

Fund manager: Thalia Petousis Inception date: 1 October 2004

Fund description and summary of investment policy

The Fund invests in South African interest bearing securities. Securities include national government, parastatal, municipal, corporate bonds and money market instruments. The Fund price is sensitive to interest rate movements because of the long-term nature of the Fund's investments. The duration of the Fund may differ materially from the benchmark. The Fund is managed to comply with investment limits governing retirement funds.

ASISA unit trust category: South African - Interest Bearing - Variable Term

Fund objective and benchmark

The Bond Fund's goal is to deliver returns that exceed inflation and cash over the long term, without taking on undue risk. The Fund's benchmark is the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index.

How we aim to achieve the Fund's objective

We try to balance credit risk, duration risk and liquidity risk when selecting investments. We target total returns for investors rather than trying to mirror the returns of the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index. When we cannot find value in the bond markets, our portfolio will be weighted towards cash to achieve better returns.

Suitable for those investors who

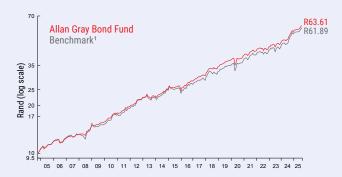
- Seek a bond 'building block' for a diversified multi-asset class portfolio
- Are looking for returns in excess of those provided by money market or cash investments
- Are prepared to accept more risk of capital depreciation than in a money market or cash investment

Fund information on 31 August 2025

Fund size	R10.2bn
Number of units	590 061 723
Price (net asset value per unit)	R11.16
Modified duration	5.3
Gross yield (before fees)	9.9
Class	А

Performance net of all fees and expenses

Value of R10 invested at inception with all distributions reinvested



- 1. FTSE/JSE All Bond Index (source: IRESS), performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 August 2025.
- CPI inflation has been calculated based on the most recent rebased values from Stats SA, reflecting the data as at 31 July 2025 (source: IRESS).
- Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum drawdown occurred from 27 February 2020 to 24 March 2020 and maximum benchmark drawdown occurred from 26 February 2020 to 23 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. These are the highest or lowest consecutive 12-month returns since inception. This is a measure of how much the Fund and the benchmark returns have varied per rolling 12-month period. The Fund's highest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 30 September 2024 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 30 September 2024. The Fund's lowest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 31 January 2016 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 31 January 2016. All rolling 12-month figures for the Fund and the benchmark are available from our Client Service Centre on request.

% Returns	Fund	Benchmark ¹	CPI inflation ²
Cumulative:			
Since inception (1 October 2004)	536.1	518.9	201.2
Annualised:			
Since inception (1 October 2004)	9.2	9.1	5.4
Latest 10 years	9.4	9.4	4.8
Latest 5 years	10.5	11.3	5.1
Latest 3 years	12.6	13.6	4.3
Latest 2 years	15.4	16.8	4.1
Latest 1 year	14.3	15.1	3.5
Year-to-date (not annualised)	9.8	10.4	3.4
Risk measures (since inception)			
Maximum drawdown ³	-18.9	-19.3	n/a
Percentage positive months ⁴	72.5	69.3	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility ⁵	5.9	7.5	n/a
Highest annual return ⁶	22.0	26.1	n/a
Lowest annual return ⁶	-2.6	-5.6	n/a



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Meeting the Fund objective

The Fund has outperformed its benchmark since inception, and performed in line with its benchmark over the latest 10-year period. Over the latest five-year period, the Fund has underperformed its benchmark. The Fund has provided returns in excess of CPI inflation for all three periods. The Fund aims to take no greater risk than its benchmark. The maximum drawdown and lowest annual return numbers, in the 'Performance net of all fees and expenses' table, show that the Fund has successfully reduced downside risk in periods of negative market returns.

Income distributions for the last 12 months

Actual payout, the Fund distributes quarterly	30 Sep 2024	31 Dec 2024	31 Mar 2025	30 Jun 2025
Cents per unit	26.5758	26.1592	25.4437	26.1703

Annual management fee

A fixed fee of 0.5% p.a. excl. VAT

Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs (updated quarterly)

The annual management fee 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.

