

Portfolio objective and benchmark

This portfolio is for risk-averse institutional investors. It aims to offer superior returns to money market investments with limited capital volatility whilst striving for capital preservation over any two-year period. In terms of Allan Gray's risk-profiled range, this portfolio has less risk of capital loss than the Balanced Portfolio. The benchmark is the Alexforbes 3-month Deposit Index plus 2% or CPI plus 3%.

Product profile

- Conservatively managed pooled portfolio.
- Investments selected from all local asset classes.
- We attempt to limit the risk of capital loss by holding shares with limited downside or attractive dividend yields and/or hedging stock market exposure.
- Modified duration of the fixed interest component will be conservative.

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 or fixed fee.

Compliance with Prudential Investment Guidelines

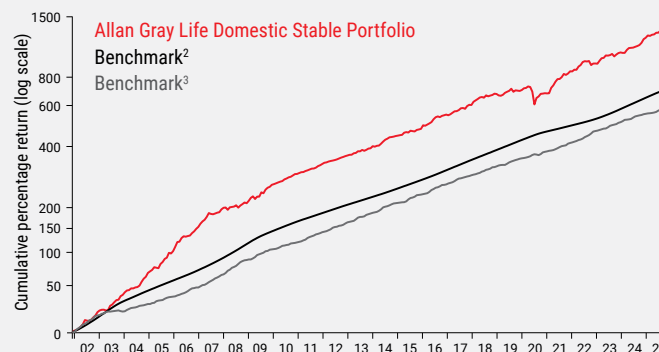
The Portfolio is managed to comply with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act ("the Pension Funds Act"). Exposures in excess of the limits will be corrected immediately, except where due to a change in the fair value or characteristic of an asset, e.g. market value fluctuations, in which case they will 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 31 August 2025

Assets under management	R1 680m
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Performance gross of fees

Cumulative performance since inception¹



% Returns ⁴	Portfolio	Benchmark ²	Benchmark ³
Since inception ¹	12.0	9.4	8.5
Latest 10 years	9.8	8.5	7.9
Latest 5 years	13.2	8.1	8.2
Latest 3 years	12.8	9.7	7.5
Latest 2 years	14.2	10.0	7.3
Latest 1 year	14.8	9.7	7.3
Latest 3 months	4.6	2.3	2.8

Asset allocation on 31 August 2025

Asset class	Total
Net equities	21.6
Hedged equities	7.5
Property	0.3
Commodity-linked	1.9
Bonds	53.3
Money market and cash	15.5
Total (%)	100.0

- Since alignment date (1 December 2001).
- Alexforbes 3-month Deposit Index plus 2% p.a.
- CPI plus 3% p.a. The return for August 2025 is an estimate. 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).
- Investment returns are annualised (unless stated otherwise), except for periods less than one year. Performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 August 2025.

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

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

Company	% of portfolio
AB InBev	3.7
British American Tobacco	3.1
AngloGold Ashanti	2.2
Standard Bank	1.8
Woolworths	1.4
Sasol	1.2
Remgro	1.1
Gold Fields	1.1
Premier Group	1.0
Richemont	1.0
Total (%)	17.7

The Portfolio has returned 7.6% year to date, outperforming its benchmark¹ by 2.9%. This is attributable to the strong absolute performance of local assets, with the FTSE/JSE All Share Index (ALSI) and the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index (ALBI) at or close to all-time highs. Notably, short-term fixed income has provided attractive real interest rates. Put them all together and we were fortunate to have a strong tailwind for returns – despite the significant drawdown in the equity market in April and geopolitical volatility. We caution investors in the Portfolio that the investment environment won't always be as favourable for absolute returns.

The Portfolio's absolute equity returns continued to be driven by the strong performance of gold shares as well as AB InBev and British American Tobacco, both of which have been rerated by the market on an improved fundamental outlook, as discussed in the Q1 2025 commentary. While Glencore, Sappi and Sasol have underperformed, we continue to look for shares that have a potentially different payoff profile relative to the Portfolio's considerable exposure to fixed income instruments.

The pull-back in many SA Inc shares continued in the quarter as valuations compressed in response to a more realistic view on the outlook for profit growth, given the significantly low level of economic growth. We are actively looking for opportunities. The same cannot be said for the local bond market which rallied to an all-time high as measured by the ALBI. The yield on the 10-year government bond is back to its post-government of national unity low. This is even more impressive considering the sell-off in many developed world bond markets as investors focus on poor fiscal positions and high debt levels.

We had increased local duration during the recent correction but remain more cautious than many of our peers. In our view, we need significantly higher economic growth to sustainably reduce debt levels. We cannot always rely on being bailed out by periods of high commodity prices.

With the equity market at or near all-time highs, we would not be surprised to see some consolidation as it digests the rapid rally from the April lows. We construct the Portfolio with the objective of producing long-term returns in excess of bank deposits and providing a high degree of capital stability.

During the quarter, the Portfolio purchased select fixed-rate local government bonds and reduced exposure to inflation-linked bonds. On the equities front, we reduced the Portfolio's exposure to gold mining shares.

Commentary contributed by Duncan Artus

Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 30 June 2025

1. Alexforbes 3-month Deposit Index plus 2% p.a.

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