

## 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

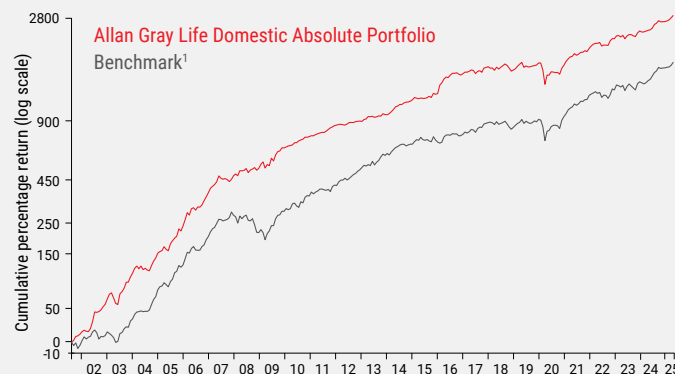
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## Portfolio information on 30 April 2025

Assets under management	R377m
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## Performance gross of fees

Cumulative performance since inception



% Returns <sup>2</sup>	Portfolio	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Since inception	15.2	12.9
Latest 10 years	8.9	8.1
Latest 5 years	13.1	15.3
Latest 3 years	10.1	11.3
Latest 2 years	10.8	12.7
Latest 1 year	16.7	21.1
Latest 3 months	6.0	5.5

## Asset allocation on 30 April 2025

Asset class	Total <sup>3</sup>
Net equities	50.8
Hedged equities	6.8
Property	0.2
Commodity-linked	4.2
Bonds	26.4
Money market and cash	11.7
<b>Total (%)<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>

- Mean of Alexforbes Domestic Large Manager Watch. The return for April 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 30 April 2025.
- There may be slight discrepancies in the totals due to rounding.

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

Company	% of portfolio
AB InBev	7.6
Standard Bank	5.3
British American Tobacco	4.8
Prosus N.V.	4.7
Woolworths	3.9
AngloGold Ashanti	3.0
Gold Fields	2.4
MultiChoice	2.4
Nedbank	2.3
Remgro	2.3
<b>Total (%)<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>38.7</b>

2024 was a strong year for local assets, and this positive momentum carried through into the first quarter of 2025. The FTSE/JSE All Share Index generated a return of 13% in 2024 and 6% in the quarter, while the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index returned 17% in 2024 and 1% for the quarter.

The Portfolio returned 4.0% for the quarter, slightly ahead of its benchmark. Performance was driven by large multinational “rand-hedge” shares, such as AB InBev and British American Tobacco. This is a reversal of one of the dominant trends of 2024: Following the national elections and the formation of the government of national unity (GNU) in June 2024, domestically focused “SA Inc” shares strongly outperformed rand-hedge shares. The Portfolio responded by reducing select SA Inc exposure in the second half of 2024 and adding to its rand-hedge positions. SA bonds also had a strong 2024 but have come under pressure in the last six months. A conservative bond stance and favouring rand-hedge shares detracted from performance last year but have supported performance in the most recent quarter.

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There is value in having a diversified portfolio containing both SA Inc and rand-hedge stocks. The Portfolio reflects that there are attractive opportunities available in both categories. SA bonds offer high yields that appear very attractive at first glance, but we remain concerned about the fiscal challenges facing the SA government. Despite a steepening yield curve, the Portfolio maintains a conservative duration position, preferring shorter-dated bonds.

During the quarter, we added to the Portfolio’s positions in AngloGold Ashanti and AB InBev, and we reduced its exposure to British American Tobacco and Gold Fields.

Commentary contributed by Tim Acker

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

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## 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

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- Represents Allan Gray's 'houseview' for a domestic balanced mandate.

## Investment specifics

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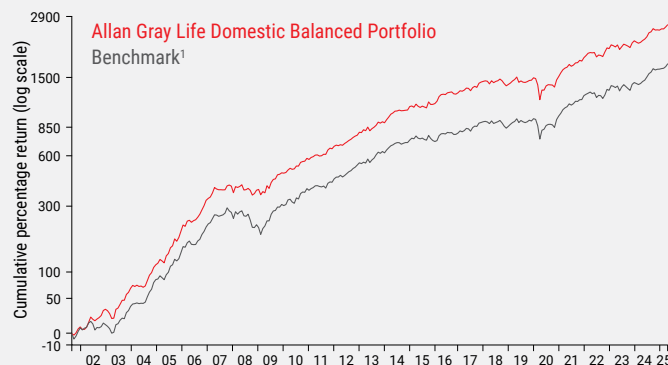
## Portfolio information on 30 April 2025

Assets under management

R9 743m

## Performance gross of fees

Cumulative performance since inception



% Returns <sup>2</sup>	Portfolio	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Since inception	15.0	13.0
Latest 10 years	8.9	8.1
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Latest 2 years	11.5	12.7
Latest 1 year	18.6	21.1
Latest 3 months	4.7	5.5

## Asset allocation on 30 April 2025

Asset class	Total <sup>3</sup>
Net equities	65.4
Hedged equities	1.6
Property	0.6
Commodity-linked	3.0
Bonds	22.1
Money market and cash	7.3
<b>Total (%)<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

Company	% of portfolio
Naspers & Prosus	6.3
AB InBev	6.1
British American Tobacco	5.0
Standard Bank	3.4
AngloGold Ashanti	3.0
Mondi	2.5
Nedbank	2.4
Woolworths	2.3
FirstRand	2.1
Glencore	2.0
<b>Total (%)<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>35.2</b>

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## Portfolio objective and benchmark

This Portfolio is for institutional investors requiring management of a specific equity portfolio. It aims to offer superior returns to that of the FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholder Weighted All Share Index, including dividends, but with a lower risk of capital loss. The benchmark is the FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholder Weighted All Share Index, including dividends.