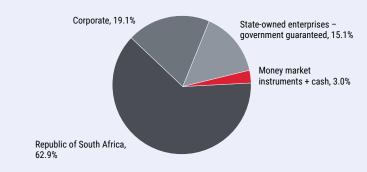
TER and transaction costs breakdown for the 1- and 3-year period ending 30 June 2025	1yr %	3yr %
Total expense ratio	0.59	0.59
Fee for benchmark performance	0.50	0.50
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.01	0.01
VAT	0.08	0.08
Transaction costs (including VAT)	0.00	0.00
Total investment charge	0.59	0.59

Top 10 credit exposures on 31 August 2025



^{*}RSA government guaranteed

Asset allocation on 31 August 2025



Maturity profile on 31 August 2025



Note: There may be slight discrepancies in the totals due to rounding



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The Fund has a long history of offering a higher yield but lower modified duration (or interest rate risk) than its benchmark. The prevailing environment that has allowed this unusual dynamic of lower risk and higher yields to exist is that inflation-adjusted cash rates have been extremely high in South Africa for extended periods. This is in part due to the large net funding deficit that our economy needs to fill, which puts pressure on rates, as well as the hawkish nature of the South African Reserve Bank (SARB).

Of late, the SARB has shown a sudden and notable change in both thinking and rhetoric, opening the door for a potential move to an overnight cash rate of 6% (from the current 7.25%) at their last meeting. They argue that this would be underpinned by the move to a 3% inflation target, although, in reality, South Africa's inflation has arrived there without any such formal target in place. This follows a collapse in inflationary drivers in South Africa and a narrowing of the gap in SA versus US inflation. Our thesis for higher global, and in particular US, inflation remains intact given the heightened pressures from defence spending, debt burdens and tariff-related deglobalisation. In South Africa, however, inflationary price drivers have been dampened significantly: The National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) squashed Eskom's attempt to put through 40% tariff hikes, the Democratic Alliance and other coalition partners pushed back against the VAT increase, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has opened the taps on oil supply, and the US dollar index has derated materially following an offshore unwinding of the "US exceptionalism" narrative.

Such a decline in the SA versus offshore inflationary premium (if structural) warrants a lower fair value yield (or a higher fair value price) on our bonds, which has been taken into account in the Fund's positioning. The 20-year SA government bond unwound approximately 75% of the post-GNU rally in the week following "Liberation Day". The Fund added to modified duration in that week, as well as during the yield and spread correction that has taken place since.

Risks still remain elevated, however. South Africa's debt and interest burden is far greater than its history, with a revised debt peak at 77% of GDP that will likely be revised higher, yet again, in the coming months. The GNU remains fragile on a multi-year outlook, and R1tn of SA government bond maturities over the next five years will put pressure on the steepness of the yield curve. The pace of future infrastructure spend and real GDP growth could also be lower than what the market priced for in the exuberance of the post-GNU rally.

In the last quarter, the Fund reduced exposure to floating-rate notes given our expectation for a lower return from cash-like instruments, as well as the recent collapse in bank funding spreads. The Fund has also been adding to fixed-rate duration since the post-Liberation Day sell-off in SA government bonds. As such, the Fund's modified duration gap versus its benchmark is lower than it was previously.

Commentary contributed by Thalia Petousis

Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 30 June 2025

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Fund mandate

Funds may be closed to new investments at any time in order to be managed according to their mandates. Unit trusts are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending. The funds may borrow up to 10% of their market value to bridge insufficient liquidity.

Unit price

Unit trust 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 units in issue. Forward pricing is used and fund valuations take place at approximately 16:00 each business day. Purchase and redemption requests must be received by the Management Company by 14:00 each business day to receive that day's price. Unit trust prices are available daily on www.allangray.co.za.

Yield

The Allan Gray Bond Fund's gross yield is the estimated weighted average yield-to-maturity of all underlying interest-bearing instruments as at the last day of the month. Actual returns may differ, based on changes in market values, interest rates and market factors during the investment period.

Fees

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

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 threeyear periods. The TER includes the annual management fees that have been charged (both the fee at benchmark and any performance component charged), VAT and other expenses like audit and trustee fees. Transaction costs (including brokerage, securities transfer tax, Share Transactions Totally Electronic (STRATE) and FSCA Investor Protection Levy and VAT thereon) 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 financial product, 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 unit trust 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).

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