

**Fund description and summary of investment policy**

The Fund invests primarily in shares listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE). The Fund can invest a maximum of 45% offshore. The Fund invests the bulk of its foreign allowance in equity funds managed by Orbis Investment Management Limited, our offshore investment partner. 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 – General

**Fund objective and benchmark**

The Fund aims to create long-term wealth for investors. It aims to outperform the average return of South African General Equity Funds over the long term, without taking on greater risk of loss. To pursue its objective the Fund’s portfolio may differ materially from those of its peers. 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 market value-weighted average return of funds in the South African – Equity – General category (excluding Allan Gray funds).

**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 from sellers who over-react to short-term difficulties or undervalue long-term potential. We invest in a selection of shares across all sectors of the stock market, and across the range of large, mid and smaller cap shares.

**Suitable for those investors who**

- Seek exposure to 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 has created wealth for its long-term investors. Since inception and over the latest 10- and five-year periods, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark. The Fund experiences periods of underperformance in pursuit of its objective of creating long-term wealth for investors, without taking on greater risk of loss than the average equity fund. The maximum drawdown and lowest annual return numbers, in the ‘Performance net of all fees and expenses’ table, show that the Fund has successfully reduced downside risk in periods of negative market returns.

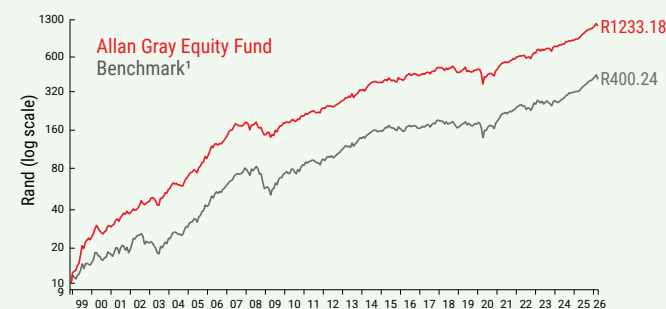
**Fund information on 31 March 2026**

Fund size	R58.4bn
Number of units	47 964 130
Price (net asset value per unit)	R765.14
Class	A

1. The market value-weighted average return of funds in the South African – Equity – General category, excluding Allan Gray funds. (Effective 1 October 2024, this category started excluding funds that can only invest in South African equities.) Source: Morningstar, performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 March 2026. From inception to 28 February 2015 the benchmark was the FTSE/JSE All Share Index including income. Source: Iress.
2. This data reflects the latest available headline CPI inflation numbers as at 28 February 2026 (source: Iress).
3. Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum drawdown occurred from 3 September 2018 to 23 March 2020 and maximum benchmark drawdown occurred from 22 May 2008 to 20 November 2008. 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.
5. 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 30 September 1999 and the benchmark’s occurred during the 12 months ended 30 April 2006. The Fund’s lowest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 31 March 2020 and the benchmark’s occurred during the 12 months ended 28 February 2009. 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 <sup>1</sup>	CPI inflation <sup>2</sup>
<b>Cumulative:</b>			
Since inception (1 October 1998)	12231.8	3902.4	315.1
<b>Annualised:</b>			
Since inception (1 October 1998)	19.1	14.4	5.3
Latest 10 years	9.8	9.0	4.6
Latest 5 years	14.9	13.3	4.9
Latest 3 years	16.9	15.3	3.9
Latest 2 years	19.3	22.1	3.1
Latest 1 year	25.9	23.9	3.0
Year-to-date (not annualised)	3.0	-1.4	0.8
<b>Risk measures (since inception)</b>			
Maximum drawdown <sup>3</sup>	-37.0	-45.4	n/a
Percentage positive months <sup>4</sup>	67.0	61.2	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility <sup>5</sup>	14.7	16.1	n/a
Highest annual return <sup>6</sup>	125.8	73.0	n/a
Lowest annual return <sup>6</sup>	-24.3	-37.6	n/a

### 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
<b>Cents per unit</b>	<b>838.4062</b>	<b>851.4978</b>

### Annual management fee

Allan Gray charges a fee based on the net asset value of the Fund excluding the portion invested in Orbis funds. 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 approximately 20% of annualised performance relative to the benchmark.