## Product profile

- Actively managed pooled portfolio.
- Represents Allan Gray's 'houseview' for a specialist equity-only mandate.
- Portfolio risk is controlled by limiting the exposure to individual counters.

## Investment specifics

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- Minimum investment: R20m.
- Performance based fee.

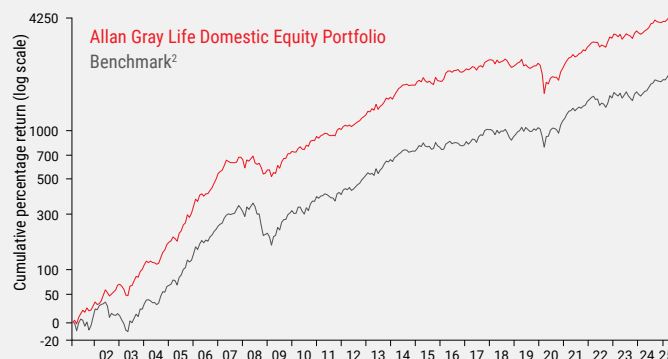
## Portfolio information on 30 April 2025

Assets under management

R4 413m

## Performance gross of fees

Cumulative performance since inception<sup>1</sup>



% Returns <sup>3</sup>	Portfolio	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>
Since inception <sup>1</sup>	16.8	13.5
Latest 10 years	7.8	8.9
Latest 5 years	17.5	16.8
Latest 3 years	11.0	11.2
Latest 2 years	11.3	12.8
Latest 1 year	18.8	24.4
Latest 3 months	5.6	7.6

## Sector allocation on 31 March 2025 (updated quarterly)

	% of equities <sup>4</sup>	% of benchmark <sup>2</sup>
Financials	26.5	29.8
Consumer staples	21.9	12.1
Basic materials	20.9	23.1
Technology	10.3	11.8
Consumer discretionary	8.5	7.3
Industrials	5.6	3.3
Energy	2.2	0.8
Telecommunications	1.7	5.2
Healthcare	1.6	1.6
Real estate	0.8	4.9
<b>Total (%)<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

- Since alignment date (1 February 2001).
- FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholder Weighted All Share Index. The benchmark prior to 1 October 2020 was the FTSE/JSE All Share Index.
- Investment returns are annualised (unless stated otherwise), except for periods less than one year. Performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 30 April 2025.
- Includes listed property.
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## Top 10 share holdings on 31 March 2025 (updated quarterly)

Company	% of portfolio
Naspers & Prosus	10.0
AB InBev	8.8
British American Tobacco	7.1
Standard Bank	5.3
Mondi	4.0
Nedbank	4.0
AngloGold Ashanti	3.7
FirstRand	3.6
Woolworths	3.2
Glencore	3.2
<b>Total (%)<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>52.9</b>

## Asset allocation on 30 April 2025

Asset class	Total <sup>5</sup>
Net equities	96.1
Hedged equities	-
Property	0.8
Commodity-linked	0.7
Bonds	-
Money market and cash	2.4
<b>Total (%)<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>

2024 was a strong year for local equities, and this positive momentum carried through into the first quarter of 2025. The FTSE/JSE All Share Index generated a return of 13% for the 2024 calendar year and 6% for the quarter.

The Portfolio returned 3.9% for the quarter, underperforming its benchmark by 2.0%. Over the quarter, the larger multinational “rand-hedge” shares, such as AB InBev and British American Tobacco performed well. This is a reversal of one of the dominant trends of 2024: Following the national elections and the formation of the government of national unity (GNU) in June 2024, domestically focused “SA Inc” shares strongly outperformed rand-hedge shares. In response, the Portfolio reduced its exposure to SA Inc names in the second half of 2024 and increased holdings in rand hedges like AB InBev. Favouring rand-hedge shares detracted from performance last year but has supported performance in the most recent quarter.

The formation of the GNU sparked a wave of optimism about South Africa’s future, both locally and abroad. Some of this was driven by hopes of political reform and economic recovery, but it also reflected relative appeal – many emerging markets were in deeper turmoil, making South Africa look comparatively stable. While we acknowledge encouraging signs, such as improvements at Eskom, our research suggests that broader progress has been limited. State-owned enterprises continue to face deep structural issues, and the business environment remains difficult.

Recent financial results from consumer-focused companies reinforce this view – many continue to report subdued earnings as household spending continues to come under pressure.

This illustrates the danger of paying a premium for optimism. When expectations shift quickly, share prices can get ahead of underlying fundamentals. Our approach, as always, is bottom-up focused, favouring companies priced well below their intrinsic value, across sectors and regions. There are certainly still areas of value among SA Inc stocks, but some valuations are too high and do not reflect the economic and political risks. The recent difficulty around passing a coalition budget and ongoing public tension between the South African government and the United States are good reminders of these risks. There is value in having a diversified portfolio containing both SA Inc and rand-hedge stocks. Fortunately, there are attractively priced shares available in both categories.

During the quarter, we added to the Portfolio’s position in Northam Platinum and Glencore, and we reduced its exposure to British American Tobacco and Sibanye-Stillwater.

