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Allan Gray Tax-Free Balanced Fund

31 December 2021

Fund description and summary of investment policy

The Fund is managed in broadly the same way as the Allan Gray Balanced Fund. It was created specifically for use in tax-free accounts and can only be accessed through these products. The Fund invests in a mix of shares, bonds, property, commodities and cash. The Fund can invest a maximum of 30% offshore, with an additional 10% allowed for investments in Africa outside of South Africa. The Fund typically invests the bulk of its foreign allowance in a mix of funds managed by Orbis Investment Management Limited, our offshore investment partner. The maximum net equity exposure of the Fund is 75% and we may use exchange-traded derivative contracts on stock market indices to reduce net equity exposure from time to time. The Fund is managed to comply with the investment limits governing retirement funds. Returns are likely to be less volatile than those of an equity-only fund.

ASISA unit trust category: South African – Multi Asset – High Equity

Fund objective and benchmark

The Fund aims to create long-term wealth for investors within the constraints governing retirement funds. It aims to outperform the average return of similar funds without assuming any more risk. The Fund's benchmark is the market value-weighted average return of funds in the South African – Multi Asset – High Equity category (excluding Allan Gray funds).

How we aim to achieve the Fund's objective

We seek to buy shares at a discount to their intrinsic value. 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. If the stock market offers few attractive shares we may increase the Fund's weighting to alternative assets such as bonds, property, commodities and cash, or we may partially hedge the Fund's stock market exposure. By varying the Fund's exposure to these different asset classes over time, we seek to enhance the Fund's long-term returns and to manage its risk. The Fund's bond and money market investments are actively managed.

Suitable for those investors who

- Seek steady long-term capital growth
- Are comfortable with taking on some risk of market fluctuation and potential capital loss, but typically less than that of an equity fund
- Wish to invest in a tax-free investment account
- Typically have an investment horizon of at least three years

Minimum investment amounts*

Maximum	investment	amounts

Initial lump sum per investor account	R36 000	Maximum lump sum per investor account	R36 000
Additional lump sum	R1 000	Lifetime maximum	R500 000
Debit order**	R1 000	Maximum debit order**	R3 000

*Lower minimum investment amounts apply for investments in the name of an investor younger than 18. Please refer to our website for more information.

**Only available to investors with a South African bank account.

Fund information on 31 December 2021

Fund size	R1.7bn
Number of units	111 519 262
Price (net asset value per unit)	R13.49
Class	А

- The market value-weighted average return of funds in the South African – Multi Asset – High Equity category (excluding Allan Gray funds). Source: Morningstar, performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 December 2021.
- This is based on the latest available numbers published by IRESS as at 30 November 2021.
- Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum drawdown occurred from 20 January 2020 to 23 March 2020 and maximum benchmark drawdown occurred from 20 January 2020 to 23 March 2020. Drawdown is calculated on the total return of the Fund/benchmark (i.e. including income).
- 4. The percentage of calendar months in which the Fund produced a positive monthly return since inception.
- The standard deviation of the Fund's monthly return. This is a measure of how much an investment's return varies from its average over time.
- 6. These are the highest or lowest consecutive 12-month returns since inception. This is a measure of how much the Fund and the benchmark returns have varied per rolling 12-month period. The Fund's highest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 31 March 2021 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 31 March 2021 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 31 March 2020 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 31 March 2020. All rolling the 12 month sended 31 March 2020. All rolling 12-month figures for the Fund and the benchmark are available from our Client Service Centre on request.

Performance net of all fees and expenses

Value of R10 invested at inception with all distributions reinvested



% Returns	Fund	Benchmark ¹	CPI inflation ²
Cumulative:			
Since inception (1 February 2016)	53.3	54.4	30.8
Annualised:			
Since inception (1 February 2016)	7.5	7.6	4.7
Latest 5 years	7.4	8.3	4.4
Latest 3 years	9.6	12.0	4.1
Latest 2 years	11.3	12.8	4.3
Latest 1 year	19.0	20.3	5.5
Year-to-date (not annualised)	19.0	20.3	5.5
Risk measures (since inception)			
Maximum drawdown ³	-24.6	-23.3	n/a
Percentage positive months ⁴	64.8	67.6	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility ⁵	10.0	9.4	n/a
Highest annual return ⁶	31.7	30.7	n/a
Lowest annual return ⁶	-13.4	-10.3	n/a

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Meeting the Fund objective

The Fund aims to create long-term wealth for investors within the constraints governing retirement funds. It aims to outperform the average return of similar funds without assuming any more risk. The Fund experiences periods of underperformance in pursuit of this objective. Since inception and over the latest five-year period, the Fund has underperformed its benchmark.

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 2021	31 Dec 2021
Cents per unit	8.1043	14.8998

Annual management fee

The fee we charge is fixed at 1.25% excluding VAT.

This fee only applies to the portion of the unit trusts that we manage. The offshore portion of the unit trust is managed by Orbis. Orbis charges fixed fees within these funds. Orbis pays a marketing and distribution fee to Allan Gray.