A portion of the Fund 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 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 March 2026 (SA and Foreign) (updated quarterly)<sup>7</sup>

Company	% of portfolio
AB InBev	5.4
Glencore	4.3
Naspers & Prosus	4.0
AngloGold Ashanti	4.0
British American Tobacco	3.7
Standard Bank	3.1
Remgro	2.2
Sasol	2.1
Nedbank	2.0
Woolworths	2.0
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>32.7</b>

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

8. Includes listed property.

9. FTSE/JSE All Share Index.

### Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs for periods ending 31 March 2026 (updated quarterly)

1- and 3-year TER and transaction costs breakdown	1yr %	3yr %
<b>Total expense ratio</b>	<b>2.16</b>	<b>1.91</b>
Fee for benchmark performance	1.02	1.03
Performance fees	0.98	0.70
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.04	0.04
VAT	0.12	0.13
<b>Transaction costs (including VAT)</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.09</b>
<b>Total investment charge</b>	<b>2.25</b>	<b>1.99</b>

### Sector allocation on 31 March 2026 (updated quarterly)<sup>7</sup>

Sector	% of equities <sup>8</sup>	% of ALSI <sup>9</sup>
Financials	19.8	27.8
Basic materials	18.4	34.2
Consumer staples	17.7	8.9
Consumer discretionary	13.2	5.1
Industrials	9.8	2.1
Technology	8.4	10.1
Healthcare	4.2	1.1
Energy	3.9	0.8
Telecommunications	2.5	5.4
Real estate	1.9	4.5
Utilities	0.2	0.0
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Asset allocation on 31 March 2026<sup>7</sup>

Asset class	Total	South Africa	Foreign
Net equities	95.9	55.6	40.3
Hedged equities	0.0	0.0	0.0
Property	1.8	0.3	1.6
Commodity-linked	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bonds	0.2	0.0	0.2
Money market and cash <sup>10</sup>	2.1	0.8	1.3
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>43.3<sup>11</sup></b>

10. Includes the impact of any currency hedging.

11. The Fund can invest a maximum of 45% offshore. Market movements may 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.

Geopolitical tension in the Middle East dominated market returns this quarter. After the MSCI World Index (World Index) and the FTSE/JSE All Share Index (ALSI) closed near all-time highs in 2025, both indices suffered negative returns in the first quarter of 2026, with the World Index down 3.6% in US dollars and the ALSI down 0.6% in rands. Even more pronounced was the volatility. Within the three-month period, the ALSI recorded 12 days with daily returns below -1% and another 14 days with daily returns above 1%. Given the heightened uncertainty, sentiment changed rapidly, at times on an intraday basis, in response to real-time statements from parties on the Middle East conflict.

At the time of writing, it is difficult to predict with confidence the end state of the war or whether the ceasefire will hold. A low-road scenario would be a prolonged war with material destruction and/or blockades of infrastructure important to global trade. Iran, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Qatar feature among the largest producers of oil and gas globally. The Strait of Hormuz is a critical chokepoint for these commodities, with approximately 20% of global oil volumes sailing through it. As these flows were disrupted, the oil price rose from around US\$60 per barrel at the start of the year to more than US\$100 per barrel at quarter-end. A 25% increase in the rand oil price, in the absence of lasting government relief, will add almost 2% to South Africa's headline inflation rate, based solely on the official consumer price index weights of petrol and public transport fares in Statistics South Africa's inflation basket. The eventual impact is likely to be higher as the oil price spike permeates through the broader economy, particularly if fuel availability becomes constrained.

The war is also not positive for South Africa's terms of trade. We rely on imports to fulfil 80% of the country's fuel needs (i.e. everything outside of Sasol Synfuels), which is reflected in the rand depreciating close to the R17-per-US-dollar barrier during the quarter. None of this is good news for South African consumers, and particularly for lower-income households whose disposable income was already constrained. At the other extreme, a swift end to the conflict could see trade flows resume quickly, with on-hand stockpiles cushioning any prolonged impact on inflation. This would likely see a strong recovery in asset prices. We believe positioning the Fund at either boundary is unwise, given the call it requires on inherently unpredictable state actors.

Given the volatility outlined above, the Fund performed acceptably during the quarter in maintaining a positive absolute return. To quote the Fund's [Q4 2025 commentary](#): "Given current valuations, we are concerned about the prospects for absolute returns both globally and locally. Therefore, the Fund is positioned defensively to protect capital." With the benefit of hindsight, this caution proved warranted. We remain concerned about the outlook for global and local growth, as well as deteriorating inflation forecasts. This would be less problematic if valuations were very low, but broadly this is not the case in the US and in some sectors of the ALSI. As such, the Fund maintains its offshore positioning close to the maximum limit, with an underweight to the US. Within the local component, the Fund's largest equity positions are rand hedges and select domestically focused companies that we believe can grow earnings, even in a tougher macroeconomic environment.

We define risk as the probability of permanent capital loss, rather than failure to track a benchmark. This philosophy often leads the Fund to be more conservatively positioned. As a result, the Fund does well to keep up when overall markets are strong. However, most of the Fund's outperformance is derived when markets are weak, leading to superior risk-adjusted returns through the cycle. A strong recovery in equity prices from here should see the Fund generate strong absolute returns, though likely below the benchmark return. However, a further sell-off in markets should see capital better protected, with strong relative returns as an added benefit. We believe such positioning is prudent given the heightened uncertainty.

During the quarter, the Fund added to its positions in Dis-Chem and Mr Price and reduced its holdings in Sasol and the gold miners.