Commentary contributed by Tim Acker

**Fund manager quarterly  
commentary as at  
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## Portfolio objective and benchmark

This Portfolio is specifically for Medical Schemes. 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 Portfolio is managed to comply with the limits of Annexure B to Regulation 30 of the Medical Schemes Act, 1998. 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 asset classes as permitted by Regulation 30.
- 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

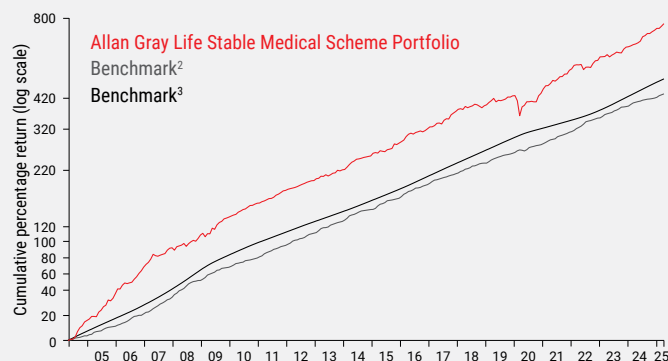
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- Minimum investment: R20m.
- Performance based fee or fixed fee.

## Portfolio information on 30 April 2025

Assets under management	R3 241m
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## Performance gross of fees

Cumulative performance since inception<sup>1</sup>



% Returns <sup>4</sup>	Portfolio	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark <sup>3</sup>
Since inception <sup>1</sup>	10.9	8.4	8.9
Latest 10 years	9.1	7.9	8.4
Latest 5 years	12.1	8.0	7.9
Latest 3 years	9.9	8.0	9.4
Latest 2 years	11.2	7.1	10.1
Latest 1 year	14.9	5.9	10.0
Latest 3 months	3.3	2.4	2.3

## Asset allocation on 30 April 2025

Asset class	Total <sup>6</sup>	South Africa	Foreign <sup>5</sup>
Net equities	22.6	22.6	-
Hedged equities	6.3	6.3	-
Property	0.3	0.3	-
Commodity-linked	1.9	1.9	-
Bonds	45.1	31.3	13.7
Money market and cash	23.9	22.6	1.3
<b>Total (%)<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>84.9</b>	<b>15.1</b>

- Since alignment date (1 May 2004).
- CPI plus 3% p.a. The return for April 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 March 2025 (source: Iress).
- Alexforbes 3-month Deposit Index plus 2% p.a.
- Investment returns are annualised (unless stated otherwise), except for periods less than one year. Performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 30 April 2025.
- The Africa ex-SA and foreign ex-Africa exposures have been consolidated.
- There may be slight discrepancies in the totals due to rounding.

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

Company	% of portfolio
AB InBev	3.6
British American Tobacco	2.9
AngloGold Ashanti	2.8
Standard Bank	1.8
Gold Fields	1.6
Woolworths	1.3
Sappi	1.0
Premier Group	1.0
Sasol	1.0
Richemont	0.9
<b>Total (%)<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>18.0</b>

The first quarter of 2025 saw the local equity market add to the strong gains posted in the preceding year, with the FTSE/JSE All Share Index returning 5.9%. Among the largest contributors to returns at the index level were precious metal miners, telecommunications providers and the dual-listed consumer goods companies, including AB InBev, British American Tobacco and Richemont. Gains for the local banks, insurers and retailers have either begun to stall or go backwards, while the diversified miners and other cyclical rand hedges Sasol and Mondi have continued to struggle in the new year. The FTSE/JSE All Bond Index eked out a 0.7% gain for the quarter, as the risk premium on local government bonds increased, particularly on longer-dated instruments.

Against this backdrop, the Portfolio returned 2.9% for the quarter – 0.6% ahead of its benchmark<sup>1</sup>.

Portfolio holdings in AB InBev and gold miners were among the largest contributors to performance. Gains for AngloGold Ashanti, Gold Fields and DRD GOLD have been particularly strong, with share prices more than 50% higher year to date in rands – this as the gold price breached US\$3 000 per ounce for the first time and continued to set new highs. Predominant trends, including diversification away from the US dollar with increased interest in gold as a reserve asset, fears of stagflation in developed economies as growth slows, and political and trade uncertainties, remain more relevant than ever. Despite this, equity investors remain sceptical of the trajectory of the gold price, with valuations of the miners, including those mentioned above, screening as very compelling at the spot price.

It is worthwhile noting that events occurring immediately post quarter end pose a possible threat to wider risk asset returns – namely, the sustainability of the government of national unity locally following the conflict-ridden Budget process and the ratcheting up of global trade tensions after President Donald Trump's "Liberation Day" tariff announcements. Last quarter, we wrote about our concerns regarding unsustainable valuation levels both locally and globally, and what this may mean for future returns. This, coupled with geopolitical pressures and elevated uncertainty, makes for increased market volatility ahead.

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## 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

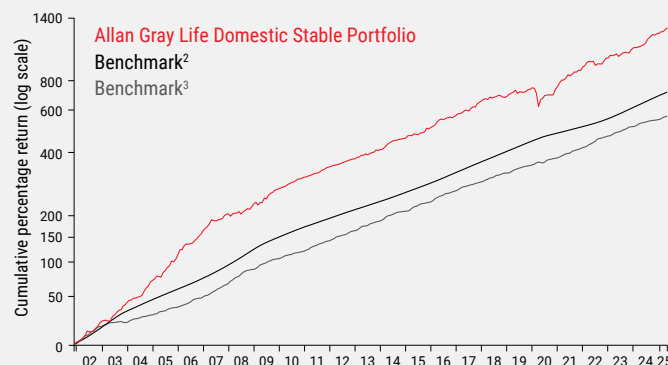
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## Portfolio information on 30 April 2025

