

# **Our Thinking**

What needs to happen for relative performance to turn?

The most honest but least satisfying answer is that we don't know. We will do well if and when the assets we find undervalued get less cheap and the assets we find overvalued get less expensive.

Not knowing is a fact of life for bottom-up investors. (It is almost enough to make us envy top-down investors with their big macro bets.) All we can say with confidence is that it's not likely to be just one thing. We own several dozen businesses from the thousands available globally, and each company will thrive or struggle for its own reasons. NetEase operates online games in China, where it has no interest in Russian loan rates. Sberbank makes loans in Russia, where it has no interest in Chinese online games. Motorcycle sales matter enormously to Honda Motor, but not at all to Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, and AbbVie cares about logistics contracts about as much as XPO Logistics cares about drug trials. When you build the portfolio from the bottom up, each holding has different catalysts.

Our skill is in analysing those individual company drivers. By spending lots of time researching a single business, we believe we stand a good chance of understanding the factors that will influence its intrinsic value over the long term.

But whether a company is set up to thrive or struggle over the long term, market sentiment might vary wildly between despondent and euphoric. Sentiment and fundamentals eventually become close companions, but in the short term, they can be occasional acquaintances at best.

For investors with long-term horizons, often the best catalyst is no catalyst. If you can see a catalyst for a company's performance to turn, other investors can probably see it too, so expectations of a recovery are likely to be reflected in the stock's price, reducing the opportunity to buy the stock at a discount. The same is true of risks. A risk that everyone can see is likely to be reflected in asset prices, making it less dangerous than a risk no one is worried about. It's the bus you don't see that hits you—but it's also the bus you don't see that suddenly turns the corner and gives you a lift home.

Rather than searching for sweeping catalysts, we prefer to keep our focus on the companies held in the portfolios. As we've highlighted in past reports, Orbis Global holds a collection of businesses that trade at a substantial discount to the average global stock, despite having grown revenues more quickly

over the long term. If the businesses in the portfolio execute as we expect, they should grow their intrinsic value, and the market should eventually recognise that value.

If we venture beyond the stock-specific factors we know well, we get into the nebulous realm of macro forces. Here, all we can offer are guesses. Could a change in major trends cause relative performance to turn? A much less useful but perhaps more satisfying answer is that a few things probably wouldn't hurt.

It probably wouldn't hurt if bond yields rose. This might lead to less expensive valuations for stable "bond proxy" stocks like Nestlé and less cheap valuations for companies, like Honda Motor and BMW, with solid fundamentals but well-publicised risks. Similarly, it probably wouldn't hurt if people became less pessimistic about the global economy. As the adage goes, growth does well when growth is scarce, so if the outlook becomes less dour, investors might view cyclical businesses less harshly. And it probably wouldn't hurt if the US and China reached a trade deal. While we think the fundamental impact of the trade war on businesses like NetEase and Tencent is quite small, trade headlines can hurt sentiment and cause share price volatility.

"It probably wouldn't hurt" is as strong a statement as we can make, however. These big trends are not the focus of our bottom-up investment decisions. They appear to be affecting asset prices, but performance could turn without them, and it's possible they could turn without much impact on our performance.

Importantly, these trends do not need to reverse to provide a more constructive backdrop. It might be helpful if they simply stopped. Falling bond yields, for example, have supported ever-richer valuations for "bond proxy" stocks—Nestlé, for example, trades at over 30 times trailing earnings. Should yields simply stop going lower, these expensive shares might cease getting more expensive. Similarly, a truce in the US-China trade war might lift sentiment for some of our Chinese holdings, even though a truce now would leave trade relations in a worse place than they were a year ago.

In short, we aren't counting on a macro catalyst to drive a turn in performance. Rather, if our bottom-up analysis is correct for the companies we hold, we only need two things. One is time, though as ever, we don't know how much. The other is a fair fight on the fundamentals between the undervalued assets we hold and the overvalued assets we don't. It is a fight we relish.

