

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

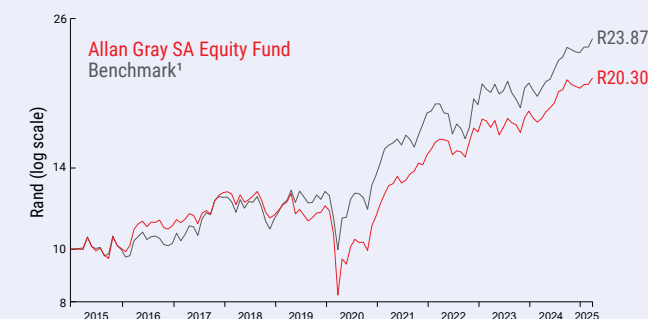
Fund information on 31 March 2025

Fund size	R4.2bn
Number of units	1 066 131
Price (net asset value per unit)	R493.78
Class	A

1. FTSE/JSE All Share Index including income (source: IRESS), performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 March 2025.
2. CPI inflation has been calculated based on the most recent rebased values from Stats SA, reflecting the data as at 28 February 2025 (source: IRESS).
3. Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum drawdown for the Fund occurred from 25 January 2018 to 23 March 2020 and maximum benchmark drawdown occurred from 17 January 2020 to 19 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.
5. The standard deviation of 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 of the Fund. 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. 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 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	Benchmark¹	CPI inflation²
Cumulative:			
Since inception (13 March 2015)	103.0	138.7	63.2
Annualised:			
Since inception (13 March 2015)	7.3	9.0	5.0
Latest 10 years	7.3	9.0	5.0
Latest 5 years	19.7	19.1	4.8
Latest 3 years	8.8	9.4	5.2
Latest 2 years	10.7	11.7	4.4
Latest 1 year	18.3	22.9	3.2
Year-to-date (not annualised)	4.3	5.9	1.3
Risk measures (since inception)			
Maximum drawdown³	-44.3	-35.2	n/a
Percentage positive months⁴	58.7	56.2	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility⁵	14.2	14.3	n/a
Highest annual return⁶	57.3	54.0	n/a
Lowest annual return⁶	-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](#).

Meeting the Fund objective

The Fund aims to outperform the South African equity market over the long term, without taking on greater risk. The Fund experiences periods of underperformance in pursuit of this objective. Since inception and over the latest 10-year period, the Fund has underperformed its benchmark. Over the latest five-year period, the Fund has outperformed 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 2024	31 Dec 2024
Cents per unit	1187.0242	799.5876

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 0.2%. The maximum fee is uncapped and if the fee would have been negative, 0% 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 March 2025 (updated quarterly)

Company	% of portfolio
Naspers & Prosus	10.0
AB InBev	8.5
British American Tobacco	7.2
Standard Bank	5.2
Mondi	4.0
Nedbank	3.9
AngloGold Ashanti	3.7
FirstRand	3.6
Woolworths	3.2
Glencore	3.1
Total (%)	52.3

Sector allocation on 31 March 2025 (updated quarterly)

Sector	% of equities ⁷	% of ALSI ⁸
Financials	26.6	28.6
Consumer staples	21.9	11.6
Basic materials	20.9	22.2
Technology	10.4	15.4
Consumer discretionary	8.3	7.0
Industrials	5.6	3.1
Energy	2.2	0.7
Telecommunications	1.7	5.0
Healthcare	1.6	1.5
Real estate	0.8	4.7
Total (%)	100.0	100.0

7. Includes listed property.

8. FTSE/JSE All Share Index.

Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs (updated quarterly)

TER and transaction costs breakdown for the 1- and 3-year period ending 31 March 2025	1yr %	3yr %
Total expense ratio	0.23	0.90
Fee for benchmark performance	1.00	1.00
Performance fees	-0.81	-0.23
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.01	0.01
VAT	0.03	0.12
Transaction costs (including VAT)	0.10	0.10
Total investment charge	0.33	1.00

Asset allocation on 31 March 2025

Asset class	Total
Net equity	95.3
Hedged equity	0.0
Property	0.8
Commodity-linked	0.8
Bonds	0.0
Money market and cash	3.2
Total (%)	100.0