Assets under management	R1 608m
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## Performance gross of fees

Cumulative performance since inception<sup>1</sup>



% Returns <sup>4</sup>	Portfolio	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark <sup>3</sup>
Since inception <sup>1</sup>	11.9	9.4	8.4
Latest 10 years	9.2	8.4	7.9
Latest 5 years	12.8	7.9	8.0
Latest 3 years	9.9	9.4	8.0
Latest 2 years	11.5	10.1	7.1
Latest 1 year	16.1	10.0	5.9
Latest 3 months	3.5	2.3	2.4

## Asset allocation on 30 April 2025

Asset class	Total <sup>5</sup>
Net equities	22.8
Hedged equities	6.3
Property	0.3
Commodity-linked	1.9
Bonds	54.4
Money market and cash	14.3
<b>Total (%)<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>

- Since alignment date (1 December 2001).
- Alexforbes 3-month Deposit Index plus 2% p.a.
- CPI plus 3% p.a. The return for April 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 March 2025 (source: Iress).
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## Top 10 share holdings on 31 March 2025 (updated quarterly)

Company	% of portfolio
AB InBev	3.7
AngloGold Ashanti	2.9
British American Tobacco	2.9
Standard Bank	1.8
Gold Fields	1.6
Woolworths	1.3
Sappi	1.1
Sasol	1.0
Premier Group	1.0
Nedbank	0.9
<b>Total (%)<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>18.2</b>

The first quarter of 2025 saw the local equity market add to the strong gains posted in the preceding year, with the FTSE/JSE All Share Index returning 5.9%. Among the largest contributors to returns at the index level were precious metal miners, telecommunications providers and the dual-listed consumer goods companies, including AB InBev, British American Tobacco and Richemont. Gains for the local banks, insurers and retailers have either begun to stall or go backwards, while the diversified miners and other cyclical rand hedges Sasol and Mondi have continued to struggle in the new year. The FTSE/JSE All Bond Index eked out a 0.7% gain for the quarter, as the risk premium on local government bonds increased, particularly on longer-dated instruments.

Against this backdrop, the Portfolio returned 3.2% for the quarter – 0.9% ahead of its benchmark<sup>1</sup>.

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## Portfolio objective and benchmark

The Portfolio aims to balance capital appreciation, income generation and risk of loss in a diversified global multi asset class portfolio. The benchmark is a composite consisting of 60% of the MSCI World Index (net dividends reinvested) and 40% of the J.P. Morgan Global Government Bond Index.

## Product profile

- This is a feeder portfolio, investing in the Orbis SICAV Global Balanced Fund which is actively managed by Orbis.

## Investment specifics

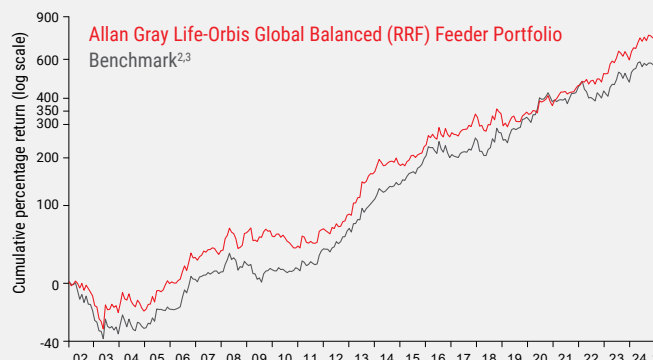
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- Minimum investment: R20m.
- The Base Refundable Reserve Fee is levied in the underlying Orbis SICAV Global Balanced Fund.

## MSCI data

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## Performance net of fees<sup>1</sup>

Cumulative performance since inception



% Returns <sup>1,4</sup>	Portfolio		Benchmark <sup>2,3</sup>	
	ZAR	US\$	ZAR	US\$
Since inception	10.1	7.9	8.7	6.5
Latest 10 years	12.3	7.5	10.5	5.7
Latest 5 years	14.8	14.5	7.4	7.1
Latest 3 years	18.9	12.6	12.5	6.6
Latest 2 years	17.5	16.5	10.6	9.7
Latest 1 year	19.6	21.0	9.4	10.7
Latest 3 months	8.2	8.4	-0.5	-0.3

## Asset allocation on 30 April 2025

This portfolio invests solely into the Orbis SICAV Global Balanced Fund

	Total <sup>6</sup>	United States	UK	Europe ex-UK <sup>5</sup>	Japan	Other <sup>5</sup>	Emerging markets
Net equities	55.2	8.8	12.6	9.5	7.5	5.7	11.0
Hedged equities	17.7	10.2	1.0	4.1	0.4	0.6	1.5
Property	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0
Commodity-linked	5.2	5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bonds	18.6	12.4	0.7	1.4	0.0	0.0	4.2
Money market and cash	2.6	1.6	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2
<b>Total (%)<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>17.0</b>
Currency exposure	100.0	21.3	13.4	28.1	18.0	10.1	8.9
Benchmark	100.0	62.6	4.7	17.6	10.1	5.0	0.0

## Portfolio information on 30 April 2025

Assets under management	R756m
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- The returns prior to 1 August 2015 are those of the Allan Gray Life Foreign Portfolio since its inception on 23 January 2002. This Portfolio invested in a mix of Orbis funds. The Investor Class Fee was levied in the underlying Orbis funds.
- 60% of the MSCI World Index (net dividends reinvested) and 40% of the J.P. Morgan Global Government Bond Index\*.
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## Top 10 holdings on 31 March 2025 (updated quarterly)

Company	% of portfolio
US TIPS >10 Years	6.6
SPDR Gold Trust	5.9
Kinder Morgan	4.1
Siemens Energy	2.8
Samsung Electronics	2.8
Nintendo	2.6
Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg	2.5
Leonardo	2.4
Burford Capital	2.0
Shell	2.0
<b>Total (%)<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>33.8</b>



Uncertainty is the order of the day in the US, and that is not what markets were expecting in January. Coming into the year, the US stock market traded at sky-high valuations, having notched two consecutive years of 20% plus returns. Strong equity returns, strong profit growth, strong economic growth and a market-friendly Trump were all priced as virtual certainties.