Total expense ratio (TER) and Transaction costs

The annual management fees charged by both Allan Gray and Orbis are 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 2021 (SA and Foreign) (updated guarterly)⁷

Company	% of portfolio
British American Tobacco	6.0
Naspers ⁸	5.7
Glencore	4.6
Woolworths	2.3
Nedbank	2.2
Sasol	2.1
Remgro	2.1
Standard Bank	2.1
AB InBev	2.0
Sibanye-Stillwater	1.8
Total (%)	31.0

Total expense ratio (TER) and Transaction costs

TER and Transaction costs breakdown for the 1- and 3-year period ending 31 December 2021	1yr %	3yr %
Total expense ratio	1.50	1.51
Fee for benchmark performance	1.31	1.33
Performance fees	0.00	0.00
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.04	0.04
VAT	0.15	0.14
Transaction costs (including VAT)	0.09	0.10
Total investment charge	1.59	1.61

Asset allocation on 31 December 20217

Asset class	Total	South Africa	Africa ex-SA	Foreign ex-Africa
Net equities	70.5	50.8	3.0	16.7
Hedged equities	6.3	1.7	0.0	4.6
Property	1.1	0.8	0.0	0.4
Commodity-linked	3.1	2.4	0.0	0.7
Bonds	13.2	10.4	1.4	1.4
Money market and bank deposits	5.7	3.7	0.0	1.9
Total (%)	100.0	69.8	4.4	25.8°

7. Underlying holdings of Orbis funds are included on a look-through basis

8. Includes holding in stub certificates or Prosus N.V., if applicable.

 The Fund can invest a maximum of 30% offshore, with an additional 10% allowed for investments in Africa outside of South Africa. Market movements periodically cause the Fund to move beyond these limits. This must be corrected within 12 months.

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

Since inception, the Fund's month-end net equity exposure has varied as follows:

Minimum	(February 2016) 57.5%
Average	63.7%
Maximum	(May 2021) 72.5%

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The Fund returned 4.9% for the quarter and 19.0% for the 2021 calendar year. While absolute returns have been strong in real terms, we are not where we want to be versus the best of our peers over the recent past.

We remain significantly underweight US equities, which make up over 60% of the MSCI World Index. Instead, we find depressed European, UK, and emerging market equities more attractive. Although this has hurt relative returns in the short term, we find the valuation disparity compelling. We continue to own no long-dated developed world sovereign bonds and rather have a position in gold. The portfolio has been increasingly tilted towards managing the risks that may arise from higher realised global inflation and interest rates.

As noted in previous factsheets, we have been finding value in both local equities and bonds. This has been reflected in an equity and bond weighting that is higher than usual. The major risk we see is the overvaluation of the US market and how local assets would perform in a scenario where that overvaluation suddenly corrected.

Nonetheless we remain optimistic about the long-term value inherent in our chosen local equities. Sometimes it takes patience for that value to be realised. For example, Rand Merchant Insurance (RMI), which traded at a deep discount to its underlying holdings, announced the unbundling of its shares in Discovery and Momentum, and sold its holding in UK insurer Hastings, resulting in a large rerating of the share. This is not just a positive for RMI, but also for its largest shareholder, Remgro, which itself trades at a large discount to its underlying investments. Indeed, the discount climbed as high as 38% during 2021. Remgro owns an attractive portfolio of assets and the actions of management over the last period have highlighted its value. In addition to RMI, Remgro is the largest shareholder in Distell, which is in the process of being bought by Heineken, and its fibre operations (Dark Fibre and Vumatel) housed in CIVH merged with those of Vodacom at an attractive valuation. We continue to find Remgro attractive.

More broadly, we continue to be underweight iron ore and Glencore is still our preferred commodity exposure. We continue to own Sasol and have been increasing our exposure to gold shares such as AngloGold and Gold Fields. Given the increased risks in China from the policies announced by the government, coupled with the very high exposure of South African equities both directly and indirectly to China, we have been focused on reducing this risk to the Fund. The positions in British American Tobacco and AB InBev should be considered within this context.

We remain as focused on thinking about and managing risk in the Fund as we are on generating real long-term returns.

During the quarter the Fund bought gold miners AngloGold and Gold Fields and sold Prosus to buy Naspers.

Commentary contributed by Duncan Artus

Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 31 December 2021

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Collective investment schemes in securities (unit trusts or funds) are generally medium- to long-term investments. The value of units may go down as well as up and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Movements in exchange rates may also cause the value of underlying international investments to go up or down. The Management Company does not provide any guarantee regarding the capital or the performance of the Fund. Performance figures are provided by the Investment Manager and are for lump sum investments with income distributions reinvested. Actual investor performance may differ as a result of the investment date, the date of reinvestment and dividend withholding tax.

Fund mandate

Funds may be closed to new investments at any time in order to be managed according to their mandates. Unit trusts are traded at ruling prices and can engage in borrowing and scrip lending. The funds may borrow up to 10% of their market value to bridge insufficient liquidity.

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.

Fees

Permissible deductions may include management fees, brokerage, securities transfer tax, auditor's fees, bank charges and trustee fees. A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions is available on request from Allan Gray.

Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs

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).

Compliance with Regulation 28

The Fund is managed to comply with Regulation 28 of the Pension Funds Act 24 of 1956. 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 a reasonable time period. The Management Company does not monitor compliance by retirement funds with section 19(4) of the Pension Funds Act (item 6 of Table 1 to Regulation 28).

Foreign exposure

This fund may invest in foreign funds managed by Orbis Investment Management Limited, our offshore investment partner.

Information for investors in the tax-free investment account

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