

## Fund description and summary of investment policy

The Fund invests in shares listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE). The Fund is typically fully invested in shares. Returns are likely to be volatile, especially over short- and medium-term periods.

ASISA unit trust category: South African – Equity – SA General

## Fund objective and benchmark

The Fund aims to create long-term wealth for investors. It aims to outperform the South African equity market over the long term, without taking on greater risk. To pursue its objective the Fund's portfolio may differ materially from its benchmark. This will result in the Fund underperforming its benchmark materially at times. The Fund aims to compensate for these periods of underperformance by delivering outperformance over the long term. The Fund's benchmark is the FTSE/JSE All Share Index including income.

## How we aim to achieve the Fund's objective

We seek to buy shares offering the best relative value while maintaining a diversified portfolio. We thoroughly research companies to assess their intrinsic value from a long-term perspective. This long-term perspective enables us to buy shares which are shunned by the stock market because of their unexciting or poor short-term prospects, but which are relatively attractively priced if one looks to the long term. We invest in a selection of shares across all sectors of the JSE, and across the range of large, mid and smaller cap shares.

## Suitable for those investors who

- Seek exposure to JSE-listed equities to provide long-term capital growth
- Are comfortable with stock market fluctuation, i.e. short- to medium-term volatility
- Are prepared to accept the risk of capital loss
- Typically have an investment horizon of more than five years
- Wish to use the Fund as an equity 'building block' in a diversified multi asset class portfolio

## Meeting the Fund objective

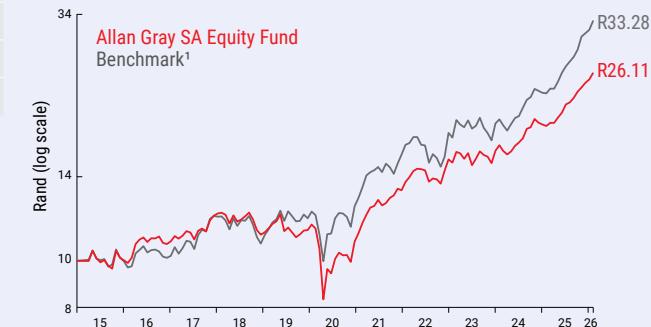
The Fund aims to outperform the South African equity market over the long term, without taking on greater risk. Since inception and over the latest 10- and five-year periods, the Fund has underperformed its benchmark.

## Fund information on 31 January 2026

Fund size	R5.3bn
Number of units	1 117 602
Price (net asset value per unit)	R609.59
Class	A

## Performance net of all fees and expenses

Value of R10 invested at inception with all distributions reinvested



% Returns	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	CPI inflation <sup>2</sup>
<b>Cumulative:</b>			
Since inception (13 March 2015)	161.1	232.8	67.1
<b>Annualised:</b>			
Since inception (13 March 2015)	9.2	11.7	4.9
Latest 10 years	10.2	13.1	4.8
Latest 5 years	16.7	18.4	5.0
Latest 3 years	15.1	18.9	3.9
Latest 2 years	23.2	31.4	3.3
Latest 1 year	32.1	44.4	3.6
Year-to-date (not annualised)	3.1	3.7	0.2
<b>Risk measures (since inception)</b>			
Maximum drawdown <sup>3</sup>	-44.3	-35.2	n/a
Percentage positive months <sup>4</sup>	61.8	59.5	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility <sup>5</sup>	13.8	14.0	n/a
Highest annual return <sup>6</sup>	57.3	54.0	n/a
Lowest annual return <sup>6</sup>	-32.0	-18.4	n/a

## Fund history

The Allan Gray Equity Fund was managed in exactly the same way as this Fund from the inception of the Allan Gray Equity Fund on 1 October 1998, until March 2015, when the Allan Gray Equity Fund changed its mandate to include the ability to invest offshore. A combined history of the two funds since inception of the Allan Gray Equity Fund can be viewed [here](#).

## Income distributions for the last 12 months

To the extent that income earned in the form of dividends and interest exceeds expenses in the Fund, the Fund will distribute any surplus biannually.	30 Jun 2025	31 Dec 2025
Cents per unit	1112.2886	1197.7599

## Annual management fee

Allan Gray charges a fee based on the net asset value of the Fund. The fee rate is calculated daily by comparing the Fund's total performance for the day to that of the benchmark.

Fee for performance equal to the Fund's benchmark: 1.00% p.a. excl. VAT

For each annualised percentage point above or below the benchmark we add or deduct 0.20%. The maximum fee is uncapped and if the fee would have been negative, 0.00% will be charged for the day and the negative fee will be carried forward to reduce the next day's fee (and all subsequent days until the underperformance is recovered).

This means that Allan Gray shares in 20% of annualised performance relative to the benchmark.

## Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs

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.

