

### Portfolio description and summary of investment policy

The Portfolio invests in a mix of shares, bonds, property, commodities and cash. The Portfolio can invest a maximum of 30% offshore, with an additional 10% allowed for investments in Africa outside of South Africa. The Portfolio typically invests the bulk of its foreign allowance in a mix of funds managed by Orbis Investments, our offshore investment partner. The maximum net equity exposure of the Portfolio is 40%. The Portfolio's net equity exposure may be reduced from time to time using exchange-traded derivative contracts on stock market indices. The Portfolio is managed to comply with the investment limits governing retirement funds. Returns are likely to be less volatile than those of an equity-only portfolio or a balanced portfolio. The Portfolio is a pooled portfolio offered by Allan Gray Life and is only available to members of the Allan Gray Umbrella Retirement Fund.

### Portfolio objective and benchmark

The Portfolio aims to provide a high degree of capital stability and to minimise the risk of loss over any two-year period, while producing long-term returns that are superior to bank deposits. The Portfolio's benchmark is the Consumer Price Index, plus 3%.

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

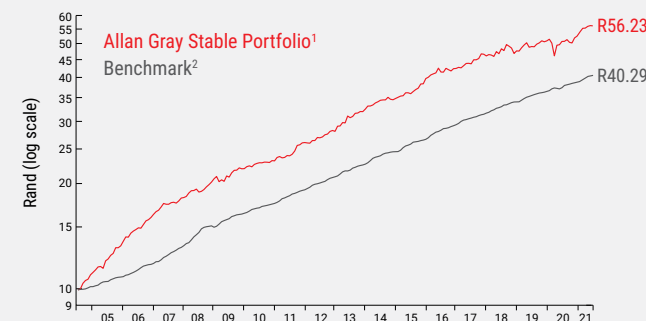
A major portion of the Portfolio is typically invested in money market instruments. We seek to deploy the Portfolio's cash by investing in shares when they can be bought at a significant discount to their intrinsic value. We thoroughly research companies to assess their intrinsic value from a long-term 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 allocate a low weight to shares or partially hedge the Portfolio's stock market exposure in consideration of the Portfolio's capital preservation objectives. The Portfolio may also invest in bonds, property and commodities. The Portfolio's bond and money market investments are actively managed.

### Portfolio history

The Portfolio is managed in the same way as the Allan Gray Life Global Stable Portfolio. When assessing the Portfolio's performance and risk measures over time, for periods before its inception (16 August 2017), the returns of the Allan Gray Life Global Stable Portfolio can be used. The combined history reflects the performance and risk of the strategy over the long term.

### Performance net of all fees and expenses

Value of R10 invested at alignment



- The returns prior to 16 August 2017 are those of the Allan Gray Life Global Stable Portfolio since its alignment on 1 August 2004. The returns are shown net of the fees that would have been incurred had the current fee applied since alignment.
- The Portfolio's benchmark is the Consumer Price Index plus 3%, performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 30 June 2021.
- Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum drawdown occurred from January 2020 to March 2020. Drawdown is calculated on the total return of the Portfolio (i.e. including income).
- The percentage of calendar months in which the Portfolio produced a positive monthly return since alignment.
- The standard deviation of the Portfolio's monthly return. This is a measure of how much an investment's return varies from its average over time.
- These are the highest or lowest consecutive 12-month returns since alignment. This is a measure of how much the Portfolio and the benchmark returns have varied per rolling 12-month period. The Portfolio's highest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 30 April 2006 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 31 August 2008. The Portfolio's lowest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 31 March 2020 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 31 May 2020.

% Returns	Portfolio <sup>1</sup>	Benchmark <sup>2</sup>	CPI inflation
<b>Cumulative:</b>			
Since alignment (1 August 2004)	462.3	302.9	144.3
<b>Annualised:</b>			
Since alignment (1 August 2004)	10.7	8.6	5.4
Latest 10 years	8.9	8.1	5.0
Latest 5 years	6.3	7.3	4.3
Latest 3 years	5.2	6.8	3.9
Latest 2 years	7.2	6.4	3.6
Latest 1 year	11.1	7.7	5.2
Year-to-date (not annualised)	7.3	4.0	2.6
<b>Risk measures (since alignment)</b>			
Maximum drawdown <sup>3</sup>	-10.3	-0.9	n/a
Percentage positive months <sup>4</sup>	73.5	98.0	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility <sup>5</sup>	5.5	1.5	n/a
Highest annual return <sup>6</sup>	27.5	17.1	n/a
Lowest annual return <sup>6</sup>	-6.9	5.0	n/a

### Suitable for those investors who

- Are risk-averse and require a high degree of capital stability
- Seek both above-inflation returns over the long term, and capital preservation over any two-year period
- Require some income but also some capital growth
- Wish to invest in a portfolio that complies with retirement fund investment limits

### Annual management fee

Allan Gray charges a fixed fee of 0.70% p.a. on the Portfolio assets excluding the portion invested in the range of Orbis funds. This fee is presently exempt from VAT.