That made us cautious. When prices are high, expectations are high, and when expectations are high, so is risk. We were positioned against the consensus narrative of American exceptionalism, and we are still positioned that way, because prices haven't changed all that much.

Net of hedging, we have less exposure to stock market risk than the 60/40 index benchmark, and our fixed income holdings are longer-term than they have ever been. In addition to valuations, we have concerns about the US economy's dependence on the stock market.

Two-thirds of US gross domestic product (GDP) is consumer spending. Over half of that spending, and all of the spending growth over the last two years, has been driven by the top 20% of households by income, who have been happy to keep splurging because they own lots of stocks, which have been up. As the stock market has soared, it has grown larger versus the US economy. Today, the S&P 500 is valued at about 160% of US GDP.

Said another way, the US economy has become more dependent on the stock market. Researchers from Moody's estimate that for every extra dollar in household wealth, households spend an extra two or three cents. Over the past few years, this has been a boon for the economy. But now, the economy depends on consumer spending, the only consumers spending are the rich ones, and their spending depends on rising stock markets. The market, for the moment anyway, has stopped going up. What does that spell for the economy?

This time, the government doesn't seem inclined to help. The American poet Maya Angelou said, *"When someone shows you who they are, believe them the first time."* Investors would do well to heed that advice, particularly regarding President Donald Trump and Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent. A selection of quotes from Trump:

*"There is a period of transition."*

*"I hate to predict things like that [recessions]."*

*"Look, we're going to have disruption, but we're okay with that."*

*"There'll always be a little short-term interruption."*

*"I'm not even looking at the stock market."*

And from Bessent:

*"There is no [Trump] put."*

*"There's going to be a detox period."*

*"We'll see whether there's pain."*

*"Could we be seeing this economy that we inherited starting to roll a bit? Sure."*

*"Can you guarantee there is not going to be a recession? I can't guarantee anything."*

If the President and Treasury secretary are willing to stomach a recession in pursuit of their longer-term policy goals, who are we to argue? Both are explicit in their desire to bring down the 10-year US Treasury yield, and allowing a short-term recession would be one way to do that.

Normally, it would then fall to the central bank to support the economy, but the Federal Reserve (the Fed) is stuck between its dual goals of limiting inflation and limiting unemployment. If the Fed raises interest rates to fight inflation, it risks crushing the economy, but if it cuts rates to support the economy, inflation expectations could rise rapidly.

Both scenarios would be reasonable for US Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS). As a reminder, TIPS are Treasury bonds where the repayment amount is adjusted for inflation. If interest rates and bond yields decline, TIPS should benefit, as bond prices go up when bond yields go down. If rates stay high or rise, the most likely reason would be high inflation, and TIPS should benefit from adjustments to their repayment amount.

Over the past quarter, we have meaningfully increased our positions in long-term TIPS, and they are now among the Portfolio's top holdings. The 2.3% inflation-protected yield on 30-year TIPS is both above average versus historical bond returns and, in our view, unsustainably high given America's government debt problem.

If we can lock in a 2.3% real return on a fairly safe asset, this raises the bar for everything else in the Portfolio. With equity valuations still reasonable outside the US, we've found plenty of opportunities, but the biggest competition for capital in the Portfolio today is between TIPS and hedged equity.

Hedged equity lets us buy stocks we like in markets we don't. We buy individual stocks that we believe are undervalued, then hedge out some of the associated stock market risk, leaving us with the difference between the relative return of our stock versus its local market, plus a cash-like return. Today, the riskiest-looking market – the US – is also the market with the highest interest rates, so US hedged equity offers a cash return of about 4%, plus the relative return of our stock selections. That makes hedged equity a very competitive option for the lower-risk part of the Portfolio.

With little exposure to the US stock market and the US dollar, defensive positioning in TIPS and hedged equity, and a collection of attractively valued shares, we believe the Portfolio is well positioned to both handle market volatility and deliver pleasing long-term returns.

We exited the position in US-based managed care organisation (MCO) UnitedHealth Group on concerns that it may face increased regulatory scrutiny and reallocated capital to another US MCO, Elevance Health. In addition, we established a new position in Microchip Technology, a US-based semiconductor manufacturer of microcontrollers and analogue chips.

Adapted from a commentary contributed by Alec Cutler, Orbis Investment Management Limited, Bermuda, and Rob Perrone, Orbis Portfolio Management (Europe) LLP, London

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## Product profile

- Actively managed pooled portfolio.
- Investments selected from all asset classes.
- Investments may include foreign funds including, but not limited to, those managed by Orbis. Orbis is our global investment management partner which shares the same founder and investment philosophy as Allan Gray.
- Fully reflects the manager's strong investment convictions and could deviate considerably in both asset allocation and stock selection from the average retirement portfolio.