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

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

The Fund returned 4.3% for the quarter, underperforming its benchmark by 1.6%. Performance was driven by some of the larger multinational “rand-hedge” shares, such as AB InBev and British American Tobacco. This is a reversal of one of the dominant trends of 2024: Following the national elections and the formation of the government of national unity (GNU) in June 2024, domestically focused “SA Inc” shares strongly outperformed rand-hedge shares. In response, the Fund reduced its exposure to SA Inc names in the second half of 2024 and increased holdings in rand hedges like AB InBev. Favouring rand-hedge shares detracted from performance last year but has supported performance in the most recent quarter.

The formation of the GNU in June 2024 sparked a wave of optimism about South Africa’s future, both locally and abroad. Some of this was driven by hopes of political reform and economic recovery, but it also reflected relative appeal – many emerging markets were in deeper turmoil, making South Africa look comparatively stable. While we acknowledge encouraging signs, such as improvements at Eskom, our research suggests that broader progress has been limited. State-owned enterprises continue to face deep structural issues,

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

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

During the quarter, the Fund purchased AB InBev and Glencore, and sold British American Tobacco and Sibanye-Stillwater.

Commentary contributed by Tim Acker

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

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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).

FTSE/JSE All Share Index, FTSE/JSE Financials Index, FTSE/JSE Capped Shareholder Weighted All Share Index and FTSE/JSE Mid Cap Index

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Fund description and summary of investment policy

The Fund invests mainly in selected shares and it uses exchange-traded derivative contracts on stock market indices to substantially reduce its net equity exposure to within a range of 0-20%. As a result, the Fund's return depends on the level of short-term interest rates (implicit in the pricing of the sold futures contracts) and the performance of the Fund's selected shares relative to the stock market index. The Fund's return is therefore unlikely to be correlated with equity market returns. In addition, a portion of the Fund is typically invested in cash and margin deposits.

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

Fund objective and benchmark

The Fund aims to provide investors with long-term positive returns higher than those available in the money market sector, irrespective of stock market returns. The Fund's benchmark is the daily interest rate as supplied by FirstRand Bank Limited.

How we aim to achieve the Fund's objective

The Fund invests in selected shares and seeks to substantially reduce stock market risk by selling exchange-traded equity index derivatives. The selected share portfolio is derived from our thorough research process, but the selection of equities in this Fund may differ from that in the other Allan Gray funds. The deviation of the Fund's selected share portfolio from the composition of the underlying benchmark indices (on which the derivative contracts are based) is restricted and closely monitored. This does not eliminate the risk of capital loss should the selected equities underperform.

Suitable for those investors who

- Seek absolute (i.e. positive) returns regardless of stock market trends
- Require a high degree of capital stability over a 3-year time horizon
- Wish to invest in a product that offers uncorrelated returns relative to shares or bonds as a 'building block' in a diversified multi-asset class portfolio

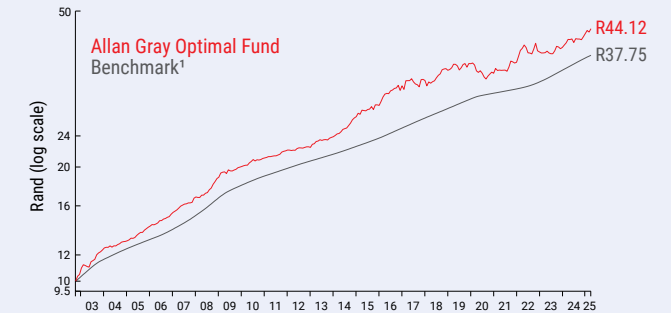
Fund information on 31 March 2025

Fund size	R0.8bn
Number of units	22 207 453
Price (net asset value per unit)	R24.37
Class	A