A portion of the Portfolio may be invested in Orbis funds. Orbis charges performance-based fees within these funds that are calculated based on each Orbis fund's performance relative to its own benchmark. 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 Portfolio over a one-year and three-year period (annualised). Since Portfolio returns are quoted after deduction of these expenses, the TER should not be deducted from the published returns. Transaction costs are disclosed separately.

### Top 10 share holdings on 30 June 2021 (SA and Foreign) (updated quarterly)<sup>8</sup>

Company	% of portfolio
British American Tobacco	3.2
Naspers <sup>7</sup>	3.0
Glencore	2.5
Sibanye Stillwater	1.4
Nedbank	1.4
Woolworths	1.4
Standard Bank	1.2
Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg.	1.1
Remgro	1.0
SPDR Gold Trust	1.0
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>17.2</b>

7. Includes holding in Prosus NV if applicable.

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

Minimum	(October 2020) 28.5%
Average	35.7%
Maximum	(December 2018) 40.1%

### Asset allocation on 30 June 2021<sup>8</sup>

Asset Class	Total	South Africa	Africa ex-SA	Foreign ex-Africa
Net equity	35.9	22.9	2.2	10.8
Hedged equity	15.9	5.0	0.0	10.9
Property	2.7	2.4	0.0	0.2
Commodity-linked	3.4	2.4	0.0	1.0
Bonds	35.1	27.1	3.1	4.9
Money market and bank deposits	7.0	3.6	0.7	2.7
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>30.5<sup>9</sup></b>

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

9. The Portfolio 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 Portfolio to move beyond these limits. This must be corrected within 12 months.

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

### Total expense ratio (TER) and Transaction costs

TER and Transaction costs breakdown for the 1- and 3-year period ending 30 June 2021	1yr %	3yr %
<b>Total expense ratio<sup>10</sup></b>	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.74</b>
Fee for benchmark performance	0.71	0.70
Performance fees	0.00	0.00
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.04	0.04
<b>Transaction costs (including VAT)<sup>11</sup></b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.07</b>
<b>Total investment charge</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0.81</b>

10. A higher TER does not necessarily imply a poor return, nor does a low TER imply a good return. The current TER may not necessarily be an accurate indication of future TERs.

11. Transaction Costs are a necessary cost in administering the Portfolio and impacts Portfolio returns. It 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.

The FTSE/JSE All Share Index (ALSI) consolidated the strong gains from the November low during the quarter. Global equities continue to trade near their recent highs.

Given the Portfolio's emphasis on capital preservation, the maximum net equity weighting is capped at 40%. The net equity position contributes to the Portfolio achieving its objective of outperforming cash. This naturally results in a large fixed income position in cash-like instruments and/or bonds of various durations: 15% of the Portfolio is currently invested in South African banking sector fixed income. The Portfolio also holds the equity of banks we find attractive, such as Standard Bank and Nedbank, which currently make up an additional 3.5% of the Portfolio.

The banking sector's returns, both equity and fixed income, are often impacted by the performance of South African government bonds, which make up 15% of the Portfolio, and the rand. Lower bond yields and a stronger rand are good for banks' relative performance, all else being equal. The performance of these assets is often closely interlinked. To manage this potential risk, the Portfolio has an allocation to offshore assets, Africa ex-SA and commodities like gold, as disclosed in the asset allocation table.

In addition, we can further diversify within local equities by holding attractive mining shares, such as Glencore and Sibanye-Stillwater, and dual-listed shares such as Naspers and British American Tobacco, which might perform differently

to local bonds and banking shares in certain scenarios. The dramatic sell-off in bonds, property and financial shares during Nenegate was a good example of the value this diversification brings to the portfolio.

A new position we have accumulated over the last year is Anheuser-Busch InBev (ANH), the world's largest brewer. The share has significantly underperformed since its overpriced acquisition of SABMiller in 2016. This underperformance accelerated during the pandemic sell-off over concerns about future beer sales and the company's substantial net debt. This gave us the opportunity to purchase a well-managed, high-quality, globally diversified business at an attractive valuation, which should benefit from a global reopening.

Since the onset of the pandemic, we have also used price weakness to increase our exposure to less cyclical domestic industrial shares, which generate good cashflow and will hopefully pay dividends despite the tough economy. These include retailers Woolworths, Pepkor, Pick n Pay and Cashbuild and food and beverage company AVI. These are all good businesses that have produced results which were far stronger than the market expected a year ago. The opportunity to increase the quality in the portfolio at attractive valuations is exciting.

**Commentary contributed by Duncan Artus.**

### **Portfolio manager quarterly commentary as at 30 June 2021**

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