

## Portfolio objective and benchmark

This portfolio is designed for institutional investors seeking superior absolute returns (in excess of inflation) over the long term with a higher risk tolerance in the short term than the Balanced Portfolio. The benchmark is the mean performance of the large managers as surveyed by Alexforbes.

## Product profile

- Actively managed pooled portfolio.
- Investments selected from all local asset classes.
- Fully reflects the manager's strong investment convictions and could deviate considerably in both asset allocation and stock selection from the average retirement portfolio.

## Investment specifics

- This portfolio is available as a linked policy issued by Allan Gray Life Limited available only to retirement funds and medical schemes.
- Minimum investment: R20m.
- Performance based fee.

## Compliance with Prudential Investment Guidelines

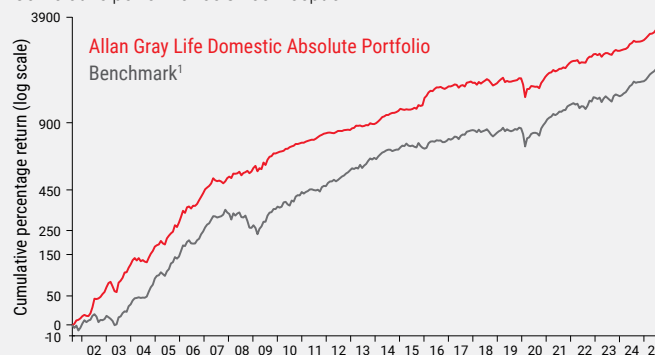
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## Portfolio information on 31 December 2025

Assets under management	R358m
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## Performance gross of fees

Cumulative performance since inception



- Mean of Alexforbes Domestic Large Manager Watch. The return for December 2025 is an estimate.
- Investment returns are annualised (unless stated otherwise), except for periods less than one year. Performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 December 2025.

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

% Returns <sup>2</sup>	Portfolio	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Since inception	15.5	13.4
Latest 10 years	10.1	10.8
Latest 5 years	14.4	16.5
Latest 3 years	14.3	17.6
Latest 2 years	17.4	22.4
Latest 1 year	25.1	29.8
Latest 3 months	6.8	7.7

## Asset allocation on 31 December 2025

Asset class	Total
Net equities	55.8
Hedged equities	5.0
Property	0.3
Commodity-linked	4.3
Bonds	22.9
Money market and cash	11.8
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>100.0</b>

## Top 10 share holdings on 31 December 2025 (updated quarterly)

Company	% of portfolio
AB InBev	6.5
Standard Bank	5.4
Glencore	4.7
Prosus	4.5
AngloGold Ashanti	3.9
Woolworths	3.8
British American Tobacco	3.3
Gold Fields	2.7
Richemont	2.6
Remgro	2.3
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>39.7</b>

The Portfolio delivered a strong absolute return of 25% in 2025, lagging its benchmark by 5%. Over the last three years, the Portfolio has achieved an annualised return of 14% compared to an inflation rate of 4%. Some investors may prefer to think in hard currency. With the rand relatively strong, US dollar returns have been very healthy at 42% over one year and 15% per annum over three years. These results were supported by robust returns from the equity and the bond markets. It is important to remember that such outcomes are well ahead of long-term averages, so a degree of caution and moderation of expectations is warranted.

A key feature of the equities market's strength in 2025 was its narrowness. Index performance was driven by a handful of shares rather than broad-based gains. Gold and platinum mining companies were notable winners, benefiting from exceptionally strong precious metal prices. This strength is at least partly the result of speculative buying, which could reverse. A striking development is that these mining shares now account for roughly a quarter of the FTSE/JSE All Share Index, so further gains or a reversal in these shares would have an outsized impact. However, the market's narrow performance is a source of some concern. Our approach has been to take profits in some areas that have done exceptionally well. At the end of the year, the weight of gold and platinum mining shares was 11% of equities, or 7% of the Portfolio as a whole. In our view, this provides sizeable exposure to further upside but limits downside risk. Another aspect of this narrow performance is that, despite the index being near record highs, many local shares have performed poorly. With valuations in several areas of the market now well below their historical averages, this is where we are finding more opportunities.

Alongside the bull market in precious metals, the other important story in South African financial markets in 2025 was the exceptional strength of the bond market. Compared to two years ago, the contrast is stark: At that time, both local and foreign investors were decidedly sceptical about South African bonds as the country faced the uncertainty of looming national elections, weak economic growth and severe loadshedding. Since the May 2024 elections, South Africa has been among the top-performing bond markets globally, with the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index returning 44% over this period. South African bonds have outperformed significantly versus our emerging market peers, such as Brazil. We think that the balance of risk in the bond market is now to the downside, and therefore, we prefer an allocation to local shares over local bonds.

During the quarter, we added to the Portfolio's positions in Glencore and Mr Price, and trimmed positions in Prosus and gold miners.

Commentary contributed by Tim Acker

**Fund manager quarterly  
commentary as at  
31 December 2025**

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