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# **Orbis Global Equity Fund**

The Fund is designed to remain fully invested in global equities. It aims to earn higher returns than world stockmarkets, without greater risk of loss. The benchmark is the FTSE World Index, including income, gross of withholding taxes ("FTSE World Index"). Currency exposure is managed separately to equity exposure.

Price US\$226.09
Pricing currency US dollars
Domicile Bermuda
Type Open-ended mutual fund
Fund size US\$6.1 billion
Fund inception 1 January 1990
Strategy size US\$22.1 billion
Strategy inception 1 January 1990

Benchmark FTSE World Index
Peer group Average Global Equity
Fund Index
Minimum investment US\$50,000
Dealing Weekly
(Thursdays)
Entry/exit fees None
ISIN BMG6766G1087

## Growth of US\$10,000 investment, net of fees, dividends reinvested



#### Returns (%)

	Fund	Peer group	Benchmark
Annualised		Net	Gross
Since Fund inception	11.0	5.2	7.1
25 years	11.1	4.8	7.5
10 years	7.6	5.6	9.6
5 years	4.4	4.9	7.9
3 years	5.3	8.9	12.1
1 year	3.7	9.9	13.2
Not annualised			
Calendar year to date	11.7	16.9	20.4
3 months	3.8	1.2	2.8
1 month	3.4		2.8

	Year	%
Best performing calendar year since Fund inception	2003	45.7
Worst performing calendar year since Fund inception	2008	(35.9)

#### Risk Measures, since Fund inception

	Fund	Peer group	Benchmark
Historic maximum drawdown (%)	50	53	54
Months to recovery	42	113	66
Annualised monthly volatility (%)	16.1	13.8	14.9
Beta vs benchmark	0.9	0.9	1.0
Tracking error vs benchmark (%)	8.9	4.3	0.0

## Ranking within peer group, cumulative return (%)



# Geographical & Currency Allocation (%)

Region	Equity	Currency	Benchmark
North America	31	46	61
Asia ex-Japan	22	11	5
Japan	15	9	9
Continental Europe	11	20	15
United Kingdom	10	7	5
Africa	3	3	1
Other	5	5	4
Net Current Assets	3	0	0
Total	100	100	100

# Top 10 Holdings

	FTSE Sector	%
NetEase	Technology	8.7
XPO Logistics	Industrials	5.8
AbbVie	Health Care	5.2
British American Tobacco	Consumer Goods	4.9
Sberbank of Russia	Financials	3.4
Honda Motor	Consumer Goods	3.4
Sumitomo	Industrials	3.0
Autohome	Technology	2.8
Facebook	Technology	2.8
Bayerische Motoren Werke	Consumer Goods	2.8
Total		42.8

#### Portfolio Concentration & Characteristics

% of NAV in top 25 holdings	72
Total number of holdings	57
12 month portfolio turnover (%)	32
12 month name turnover (%)	31
Active share (%)	91

# Fees & Expenses (%), for last 12 months

Management fee <sup>1</sup>	1.33
For 3 year performance in line with benchmark	1.50
For 3 year outperformance/(underperformance) vs benchmark	(0.17)
Fund expenses	0.05
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.38

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Orbis Fund share prices fluctuate and are not guaranteed. Returns may decrease or increase as a result of currency fluctuations. When making an investment in the Funds, an investor's capital is at risk.

See Notices for important information about this Fact Sheet.

<sup>1.5%</sup> per annum ± up to 1%, based on 3 year rolling outperformance/ (underperformance) vs benchmark.



# **Orbis Global Equity Fund**

This Fact Sheet is a Minimum Disclosure Document and a monthly General Investor Report as required by the South African Financial Sector Conduct Authority.

Investment Manager	Orbis Investment Management Limited
Inception date	1 January 1990
Number of shares	27,066,501
Income distributions during the last 12 months	None

#### Fund Objective and Benchmark

The Fund is designed for investors who have made the "asset allocation" decision to invest a predetermined amount in global equities. It seeks higher returns than the average of the world's equity markets, without greater risk of loss. The Fund aims for higher returns than a designated equity performance benchmark, namely the FTSE World Index, including income and before the deduction of withholding taxes.