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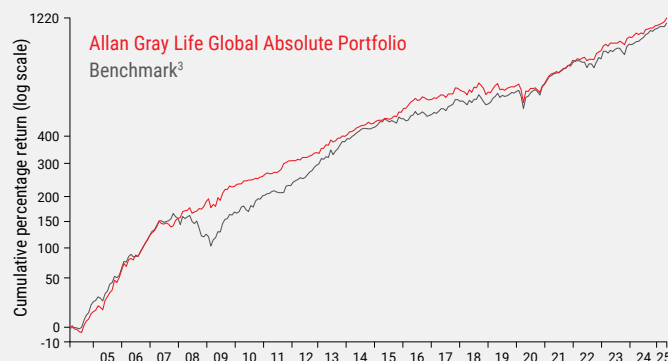
## Portfolio information on 30 April 2025

Assets under management

R2 054m

## Performance<sup>1</sup>

Cumulative performance since inception<sup>2</sup>



- Performance is gross of Allan Gray fees. Underlying Orbis fund returns are net of fees.
- Since alignment date (1 March 2004).
- Mean of Alexforbes Global Large Manager Watch. The return for April 2025 is an estimate.
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- Including currency hedges.
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% Returns <sup>4</sup>	Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	Benchmark <sup>3</sup>
Since inception <sup>2</sup>	13.0	12.7
Latest 10 years	8.7	8.3
Latest 5 years	13.0	13.2
Latest 3 years	11.8	11.6
Latest 2 years	11.1	12.1
Latest 1 year	15.0	16.6
Latest 3 months	5.6	3.3

## Asset allocation on 30 April 2025<sup>5</sup>

Asset class	Total <sup>7</sup>	South Africa	Foreign
Net equities	60.4	33.2	27.2
Hedged equities	15.0	6.8	8.2
Property	1.6	0.2	1.4
Commodity-linked	4.9	4.9	0.0
Bonds	12.6	8.1	4.5
Money market and cash <sup>6</sup>	5.6	2.9	2.7
<b>Total (%)<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>43.9</b>

## Top 10 share holdings on 31 March 2025 (SA and Foreign) (updated quarterly)<sup>5</sup>

Company	% of portfolio
AB InBev	6.1
British American Tobacco	4.1
Standard Bank	3.7
Naspers & Prosus	3.4
Woolworths	3.1
The Walt Disney Company	3.0
AngloGold Ashanti	2.2
Nedbank	1.9
Gold Fields	1.8
MultiChoice	1.6
<b>Total (%)<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>31.0</b>

2024 was a strong year for local assets, and this positive momentum carried through into the first quarter of 2025. The FTSE/JSE All Share Index generated a return of 13% in 2024 and 6% in the quarter, while the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index returned 17% in 2024 and 1% for the quarter. Global equity markets also performed well in 2024 but have had a softer start to 2025. The MSCI World Index rose 19% in US dollars in 2024 but fell 2% in the first quarter of 2025.

The Portfolio returned 3.2% for the quarter, outperforming its benchmark by 1.2%. Local performance was driven by large multinational “rand-hedge” shares, such as AB InBev and British American Tobacco. This is a reversal of one of the dominant trends of 2024: Following the national elections and the formation of the government of national unity (GNU) in June 2024, domestically focused “SA Inc” shares strongly outperformed rand-hedge shares. The Portfolio responded by reducing select SA Inc exposure in the second half of 2024 and adding to its rand-hedge positions. SA bonds also had a strong 2024 but have come under pressure in the last six months. A conservative bond stance and favouring rand-hedge shares detracted from performance last year but have supported performance in the most recent quarter.

The formation of the GNU sparked a wave of optimism about South Africa’s future, both locally and abroad. Some of this was driven by hopes of political reform and economic recovery, but it also reflected relative appeal – many emerging markets were in deeper turmoil, making South Africa look comparatively stable. While we acknowledge encouraging signs, such as improvements at Eskom, our research suggests that broader progress has been limited. State-owned enterprises continue to face deep structural issues, and the business environment remains difficult. Recent financial results from consumer-focused companies reinforce this view – many continue to report subdued earnings as household spending remains under pressure.

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## Investment specifics

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- Performance based fee.
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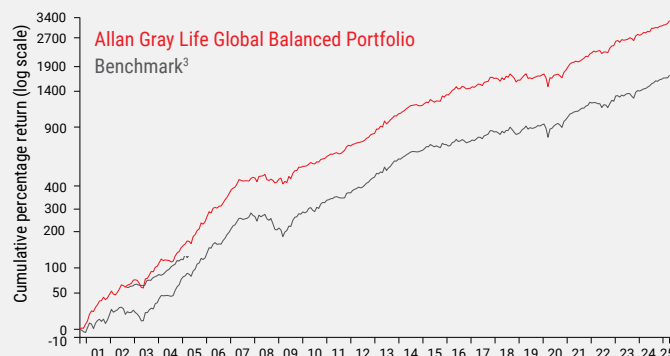
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## Portfolio information on 30 April 2025

Assets under management	R724m
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## Performance<sup>1</sup>

Cumulative performance since inception<sup>2</sup>



% Returns <sup>4</sup>	Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	Benchmark <sup>3</sup>
Since inception <sup>2</sup>	15.5	12.6
Latest 10 years	9.5	8.3
Latest 5 years	14.1	13.2
Latest 3 years	12.4	11.6
Latest 2 years	11.6	12.1
Latest 1 year	15.2	16.6
Latest 3 months	5.2	3.3

## Asset allocation on 30 April 2025<sup>5</sup>

Asset class	Total <sup>7</sup>	South Africa	Foreign
Net equities	62.8	35.2	27.6
Hedged equities	12.0	3.3	8.7
Property	1.7	0.2	1.5
Commodity-linked	2.6	2.6	0.0
Bonds	13.7	10.5	3.1
Money market and cash <sup>6</sup>	7.2	4.6	2.6
<b>Total (%)<sup>7</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>56.4</b>	<b>43.6</b>