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

Company	% of portfolio
Naspers & Prosus	8.5
AB InBev	7.3
Glencore	5.3
AngloGold Ashanti	5.3
Standard Bank	5.2
British American Tobacco	5.1
Nedbank	4.4
FirstRand	3.8
Mondi	3.2
Remgro	2.9
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>51.0</b>

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

Sector	% of equities <sup>7</sup>	% of ALSI <sup>8</sup>
Financials	26.5	27.4
Basic materials	23.4	31.8
Consumer staples	21.3	9.0
Consumer discretionary	9.1	5.7
Technology	8.6	12.9
Industrials	4.3	2.1
Energy	2.9	0.6
Healthcare	2.0	1.0
Real estate	0.9	4.7
Telecommunications	0.8	4.7
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

7. Includes listed property.

8. FTSE/JSE All Share Index.

## Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs for periods ending 31 December 2025 (updated quarterly)

1- and 3-year TER and transaction costs breakdown	1yr %	3yr %
<b>Total expense ratio</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.35</b>
Fee for benchmark performance	1.00	1.00
Performance fees	-0.84	-0.70
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.01	0.01
VAT	0.03	0.04
<b>Transaction costs (including VAT)</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.10</b>
<b>Total investment charge</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.45</b>

## Asset allocation on 31 January 2026

Asset class	Total
Net equities	98.5
Hedged equities	0.0
Property	0.9
Commodity-linked	0.1
Bonds	0.0
Money market and cash	0.5
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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

2025 was a year for the history books. Heightened geopolitical tensions created, and then seemingly resolved, trade wars, and artificial intelligence (AI)-induced optimism dominated global markets. In South Africa, the near collapse of the government of national unity early in the year and a strained relationship with the United States were overshadowed by the strong tailwind provided by rising precious metal prices that lifted the FTSE/JSE All Share Index (ALSI). A cursory glance at 2025's returns hides the sharp volatility that persisted during the year.

Globally, the MSCI World Index delivered a third consecutive year of strong double-digit returns, rising 21% in 2025 to close the year at a near all-time high. This performance was supported by the US, which comprises 72% of the index. As has been the case over the last three years, the breadth of this performance was narrow. Just seven stocks, the aptly named "magnificent seven", accounted for 46% of the S&P 500's performance in 2025 – largely fuelled by the promise of their AI advancements fundamentally changing the world and strengthening their business prospects. Futurist Roy Amara sums up the current investor psyche towards AI well: In the short term, people often overestimate the impact of a new technology while underestimating the long-term impact.

In the fullness of time, AI will almost certainly alter the way we interact and work. However, in the shorter term, it remains uncertain which AI hyperscaler will emerge as the winner and how these companies will appropriately monetise and fund their ambitions. What is more visible is that the five largest public AI hyperscalers plan to collectively spend more than US\$1.5tn over the next three years. To put this into context, South Africa's annual gross domestic product stands at around US\$450bn. This raises two primary concerns: Firstly, this capital expenditure will pose a material headwind to the earnings of these companies in the coming years, which we think is underappreciated. Secondly, the S&P 500 trades on a high multiple of these elevated earnings expectations and is fast approaching levels last seen during the 2000s technology bubble.

Locally, the ALSI delivered a 42% return in 2025 – its best calendar year in two decades, with the index near an all-time high. Similar to the US, performance was narrow. Precious metal miners rallied sharply, more than doubling and contributing 58% of the ALSI's return for the year. The Fund delivered strong absolute returns but lagged relative to the ALSI due to an underweight position in the precious metal sub-sector. Collectively, gold and platinum group metal miners now represent over 25% of the ALSI. While we have a constructive view on the gold price over the longer term, in the short term, the price will likely be volatile amid shifting geopolitical and macroeconomic conditions. South African gold miners also have a poor long-term track record. Historically, gold price windfalls have often been eroded by poor cost discipline and value-destructive expansion. As such, we have been selective about the precious metal miners included in the Fund, favouring companies more likely to return free cash flow to shareholders.

Borrowing from Sir John Templeton, "Bull markets are born on pessimism, grow on scepticism, mature on optimism and die on euphoria." Given current valuations, we are concerned about the prospects for absolute returns. In South Africa, a slow reform agenda, anaemic capital investment and infrastructure concerns underpin our view that meaningful economic growth will remain elusive. Therefore, the Fund is positioned defensively to protect capital and is skewed towards defensive rand hedges – British American Tobacco and AB InBev are good examples. Where the Fund holds South African-exposed stocks, they are businesses that we believe can sustain earnings growth even in a weaker-than-expected economic environment.

During the quarter, the Fund added to its positions in Naspers and Mr Price and reduced its holdings in Prosus and the gold miners.

**Commentary contributed by Jithen Pillay**

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

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#### 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](http://www.allangray.co.za).

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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 three-year 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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