**Commentary contributed by Jithen Pillay**

**Fund manager quarterly  
commentary as at  
31 March 2026**

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#### 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. For more information about our annual management fees, refer to the [frequently asked questions](#), available via the Allan Gray website.

#### 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).

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The Fund invests in foreign securities. Depending on their markets, trading in those securities may carry risks relating to, among others, macroeconomic and political circumstances, constraints on liquidity or the repatriation of funds, foreign exchange rate fluctuations, taxation and trade settlement.

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**Fund description and summary of investment policy**

The Fund invests in a mix of shares, bonds, property, commodities and cash. The Fund can invest a maximum of 45% offshore. 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 unit trust that complies with retirement fund investment limits
- Typically have an investment horizon of more than three years

**Meeting the Fund objective**

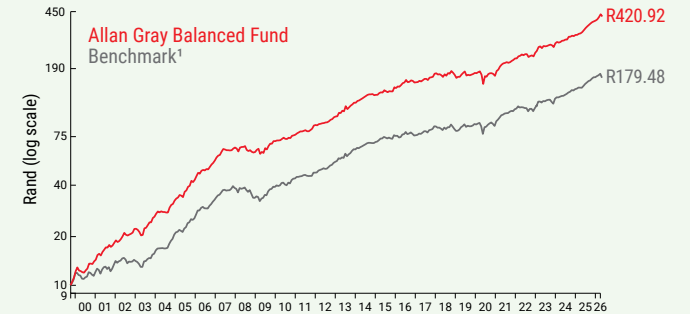
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**Fund information on 31 March 2026**

Fund size	R253.2bn
Number of units	621 358 762
Price (net asset value per unit)	R198.13
Class	A

**Performance net of all fees and expenses**

Value of R10 invested at inception with all distributions reinvested



1. 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 March 2026. From inception to 31 January 2013 the benchmark was the market value-weighted average return of the funds in both the Domestic Asset Allocation Medium Equity and Domestic Asset Allocation Variable Equity sectors of the previous ASISA Fund Classification Standard, excluding the Allan Gray Balanced Fund. Source: Morningstar.
2. This data reflects the latest available headline CPI inflation numbers as at 28 February 2026 (source: Iress).
3. 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.
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% Returns	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	CPI inflation <sup>2</sup>
<b>Cumulative:</b>			
Since inception (1 October 1999)	4109.2	1694.8	297.7
<b>Annualised:</b>			
Since inception (1 October 1999)	15.2	11.5	5.4
Latest 10 years	9.7	8.2	4.6
Latest 5 years	13.9	10.8	4.9
Latest 3 years	15.8	12.2	3.9
Latest 2 years	18.4	13.5	3.1
Latest 1 year	24.3	15.0	3.0
Year-to-date (not annualised)	4.1	-2.2	0.8
<b>Risk measures (since inception)</b>			
Maximum drawdown <sup>3</sup>	-25.4	-23.3	n/a
Percentage positive months <sup>4</sup>	71.1	68.6	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility <sup>5</sup>	9.1	9.1	n/a
Highest annual return <sup>6</sup>	46.1	41.9	n/a
Lowest annual return <sup>6</sup>	-14.2	-16.7	n/a

**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.	<b>30 Jun 2025</b>	<b>31 Dec 2025</b>
<b>Cents per unit</b>	<b>215.1332</b>	<b>194.8429</b>

**Annual management fee**

Allan Gray charges a fee based on the net asset value of the Fund excluding the portion invested in Orbis funds. The fee rate is calculated daily by comparing the Fund's total performance over the last two years, to that of the benchmark.

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

For each percentage of two-year performance above or below the benchmark we add or deduct 0.10%, subject to the following limits:

**Maximum fee:** 1.50% p.a. excl. VAT

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AngloGold Ashanti	3.0
British American Tobacco	2.5
Standard Bank	2.3
Nedbank	1.8
Sasol	1.7
Remgro	1.5
The Walt Disney Company	1.5
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>25.2</b>

**Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs for periods ending 31 March 2026** (updated quarterly)

1- and 3-year TER and transaction costs breakdown	1yr %	3yr %
<b>Total expense ratio</b>	<b>1.69</b>	<b>1.64</b>
Fee for benchmark performance	1.02	1.02
Performance fees	0.50	0.44
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.04	0.04
VAT	0.14	0.14
<b>Transaction costs (including VAT)</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.06</b>
<b>Total investment charge</b>	<b>1.76</b>	<b>1.70</b>

**Asset allocation on 31 March 2026<sup>7</sup>**

Asset class	Total	South Africa	Foreign
Net equities	67.3	40.2	27.1
Hedged equities	7.8	1.8	5.9
Property	1.1	0.1	1.0
Commodity-linked	2.7	2.3	0.4
Bonds	15.1	9.7	5.4
Money market and cash <sup>8</sup>	6.0	4.0	2.0
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>41.8<sup>9</sup></b>

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

8. Includes the impact of any currency hedging.

9. The Fund can invest a maximum of 45% offshore. Market movements may periodically cause the Fund to move beyond these limits. This must be corrected within 12 months.