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- Since alignment date (1 September 2000).
- Mean of Alexforbes Global Large Manager Watch. The return for April 2025 is an estimate.
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Company	% of portfolio
AB InBev	4.0
Naspers & Prosus	3.9
British American Tobacco	3.7
Standard Bank	2.0
AngloGold Ashanti	1.9
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Remgro	1.5
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The Portfolio returned 3.0% for the quarter, outperforming its benchmark by 1.0%. Local performance was driven by large multinational “rand-hedge” shares, such as AB InBev and British American Tobacco. This is a reversal of one of the dominant trends of 2024: Following the national elections and the formation of the government of national unity (GNU) in June 2024, domestically focused “SA Inc” shares strongly outperformed rand-hedge shares. The Portfolio responded by reducing select SA Inc exposure in the second half of 2024 and adding to its rand-hedge positions. SA bonds also had a strong 2024 but have come under pressure in the last six months. A conservative bond stance and favouring rand-hedge shares detracted from performance last year but have supported performance in the most recent quarter.

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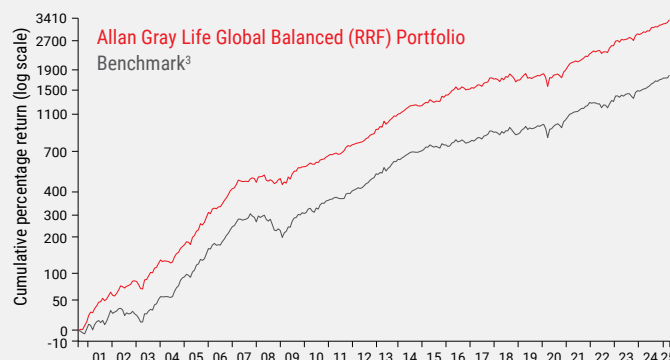
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- Modified duration of the fixed interest portfolio will be conservative.

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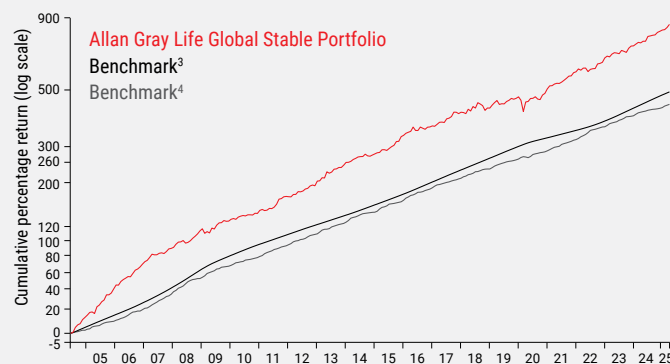
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Assets under management	R5 274m
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Cumulative performance since inception<sup>2</sup>



% Returns <sup>5</sup>	Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	Benchmark <sup>3</sup>	Benchmark <sup>4</sup>
Since inception <sup>2</sup>	11.5	8.9	8.4
Latest 10 years	9.6	8.4	7.9
Latest 5 years	12.1	7.9	8.0
Latest 3 years	11.3	9.4	8.0
Latest 2 years	11.5	10.1	7.1
Latest 1 year	14.5	10.0	5.9
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## Asset allocation on 30 April 2025<sup>6</sup>

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Net equities	24.4	12.1	12.3
Hedged equities	24.3	11.9	12.4
Property	1.1	0.1	0.9
Commodity-linked	2.1	1.4	0.6
Bonds	32.8	26.1	6.8
Money market and cash <sup>7</sup>	15.4	13.3	2.1
<b>Total (%)<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>65.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>

- Performance is gross of Allan Gray fees. Underlying Orbis fund returns are net of fees.
- Since alignment date (1 August 2004).
- Alexforbes 3-month Deposit Index plus 2%.
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## Top 10 share holdings on 31 March 2025 (SA and Foreign) (updated quarterly)<sup>6</sup>

Company	% of portfolio
AB InBev	3.3
British American Tobacco	2.6
AngloGold Ashanti	1.9
Gold Fields	1.5
Woolworths	1.3
Nedbank	1.2
Standard Bank	1.2
Remgro	1.1
Marriott International Inc	0.8
Unilever Plc	0.7
<b>Total (%)<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>15.7</b>

The first quarter of 2025 saw the local equity market add to the strong gains posted in the preceding year, with the FTSE/JSE All Share Index returning 5.9%. Among the largest contributors to returns at the index level were precious metal miners, telecommunications providers and the dual-listed consumer goods companies, including AB InBev, British American Tobacco and Richemont. Gains for the local banks, insurers and retailers have either begun to stall or go backwards, while the diversified miners and other cyclical rand hedges Sasol and Mondi have continued to struggle in the new year. The FTSE/JSE All Bond Index eked out a 0.7% gain for the quarter, as the risk premium on local government bonds increased, particularly on longer-dated instruments. The faltering US market contributed to declines in the MSCI World Index and the S&P 500, which returned -1.8% and -4.4% in US dollars respectively over the quarter.

Against this backdrop, the Portfolio returned 2.8% for the quarter, slightly ahead of its benchmark<sup>1</sup>.

