction on an individual basis. Trading in forward contracts is substantially unregulated and there is no limitation on daily price movements.

### Operating expense cap

The Investment Manager has agreed with the Fund that, except for specified exclusions, operating expenses attributable to the Fund will be capped at a rate of 0.15% per annum during the Fund's financial year. The cap will be automatically extended for further successive one-year periods, unless the Investment Manager notifies the Fund that the cap will not continue at least three months prior to the expiry of the term, as extended. The Investment Manager will meet expenses incurred in excess of such cap and will not seek reimbursement from the Fund. The operating expenses that are capped are all expenses excluding the fees of the Investment Manager, the cost of buying and selling assets and custody fees.

## Important information for investors

### Need more information?

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