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

Minimum	49.3% (February 2000)
Average	63.4%
Maximum	72.9% (May 2021)

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

With the US and Israel launching a joint military operation against Iran on 28 February, the first quarter of 2026 was characterised by heightened geopolitical risk, sharp moves in commodity and equity markets, and continued divergence across asset classes. Against this backdrop, the Fund delivered a pleasing return of 4.1% for the quarter, outperforming its benchmark by 6.4%. Commodity-linked equity exposure and asset allocation decisions played a key role in this relative performance.

Commodity prices and related equity market volatility were key drivers of returns during the quarter, with performance diverging meaningfully across sectors:

- **Gold:** The precious metal was highly volatile. It started the year at around US\$4 300 per ounce, rallied to a record high above US\$5 400 per ounce in late January, and then declined sharply in March as rising real yields and a stronger US dollar offset its safe-haven appeal. From peak to quarter end, the price of gold fell approximately 16% to US\$4 554 per ounce, ending the quarter slightly above where it began. JSE-listed gold shares showed similar price movements.
- **Platinum:** Similar to gold, at the beginning of the year, platinum continued the strength seen in much of 2025, rising from US\$2 226 per ounce to over US\$2 800 per ounce in late January. It then fell sharply to US\$1 908 per ounce, ending the quarter lower than it began.
- **Oil:** In sharp contrast to the precious metals sector, oil staged a substantial rally in March as the escalation of the US-Israeli war with Iran disrupted supply. This raised concerns around the risks of a prolonged closure of the Strait of Hormuz and the implications for energy markets and related commodities. Having begun the year trading at US\$61 per barrel, Brent crude oil ended the quarter at over US\$100 per barrel.

Throughout much of last year and the early part of this year, we trimmed our gold and platinum group metals equity exposure into strength. As such, while we build the portfolio from the bottom up and remain benchmark agnostic, our underweight positioning in precious metal equities benefited our domestic equity returns, particularly in March. Similarly, our overweight positions in Glencore, Thungela and Sasol benefited from the rally in oil and energy-related commodity prices. After being out of favour with the market for much of the last decade, Sasol was particularly strong, rallying over 100% during the quarter.

Given the importance of oil to the global economy, disruptions to energy supply have widespread implications for global growth, inflation and interest rates. Financial markets have broadly reacted negatively, with global equities declining

and volatility intensifying. Rising inflation and interest rate expectations have also seen bond markets sell off.

For example, the South African 10-year government bond fell sharply, with the yield moving from just over 8% at the start of March to 9.6% at the end of the quarter. This is equivalent to a price decline of roughly 8.8%. Recent volatility masks what has, however, been a favourable market for bond investors in South Africa. Over one year, on the back of improving domestic sentiment, declining inflation and South Africa's removal from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) grey list, the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index has returned 19.2%. Thus, despite the March sell-off, owning South African bonds has been a good investment.

A notable divergence has, however, arisen between the performance of domestic bonds and domestically focused "SA Inc." equities. In contrast to domestic bonds, sentiment towards SA Inc. equities, particularly consumer-facing names, turned negative in 2025. This negativity has carried through into 2026, as constrained household income growth and weak consumer confidence have weighed on sales and earnings growth. Since the start of 2025, the share prices of Mr Price, Truworths, TFG and Spar are all down by over 45%. Even historic market darling Clicks has come under pressure, falling 22% over this period. After being materially underweight these shares for some time, we have been selectively buying them over the past few months, as we believe the share prices are now discounting a rather dire future.

Offshore, the Fund's meaningful allocation to Orbis funds has continued to drive positive relative performance. In particular, we have benefited from being underweight an expensive US market and holding a basket of idiosyncratic, diversified equities and bonds that look very different to the average manager. The common thread across these assets is their individual attractiveness. Over time, this exposure remains a key driver of long-term returns and risk management.

The first quarter of 2026 highlighted the importance of diversification in an environment marked by geopolitical shocks and commodity volatility. The Fund remains focused on long-term value creation through disciplined asset allocation and security selection. We continue to position the portfolio to withstand a range of outcomes, recognising that periods of uncertainty often present the best opportunities for the patient investor.

During the quarter, the Fund added to its positions in Truworths and Dis-Chem and reduced its holdings in Sasol and Gold Fields.

**Commentary contributed by Rory Kutisker-Jacobson**

## Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 31 March 2026

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**Fund description and summary of investment policy**

The Fund invests in a mix of shares, bonds, property, commodities and cash. The Fund can invest a maximum of 45% offshore. 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 40%. The Fund's net equity exposure may be reduced from time to time using exchange-traded derivative contracts on stock market indices. 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 or a balanced fund.