# How We Aim to Achieve the Fund's Objective/Adherence to Objective

The Fund is actively managed and seeks to remain fully invested in and exposed to global stockmarkets. It invests in equities considered to offer superior fundamental value. These equities are selected using extensive proprietary investment research. Orbis devotes a substantial proportion of its business efforts to detailed "bottom up" investment research conducted with a long-term perspective, believing that such research makes superior long-term performance attainable. The lower the price of a share as compared to its assessed intrinsic value, the more attractive Orbis considers the equity's fundamental value. The Investment Manager believes that over the long term, equity investing based on this approach offers superior returns and reduces the risk of loss.

Exchange rate fluctuations significantly influence global investment returns. For this reason, part of Orbis' research effort is devoted to forecasting currency trends. Taking into account these expected trends, Orbis actively reviews the Fund's currency exposure. In doing so, Orbis places particular focus on managing the Fund's exposure to those currencies considered less likely to hold their long-term value. The Fund's currency deployment therefore frequently differs significantly from the geographic deployment of its selected equities.

The Fund does not seek to mirror its benchmark but may instead deviate meaningfully from it in pursuit of superior long-term capital appreciation.

Since inception, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark net of fees. The Fund will experience periods of underperformance in pursuit of its objective of creating long-term wealth for investors.

# Risk/Reward Profile

- The Fund is designed for investors who have made the "asset allocation" decision to invest a predetermined amount in global equities.
- Investments in the Fund may suffer capital loss.
- Investors should understand that the Investment Manager generally assesses an equity investment's attractiveness using a three-to-five year time horizon.

#### Management Fee

As is described in more detail in the Fund's Prospectus, the Fund pays the Investment Manager a performance-based fee. The fee is designed to align the Investment Manager's interests with those of investors in the Fund.

The fee is based on the net asset value of the Fund. The fee rate is calculated weekly by comparing the Fund's performance over three years against its benchmark. For each percentage point of three year performance above or below that benchmark's performance, 0.04 percentage points are added to or subtracted from 1.5%, subject to the following limits:

- Maximum fee: 2.5% per annum
- Minimum fee: 0.5% per annum

### Fees, Expenses and Total Expense Ratio (TER)

In addition to the fees payable to its Investment Manager, the Fund bears operating costs, including the costs of maintaining its stock exchange listing, Bermuda government fees, legal and auditing fees, reporting expenses, the cost of preparing its Prospectus and communication costs. Finally, the Fund incurs costs when buying or selling underlying investments.

Where an investor subscribes or redeems an amount representing 5% or more of the net asset value of the Fund, the Investment Manager may cause the Fund to levy a fee of 0.40% of the net asset value of the Fund's shares being acquired or redeemed.

The annual management fees charged are included in the TER. The TER is a measure of the actual expenses incurred by the Fund over a 12 month period, excluding trading costs. Since Fund returns are quoted after deduction of these expenses, the TER should not be deducted from the published returns. Expenses may vary, so the current TER is not a reliable indicator of future TERs.

## Changes in the Fund's Top 10 Holdings

31 July 2019	%	31 October 2019	%
NetEase	8.2	NetEase	8.7
XPO Logistics	6.1	XPO Logistics	5.8
Naspers	5.5	AbbVie	5.2
AbbVie	4.4	British American Tobacco	4.9
Sberbank of Russia	3.9	Sberbank of Russia	3.4
British American Tobacco	3.4	Honda Motor	3.4
Celgene	3.3	Sumitomo	3.0
Autohome	3.1	Autohome	2.8
Facebook	2.9	Facebook	2.8
Anthem	2.8	Bayerische Motoren Werke	2.8
Total	43.6	Total	42.8

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#### **Additional Information**

South African residents should contact Allan Gray Unit Trust Management (RF) Proprietary Limited at 0860 000 654 (toll free from within South Africa) or offshore\_direct@allangray.co.za to receive, free of charge, additional information about a proposed investment (including Prospectus, application forms, annual reports and a schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions). The Investment Manager can be contacted at +1 441 296 3000 or clientservice@orbis.com. The Fund's Custodian is Citibank N.A., New York Offices, 388 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10013, U.S.A. All information provided herein is subject to the more detailed information provided in the Fund's Prospectus.