1. The Fund's benchmark is the daily interest rate, as supplied by FirstRand Bank, performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 March 2025.
2. CPI inflation has been calculated based on the most recent rebased values from Stats SA, reflecting the data as at 28 February 2025 (source: IRESS).
3. Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum drawdown occurred from 6 February 2020 to 15 September 2020. Drawdown is calculated on the total return of the Fund (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 2003 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 30 September 2003. The Fund's lowest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 31 August 2020 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 30 November 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 ¹	CPI inflation ²
Cumulative:			
Since inception (1 October 2002)	341.2	277.5	210.4
Annualised:			
Since inception (1 October 2002)	6.8	6.1	5.2
Latest 10 years	4.9	5.4	5.0
Latest 5 years	5.1	5.0	4.8
Latest 3 years	3.9	6.6	5.2
Latest 2 years	7.3	7.3	4.4
Latest 1 year	6.5	7.2	3.2
Year-to-date (not annualised)	3.0	1.6	1.3
Risk measures (since inception)			
Maximum drawdown ³	-10.2	n/a	n/a
Percentage positive months ⁴	72.6	100.0	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility ⁵	4.4	0.6	n/a
Highest annual return ⁶	18.1	11.9	n/a
Lowest annual return ⁶	-8.2	2.5	n/a

Meeting the Fund objective

Since inception and over the latest five-year period, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark. Over the latest 10-year period, the Fund has underperformed its benchmark, which is the daily interest rate supplied by FirstRand Bank Limited. The Fund aims to deliver long-term positive returns, irrespective of stock market returns.

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 2024	31 Dec 2024
Cents per unit	59.0784	37.8455

Annual management fee

The fee rate is calculated daily by comparing the Fund's total performance to that of the benchmark.

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

The Fund is first required to recover any underperformance before a fee higher than the fee for performance equal to the benchmark can be charged. This is known as a high watermark. If the Fund's performance is above its previous high watermark, we add 0.2% to the fee for each percentage of performance above the high watermark. The fee is uncapped.

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 March 2025 (updated quarterly)

Company	% of portfolio
British American Tobacco	8.4
Naspers & Prosus	7.8
AB InBev	7.8
Gold Fields	7.3
AngloGold Ashanti	6.8
FirstRand	4.4
Aspen	3.9
Mondi	3.8
Premier Group	3.5
Sasol	3.0
Total (%)	56.6

Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs (updated quarterly)

TER and transaction costs breakdown for the 1- and 3-year period ending 31 March 2025	1yr %	3yr %
Total expense ratio	1.17	1.17
Fee for benchmark performance	1.00	1.00
Performance fees	0.00	0.00
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.02	0.02
VAT	0.15	0.15
Transaction costs (including VAT)	0.11	0.11
Total investment charge	1.28	1.28

Asset allocation on 31 March 2025

Asset class	Total
Net equities	3.3
Hedged equities	82.8
Property	0.0
Commodity-linked	0.0
Bonds	0.0
Money market and cash	13.9
Total (%)	100.0

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

Minimum	-3.6% ⁷ (September 2016)
Average	4.6%
Maximum	15.4% (November 2018)

7. The negative net equity exposure as at 30 September 2016 is due to the cash acquisition of SABMiller by Anheuser-Busch In-Bev. This was corrected and the Fund had a positive net equity exposure by 4 October 2016.

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

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

Against this backdrop, the Fund returned 3.0% for the quarter, 1.3% ahead of its benchmark. While the recent period has been a welcome boost for local investors, it does not necessarily imply greater returns for the Fund. Rather, it is the performance of the Fund's underlying shares relative to the stock market index together with the level of short-term interest rates that determines the return. Local cash and bonds returned 1.8% and 0.7% respectively.

The Fund's exposure to gold miners has aided performance. Gains for AngloGold Ashanti, Gold Fields and DRDGOLD have been particularly strong, with share prices more than 50% higher year to date – this as the gold price breached US\$3 000 per ounce for the first time and continued to set new highs.

Predominant trends, including diversification away from the US dollar with increased interest in gold as a reserve asset, fears of stagflation in developed economies as growth slows, and political and trade uncertainties, remain more relevant than ever. Despite this, equity investors remain sceptical of the trajectory of the gold price, with valuations of the miners, including those mentioned above, screening as very compelling at the spot price.