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

**Fund objective and benchmark**

The Fund 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 Fund's benchmark is the daily interest rate, as supplied by FirstRand Bank Limited, plus 2%.

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

A major portion of the Fund is typically invested in money market instruments. We seek to deploy the Fund'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 Fund's stock market exposure in consideration of the Fund's capital preservation objectives. The Fund may also invest in bonds, property and commodities. The Fund's bond and money market investments are actively managed.

**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 unit trust that complies with retirement fund investment limits

**Meeting the Fund objective**

Since inception and over the latest 10- and five-year periods, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark. The Fund has provided returns in excess of CPI inflation for all three periods. The Fund aims to minimise the risk of loss over any two-year period.

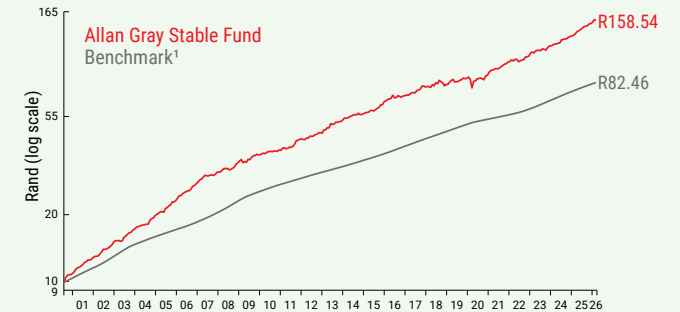
**Fund information on 31 March 2026**

Fund size	R62.4bn
Number of units	584 165 453
Price (net asset value per unit)	R53.31
Class	A

- The Fund's benchmark is the daily interest rate, as supplied by FirstRand Bank, plus 2%, performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 March 2026.
- This data reflects the latest available headline CPI inflation numbers as at 28 February 2026 (source: Iress).
- Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum drawdown occurred from 20 January 2020 to 23 March 2020. Drawdown is calculated on the total return of the Fund (i.e. including income).
- 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.
- 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 30 April 2006 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 30 June 2003. The Fund's lowest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 31 March 2020 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 31 August 2021. 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 <sup>1</sup>	CPI inflation <sup>2</sup>
<b>Cumulative:</b>			
Since inception (1 July 2000)	1485.4	724.6	277.5
<b>Annualised:</b>			
Since inception (1 July 2000)	11.3	8.5	5.3
Latest 10 years	8.7	7.6	4.6
Latest 5 years	11.1	7.8	4.9
Latest 3 years	12.1	9.1	3.9
Latest 2 years	13.3	8.9	3.1
Latest 1 year	15.1	8.4	3.0
Year-to-date (not annualised)	3.5	1.9	0.8
<b>Risk measures (since inception)</b>			
Maximum drawdown <sup>3</sup>	-16.7	n/a	n/a
Percentage positive months <sup>4</sup>	79.0	100.0	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility <sup>5</sup>	5.0	0.6	n/a
Highest annual return <sup>6</sup>	23.3	14.6	n/a
Lowest annual return <sup>6</sup>	-7.4	4.6	n/a

**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 quarterly.	30 Jun 2025	30 Sep 2025	31 Dec 2025	31 Mar 2026
<b>Cents per unit</b>	<b>51.5956</b>	<b>43.8841</b>	<b>37.7568</b>	<b>37.5429</b>

**Annual management fee**

Allan Gray charges a fee based on the net asset value of the Fund excluding the portion invested in Orbis funds. The fee rate is calculated daily by comparing the Fund's total performance over the last two years, to that of the benchmark. If the Fund's return over two years is equal to or less than 0%, Allan Gray will not charge a fee.

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

For each percentage of two-year performance above or below the benchmark we add or deduct 0.10%, subject to the following limits:

**Maximum fee:** 1.50% p.a. excl. VAT

**Minimum fee:** 0.50% p.a. excl. VAT

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

A portion of the Fund 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 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 March 2026 (SA and Foreign)**  
(updated quarterly)<sup>7</sup>

Company	% of portfolio
AB InBev	2.8
Sasol	2.1
AngloGold Ashanti	1.8
British American Tobacco	1.7
Standard Bank	1.2
Woolworths	1.2
Remgro	1.2
Richemont	1.0
Glencore	1.0
Shoprite	0.9
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>14.9</b>

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

**Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs for periods ending 31 March 2026** (updated quarterly)

1- and 3-year TER and transaction costs breakdown	1yr %	3yr %
<b>Total expense ratio</b>	<b>1.76</b>	<b>1.61</b>
Fee for benchmark performance	1.01	1.01
Performance fees	0.55	0.41
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.03	0.03
VAT	0.17	0.16
<b>Transaction costs (including VAT)</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.04</b>
<b>Total investment charge</b>	<b>1.81</b>	<b>1.65</b>