#### **Share Price and Transaction Cut Off Times**

Share prices are calculated on a net asset value basis, normally as of 5:30 pm (Bermuda time) (i) each Thursday (or, if a Thursday is not a business day, the preceding business day), (ii) on the last calendar day of each month (or, if that is not a weekday, the preceding weekday) and/or (iii) any other days in addition to (or substitution for) any of the days described in (i) or (ii), as determined by the Investment Manager without notice.

Subscriptions are only valid if made on the basis of the Fund's current Prospectus. To be processed on a given dealing day: subscription requests into an Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:00 pm on that dealing day; subscription requests into an Orbis Fund that is an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:30 pm; redemption requests from an Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 12 noon; redemption requests from an Orbis Fund that is an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:30 pm; requests to switch from an Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis SICAV Fund to a different Orbis Fund that is also not an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 12 noon; requests to switch from an Orbis SICAV Fund into a different Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:00 pm; requests to switch from an Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis Fund that is an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 12 noon; and requests to switch from an Orbis Fund that is an Orbis SICAV Fund to a different Orbis Fund that is also an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:30 pm. All times given are Bermuda time, and all requests must be properly completed and accompanied by any required funds and/or information.

Share prices, updated weekly, are available

- from the Allan Gray Unit Trust Management (RF) Proprietary Limited's website at www.allangray.co.za,
- from the Orbis website at www.orbis.com,
- by e-mail, by registering with Orbis for this service at the Orbis website at www.orbis.com, and
- · from Bloomberg.

#### **Legal Notices**

Returns are net of fees, include income and assume reinvestment of dividends. Figures quoted are for the periods indicated for a \$10,000 investment (lump sum, for illustrative purposes only). Annualised returns show the average amount earned on an investment in the Fund/share class each year over the given time period. This Report does not constitute advice nor a recommendation to buy, sell or hold, nor an offer to sell or a solicitation to buy interests or shares in the Orbis Funds or other securities in the companies mentioned in it.

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Minimum investment amounts in the Fund are specified in the Fund's Prospectus, provided that a new investor in the Orbis Funds must open an investment account with Orbis, which may be subject to minimum investment restrictions, country restrictions and/or other terms and conditions. For more information on opening an Orbis investment account, please visit www.orbis.com.

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#### Notes to Help You Understand This Report

Certain capitalised terms are defined in the Glossary section of the Orbis Funds' respective Prospectuses, copies of which are available upon request from Allan Gray Unit Trust Management (RF) Proprietary Limited, a Member of the Association for Savings & Investments SA. The country and currency classification for equity securities follows that of third party benchmark providers for comparability purposes. Based on a number of factors including the location of the underlying business, Orbis may consider a security's classification to be different and manage the Funds' exposures accordingly. Totals presented in this Report may not sum due to rounding.

Risk measures are ex-post and calculated on a monthly return series. Months to recovery measures the number of months from the preceding peak in performance to recovery of that level of performance.

12 month portfolio turnover for the Orbis Equity and Multi-Asset Class Funds is calculated as the lesser of total security purchases or sales in the Fund over the period, divided by the average net asset value (NAV) of the Fund. Short-term fixed income instruments are not included.

12 month name turnover for the Orbis Equity and Multi-Asset Class Funds is calculated as the number of positions held by the Fund at the start of the period but no longer held at the end of the period, divided by the total number of positions held by the Fund at the start of the period. Short-term fixed income instruments are not included.

Active share is a measure of how actively managed the Orbis Equity Funds are. It is calculated by summing the absolute value of the differences of the weight of each individual stock in the specific Orbis Fund, versus the weight of each holding in the respective benchmark index, and dividing by two.

The total expense ratio has been calculated using the expenses, excluding trading costs, and average net assets for the 12 month period ending 31 October 2019.