Portfolio holdings in AB InBev and gold miners were among the largest contributors to performance. Gains for AngloGold Ashanti, Gold Fields and DRD GOLD have been particularly strong, with share prices more than 50% higher year to date in rands – this as the gold price breached US\$3 000 per ounce for the first time and continued to set new highs. Predominant trends, including diversification away from the US dollar with increased interest in gold as a reserve asset, fears of stagflation in developed economies as growth slows, and political and trade uncertainties, remain more relevant than ever. Despite this, equity investors remain sceptical of the trajectory of the gold price, with valuations of the miners, including those mentioned above, screening as very compelling at the spot price.

The offshore component of the Portfolio was a contributor to overall returns, primarily driven by stock selection. Defence-related holdings were among the leading contributors, having benefited from increased global defence spending and European government commitments to future defence investment. US dollar weakness also aided returns, given the Portfolio's underweight exposure. The offshore component has been positioned against the narrative of American exceptionalism for some time and continues to have limited US exposure.

It is worthwhile noting that events occurring immediately post quarter end pose a possible threat to wider risk asset returns – namely, the sustainability of the government of national unity locally following the conflict-ridden Budget process and the ratcheting up of global trade tensions after President Donald Trump's "Liberation Day" tariff announcements. Last quarter, we wrote about our concerns regarding unsustainable valuation levels both locally and globally, and what this may mean for future returns. This, coupled with geopolitical pressures and elevated uncertainty, makes for increased market volatility ahead.

In our opinion, the Portfolio's current defensive positioning in terms of stock selection, a 24% net equity weight (which is below the 40% maximum), its sizeable asset allocation towards hedged equities, and its lower-duration bond holdings ensure that we are well placed to navigate these challenges.

During the quarter, the Portfolio added to its existing AB InBev holding, initiated a new position in Aspen Pharmacare and trimmed its exposure to British American Tobacco.

Commentary contributed by Sean Munsie

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

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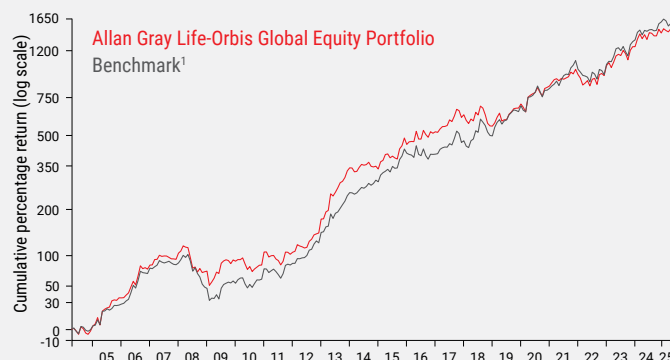
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## Performance net of fees

Cumulative performance since inception



## Portfolio information on 30 April 2025

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% Returns <sup>2</sup>	Portfolio		Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	
	ZAR	US\$	ZAR	US\$
Since inception	14.1	8.7	14.4	9.0
Latest 10 years	12.2	7.4	14.6	9.6
Latest 5 years	13.4	13.1	14.5	14.3
Latest 3 years	18.1	11.8	17.5	11.3
Latest 2 years	16.5	15.5	16.4	15.4
Latest 1 year	9.4	10.8	11.0	12.3
Latest 3 months	-0.1	0.1	-4.0	-3.8

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Company	% of portfolio
QX0	6.1
Corpay	5.5
Elevance Health	5.0
Nintendo	3.5
British American Tobacco	3.0
Interactive Brokers Group	2.8
Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg	2.7
RX0	2.2
BAE Systems	2.2
GX0 Logistics	2.2
<b>Total (%)<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>35.1</b>

## Asset allocation on 30 April 2025

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	Total <sup>4</sup>	United States	UK	Europe ex-UK <sup>3</sup>	Japan	Other <sup>3</sup>	Emerging markets
Net equities	94.3	38.0	13.8	10.7	6.8	4.1	21.0
Property	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0
Money market and cash	4.1	3.8	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total (%)<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>21.0</b>
Currency exposure	100.0	41.4	8.8	12.8	16.5	8.0	12.4
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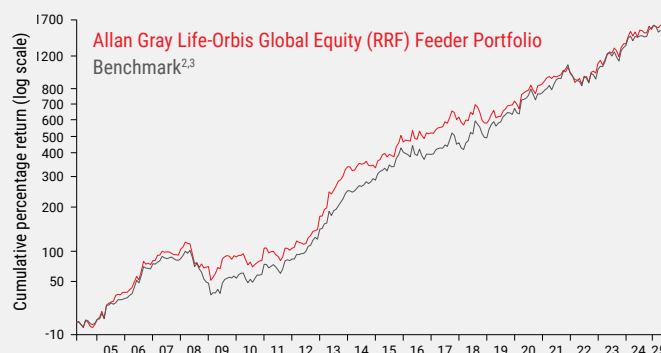
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## Performance net of fees<sup>1</sup>

Cumulative performance since inception



% Returns <sup>1,4</sup>	Portfolio		Benchmark <sup>2,3</sup>	
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Since inception	14.5	9.1	14.2	8.8
Latest 10 years	13.1	8.2	14.3	9.3
Latest 5 years	14.2	13.9	14.2	13.9
Latest 3 years	19.3	13.0	17.3	11.1
Latest 2 years	18.0	17.0	16.2	15.2
Latest 1 year	11.0	12.4	10.8	12.2
Latest 3 months	0.3	0.5	-4.5	-4.3

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Property	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0
Money market and cash	5.2	4.9	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total (%)<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>20.8</b>
Currency exposure	100.0	41.8	8.6	12.7	16.5	7.9	12.4
Benchmark	100.0	71.0	3.8	13.3	5.7	6.2	0.0

## Portfolio information on 30 April 2025

Assets under management	R1 175m
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