**Top debt issuers on 31 March 2026 (SA and Foreign)**  
(updated quarterly)<sup>7,8</sup>

Issuer	% of portfolio
Republic of South Africa	18.9
Standard Bank	7.0
FirstRand	4.4
Absa	3.2
Investec	3.0
United States Treasury	1.5
Nedbank	1.4
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>39.4</b>

8. Exposures representing 1% or more of the portfolio.

**Asset allocation on 31 March 2026**

Asset class	Total	South Africa	Foreign
Net equities	30.0	15.8	14.2
Hedged equities	18.9	8.8	10.1
Property	0.8	0.0	0.8
Commodity-linked	1.9	1.5	0.3
Bonds	35.8	28.7	7.1
Money market and cash <sup>9</sup>	12.6	9.5	3.2
<b>Total (%)</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>64.3</b>	<b>35.7<sup>10</sup></b>

9. Includes the impact of any currency hedging.

10. The Fund can invest a maximum of 45% offshore. Market movements may periodically cause the Fund to move beyond these limits. This must be corrected within 12 months.

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

Minimum	12.4% (January 2010)
Average	26.4%
Maximum	39.6% (December 2018)

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

The quarter began on an optimistic note, with both local and global markets extending last year's gains. That changed abruptly in March as the US-Israeli war with Iran escalated, and investors weighed the risk of a more persistent energy shock and lower global growth. On home soil, the South African Reserve Bank kept the repo rate unchanged at 6.75% in March. If oil prices remain above US\$100 per barrel, absent lasting government relief, this would add at least 1% to South Africa's inflation rate – likely more after accounting for knock-on effects.

Locally and globally, there has been a clear shift in sentiment over the quarter. The FTSE/JSE All Share Index ended the quarter 0.6% down, having been up 11% at its intra-quarter high. Similarly, the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index fell 3.4% after trading materially stronger earlier in the period. Against this backdrop, the Fund returned 3.5% for the quarter and remained ahead of its benchmark. While we do not place much weight on short-term relative performance, it is encouraging that the Fund was able to preserve capital and deliver a positive absolute return in a quarter when local equities, local bonds and global equities declined.

The reversals in March are a reminder that markets can move quickly from pricing a benign combination of lower inflation and easier policy to pricing supply shocks and heightened geopolitical risk. For a fund with capital stability as a core objective, valuation and downside risk matter as much as upside participation. At quarter-end, the Fund remained positioned conservatively but with sufficient flexibility to take advantage of dislocations. Net equity exposure was at 30%, comfortably below the Fund's 40% maximum. The Fund has a meaningful allocation to hedged equities, which protect against declines in local and global markets. This was very beneficial during the March market correction. The Fund's fixed income positioning also remains conservative, with relatively low duration and a large holding of cash and near-cash instruments. Having liquidity readily available gives the Fund valuable flexibility to take advantage of opportunities that can arise during periods of heightened market volatility.

It is important to remember that 2025's local equity and bond returns were exceptionally strong. While we would not expect a repeat of these returns, there are still ample opportunities on offer in the local market. Outside of the precious metals sector, which drove market performance in 2025, many SA Inc. shares are, in fact, relatively depressed. South African bond yields

rose during the quarter as investors reassessed the outlook for inflation, growth and domestic monetary policy. Higher bond yields improve prospective returns, but we continue to weigh this up against other opportunities and remain cautious about many of the structural challenges facing South Africa, such as the government's fiscal challenges and slow reforms at state-owned enterprises.

The rand touched levels below R16 to the US dollar during the quarter, its strongest level in nearly four years, as South Africa's trade account benefited from the windfall of last year's significant increase in gold and platinum prices. The level of the Fund's offshore exposure is primarily driven by where we see the most attractive opportunities, rather than taking a directional view on the rand. While we continue to see global markets as relatively expensive, the Fund's offshore holdings are meaningfully differentiated and, pleasingly, have performed well ahead of global indices during the quarter. The Fund's 36% offshore exposure is also an important source of diversification. As seen again this quarter, periods of global market stress often lead to a weakening of the rand. In such scenarios, the offshore allocation serves as a useful ballast, offsetting declines in local market prices. It is important to note that while heightened geopolitical uncertainty clouds the outlook for short-term returns, the Fund remains defensively positioned overall, aiming to both protect value and deliver returns ahead of cash in the medium term.

During the quarter, the Fund added to selected fixed rate South African government bonds as yields increased. On the equity side, we increased the Fund's exposure to retailers by adding to its existing position in Mr Price and initiating a new position in Truworths. We reduced the Fund's holdings in Sasol and the gold miners.

