

Portfolio objective and benchmark

This portfolio is for institutional investors with an average risk tolerance. It aims to offer long-term returns superior to the benchmark, but at lower risk of capital loss. In terms of Allan Gray's risk-profiled range, this portfolio has a higher risk of capital loss than the Stable Portfolio, but less than the Absolute 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.
- Represents Allan Gray's 'houseview' for a domestic balanced mandate.

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

The Portfolio is managed to comply with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act ("the Pension Funds Act"). Exposures in excess of the limits will be corrected immediately, except where due to a change in the fair value or characteristic of an asset, e.g. market value fluctuations, in which case they will be corrected within the prescribed regulatory time period. Allan Gray Life Limited does not monitor compliance with section 19(4) of the Pension Funds Act (item 6 of Table 1 to Regulation 28) on behalf of retirement funds invested in the pool.

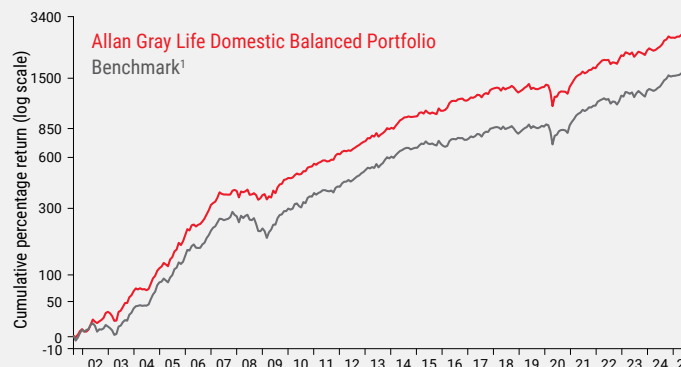
Portfolio information on 30 September 2025

Assets under management

R10 278m

Performance gross of fees

Cumulative performance since inception



1. Mean of Alexforbes Domestic Large Manager Watch. The return for September 2025 is an estimate.

2. Investment returns are annualised (unless stated otherwise), except for periods less than one year. Performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 30 September 2025.

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

% Returns ²	Portfolio	Benchmark ¹
Since inception	15.3	13.4
Latest 10 years	10.6	10.1
Latest 5 years	16.5	17.2
Latest 3 years	16.5	18.6
Latest 2 years	18.9	22.4
Latest 1 year	17.1	21.2
Latest 3 months	7.0	9.4

Asset allocation on 30 September 2025

Asset class	Total
Net equities	66.9
Hedged equities	1.9
Property	0.6
Commodity-linked	3.2
Bonds	22.4
Money market and cash	5.0
Total (%)	100.0

Top 10 share holdings on 30 September 2025 (updated quarterly)

Company	% of portfolio
Naspers & Prosus	6.8
AB InBev	6.2
AngloGold Ashanti	4.0
Glencore	3.7
British American Tobacco	3.6
Standard Bank	3.1
Woolworths	2.4
Nedbank	2.3
Mondi	2.3
FirstRand	2.2
Total (%)	36.7

The Portfolio has delivered 19% year to date, lagging its benchmark by 3%. Despite this underperformance, we recognise that the absolute level of real returns generated is higher than what we would expect the Portfolio to sustain over the long term.

The FTSE/JSE All Share Index (ALSI) reached an all-time high, surpassing the 100 000 level for the first time and delivering a 32% year-to-date return. However, the strength of the index has been narrow, driven largely by gains in Naspers/Prosus and precious metal shares. Much of the broader market has lagged. Many domestically focused companies (SA Inc shares) have surrendered the gains made in 2024, as initial optimism around the government of national unity has not yet translated into materially stronger economic growth. We are finding more bargains among shares where valuations have become more attractive. On a relative basis, our equity positioning has detracted from year-to-date performance. This includes an underweight position in precious metal shares, as well as underperformance from some of the Portfolio's multinational shares, such as brewer AB InBev and paper and packaging group Mondi.

Local fixed income has continued to perform well, supported by declining global interest rates, expectations of lower inflation and a lower repo rate in South Africa, and a reduction in the risk premium demanded by foreign investors. Despite this, we remain cautious, given our longer-term concerns about South Africa's fiscal position, and therefore maintain conservative positioning. Cash remains an attractive alternative and provides valuable optionality. The Portfolio has benefited from its preference for equities over bonds.

Gold shares have delivered exceptional recent returns and now account for 16% of the index. While each company has its own idiosyncratic fundamentals, the dominant driver has been the rising gold price. Gold and shares of gold mining companies can offer valuation diversification benefits in a portfolio. At the current gold price, valuations for gold shares are not high, which adds to their appeal. However, forecasting the gold price with confidence is notoriously difficult, so some humility in this area is advised. History reminds us that most gold mining companies have been poor businesses over the long term, often destroying value through acquisitions or overspending on new projects. We balance these factors by carefully considering the Portfolio's total exposure to the sector, without blindly anchoring to the weight in the index. We encourage readers who are interested in finding out more about our view of gold and gold mining shares to read our [article on gold](#) in our Q2 2025 Quarterly Commentary and to [listen to episode 28](#) of *The Allan Gray Podcast*.

During the quarter, we added to Glencore and reduced exposure to British American Tobacco.

Commentary contributed by Tim Acker

**Fund manager quarterly
commentary as at
30 September 2025**

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