**Commentary contributed by Tim Acker**

**Fund manager quarterly  
commentary as at  
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### Fund description and summary of investment policy

The Fund invests in a mix of South African interest-bearing securities. These securities can be issued by government, parastatals, corporates and banks. The Fund's weighted average modified duration is limited to a maximum of two. Returns are likely to be less volatile than those of traditional income and bond funds, but more volatile than those of money market funds. The Fund is managed to comply with the investment limits governing retirement funds.

ASISA unit trust category: South African – Interest Bearing – Short Term

### Fund objective and benchmark

The Fund aims to generate returns higher than bank deposits and traditional money market funds, while maintaining capital stability and low volatility. The Fund's benchmark is the Alexforbes Short Term Fixed Interest (STeFI) Composite Index.

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

The Fund invests in select South African interest-bearing securities providing an income yield and a high degree of capital stability. We formulate an interest rate outlook, which is influenced by our inflation outlook and expectations of the resulting Reserve Bank policy response. Based on this analysis, we select securities for the Fund. These will primarily be floating-rate notes, money market instruments and fixed interest paper with a low duration. We take a conservative approach to credit risk, liquidity risk and duration risk.

### Suitable for those investors who

- Are risk-averse but seek returns higher than bank deposits and traditional money market funds
- Need a short-term investment account
- Seek a domestic-only interest-bearing 'building block'
- Require monthly income distributions

### Meeting the Fund objective

Since inception, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark and provided returns in excess of CPI inflation. The Fund aims to minimise risk by maintaining capital stability and low volatility.

### Fund information on 31 March 2026

Fund size	R3.4bn
Number of units	173 730 766
Price (net asset value per unit)	R10.42
Modified duration	0.9
Gross yield (i.e. before fees)	8.1
Net yield (i.e. after fees)	7.3
Fund weighted average maturity (years)	4.6
Class	A

- The Fund's benchmark is the Alexforbes Short Term Fixed Interest (STeFI) Composite Index. Performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 March 2026. Source: Bloomberg.
- This data reflects the latest available headline CPI inflation numbers as at 28 February 2026 (source: Iress).
- Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum drawdown occurred from 7 October 2024 to 8 October 2024. Drawdown is calculated on the total return of the Fund (i.e. including income).
- 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.
- 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 28 February 2026 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 30 April 2025. The Fund's lowest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 30 April 2025 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 31 March 2026. All rolling 12-month figures for the Fund and the benchmark are available from our Client Service Centre on request

### Income distributions for the last 12 months

Actual payout (cents per unit), the Fund distributes monthly

30 Apr 2025	31 May 2025	30 Jun 2025	31 Jul 2025
6.90	6.93	7.07	7.00
31 Aug 2025	30 Sep 2025	31 Oct 2025	30 Nov 2025
6.49	7.12	6.83	6.15
31 Dec 2025	31 Jan 2026	28 Feb 2026	31 Mar 2026
7.18	6.47	5.90	6.69

### Performance net of all fees and expenses

% Returns	Fund	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	CPI inflation <sup>2</sup>
<b>Cumulative:</b>			
Since inception (1 May 2024)	21.1	15.4	5.1
<b>Annualised:</b>			
Since inception (1 May 2024)	10.5	7.8	2.8
Latest 1 year	10.6	7.3	3.0
Year-to-date (not annualised)	1.2	1.7	0.8
<b>Risk measures (since inception)</b>			
Maximum drawdown <sup>3</sup>	-1.2	n/a	n/a
Percentage positive months <sup>4</sup>	95.7	100.0	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility <sup>5</sup>	1.1	0.2	n/a
Highest annual return <sup>6</sup>	11.7	8.2	n/a
Lowest annual return <sup>6</sup>	10.5	7.3	n/a

**Annual management fee**

A fixed fee of 0.65% p.a. excl. VAT

**Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs**

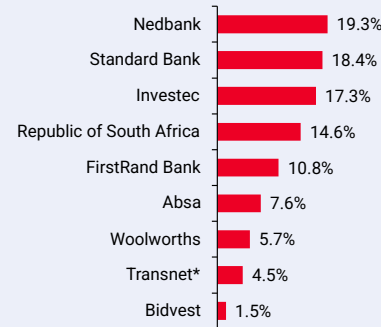
The annual management fee is included in the TER. The TER is the percentage of the value of the Fund that was incurred as expenses relating to the administration of the Fund, annualised over the relevant periods. Since Fund returns are quoted after deduction of these expenses, the TER should not be deducted from the published returns (refer to page 4 for further information). Transaction costs are disclosed separately and are the percentage of the value of the Fund that was incurred as costs relating to the buying and selling of the assets underlying the Fund. The TER and transaction costs are based on actual data, where available, and best estimates. The total investment charge (TIC) is the sum of the TER and transaction costs.

**Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs for periods ending 31 March 2026** (updated quarterly)

1- and 3-year TER and transaction costs breakdown	1yr %	3yr % <sup>7</sup>
<b>Total expense ratio</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.75</b>
Fee for benchmark performance	0.65	0.65
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.01	0.01
VAT	0.10	0.10
<b>Transaction costs (including VAT)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total investment charge</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.75</b>

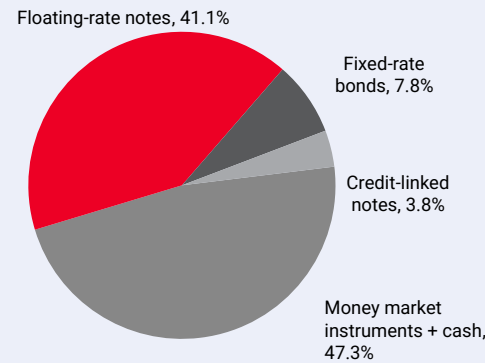
7. Based on since-inception data, as the Fund does not yet have a 3-year history.

**Top credit exposures on 31 March 2026**

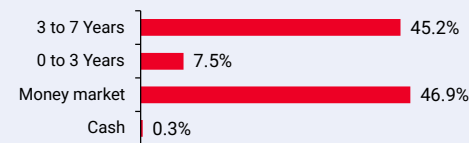


\*RSA government guaranteed

**Asset allocation on 31 March 2026**



**Maturity profile on 31 March 2026**



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

There are months where nothing happens in the markets, and there are weeks where decades happen. In the last month, it has felt decisively like the latter. Since the US-Israeli war with Iran broke out, we have seen the market move violently on a single headline as traders try to make sense of where energy prices and asset valuations are headed.

The war-related damage to the Gulf's oil and gas facilities is expected to disrupt global supply chains for several years. Dislocations are already emerging across supply chains. While the so-called paper market for oil, which involves the forward settlement of financial contracts, has seen Brent crude futures surge by more than 60% since the start of the war, oil prices have increased by more than 100% in some Middle Eastern physical markets. In turn, the impact on refined fuel prices (petrol and diesel) is being further amplified by refining and transportation costs, which have soared as key Middle Eastern refining capacity goes offline. Fuel rationing is being implemented in parts of Asia that rely heavily on the Middle East for refined fuel imports.

As a large importer of oil and owing to its reliance on the Gulf for more than 60% of its refined petrol and diesel imports, South Africa is in an increasingly vulnerable position the longer the war drags on. Unsurprisingly, the onset of the war has led to sharp drawdowns in South African assets, with the FTSE/JSE All Share Index down 10.5%, the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index down 6.8%, and the rand weakening by 6.3% against the US dollar. Over the past two years, South African assets have delivered double-digit returns. However, this war is eroding those tailwinds on multiple fronts. While higher gold and platinum group metal prices underpinned much of the equity market's returns in 2025 and early 2026, these prices have since fallen significantly from their late-January peaks. As an industrial metal used in automotive parts, platinum prices tend to fall during recessions as industrial activity decreases.

Gold has historically provided an excellent hedge against war and inflation, but this time around, it is behaving very differently. In part, this reflects the fact that emerging market central banks, among the large buyers of gold that underpinned its rally, are seeing their reserves weaken materially due to higher oil import bills. In some instances, there are even early signs of gold-selling among these parties. The great irony of this behavioural change is that emerging

market central banks initially began altering their reserve mix to hold more gold precisely because US Treasuries failed to provide an adequate hedge against oil and inflation at the start of the Russia-Ukraine war in 2022. On the contrary, US Treasuries suffered steep losses in market value throughout 2022, which heightened the oil-induced erosion of reserves.

This move in commodities not only detracts from South African mining shares but also erodes the government's ability to collect corporate income tax going forward, which, in turn, is negative for South Africa's bond pricing. Local bonds have also derated alongside a sharp spike in inflationary expectations. The market now prices for 100 basis points (bps) worth of rate hikes for the remainder of the year, sitting in stark contrast to the 50 to 75 bps worth of rate cuts that were being pencilled in before the US-Israeli war with Iran began, and as the South African Reserve Bank executed on its rates recalibration exercise under the revised 3% inflation target.

How and when this war ends, or whether the ceasefire holds, is unclear, but it remains a critical question for energy markets and the global economy in order to limit the inflationary and recessionary fallout that is already looming.

Early in the quarter, the Fund took profit on its credit-linked note positions and reduced fixed rate bond exposure, as it sought to lock in some of the strong capital gains generated over the past year. From a modified duration high of 1.3 last year, the Fund lowered its modified duration to an intra-month low of 0.8. Post the breakout of the US-Israeli war with Iran, the Fund has marginally added to short-dated fixed rate bonds at yields as high as 8.5%. This accounts for an aggressive rate-hiking cycle but maintains the Fund's conservative positioning. While the Fund's returns for the quarter fell, its future prospects for returns are also higher due to the elevated yields that it has added to risk at.

Commentary contributed by Thalia Petousis

**Fund manager quarterly  
commentary as at  
31 March 2026**

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