It is worthwhile noting that events occurring immediately post quarter end pose a possible threat to wider risk asset returns – namely, the sustainability of South Africa's government of national unity following the conflict-ridden Budget process and the ratcheting up of global trade tensions after Trump's "Liberation Day" tariff announcements. As a reminder, we wrote about the susceptibility of stocks exposed to the domestic economy in our Q4 2024 commentary, given gains had mostly been driven by a sentiment-based upward rerating rather than notable earnings growth following last year's national elections. In our opinion, the Fund's current defensive positioning places it in a decent position to navigate the challenges that may lie ahead.

During the quarter, we added to the Fund's existing Aspen Pharmacare and AB InBev holdings, and we reduced its exposure to Absa and British American Tobacco.

Commentary contributed by Sean Munsie

Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 31 March 2025

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

Fund objective and benchmark

The Bond Fund's goal is to deliver returns that exceed inflation and cash over the long term, without taking on undue risk. The Fund's benchmark is the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index.

How we aim to achieve the Fund's objective

We try to balance credit risk, duration risk and liquidity risk when selecting investments. We target total returns for investors rather than trying to mirror the returns of the FTSE/JSE All Bond Index. When we cannot find value in the bond markets, our portfolio will be weighted towards cash to achieve better returns.

Suitable for those investors who

- Seek a bond 'building block' for a diversified multi-asset class portfolio
- Are looking for returns in excess of those provided by money market or cash investments
- Are prepared to accept more risk of capital depreciation than in a money market or cash investment

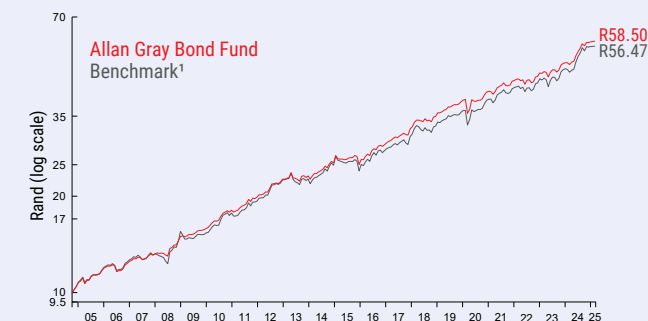
Fund information on 31 March 2025

Fund size	R9.3bn
Number of units	591 604 124
Price (net asset value per unit)	R10.76
Modified duration	4.3
Gross yield (before fees)	10.4
Class	A

1. FTSE/JSE All Bond Index (source: IRESS), performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 March 2025.
2. CPI inflation has been calculated based on the most recent rebased values from Stats SA, reflecting the data as at 28 February 2025 (source: IRESS).
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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 2024 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 30 September 2024. The Fund's lowest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 31 January 2016 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 31 January 2016. 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 October 2004)	485.0	464.7	195.0
Annualised:			
Since inception (1 October 2004)	9.0	8.8	5.4
Latest 10 years	8.6	8.4	5.0
Latest 5 years	10.7	11.7	4.8
Latest 3 years	9.3	9.8	5.2
Latest 2 years	11.3	11.9	4.4
Latest 1 year	17.9	20.2	3.2
Year-to-date (not annualised)	1.0	0.7	1.3
Risk measures (since inception)			
Maximum drawdown ³	-18.9	-19.3	n/a
Percentage positive months ⁴	72.0	68.7	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility ⁵	5.9	7.5	n/a
Highest annual return ⁶	22.0	26.1	n/a
Lowest annual return ⁶	-2.6	-5.6	n/a

Meeting the Fund objective

Since inception and over the latest 10-year period, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark. Over the latest five-year period, the Fund has underperformed its benchmark. The Fund has provided returns in excess of CPI inflation for all three periods. The Fund aims to take no greater risk than its benchmark. 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.

Income distributions for the last 12 months

Actual payout, the Fund distributes quarterly	30 Jun 2024	30 Sep 2024	31 Dec 2024	31 Mar 2025
Cents per unit	27.2485	26.5758	26.1592	25.4437

Annual management fee

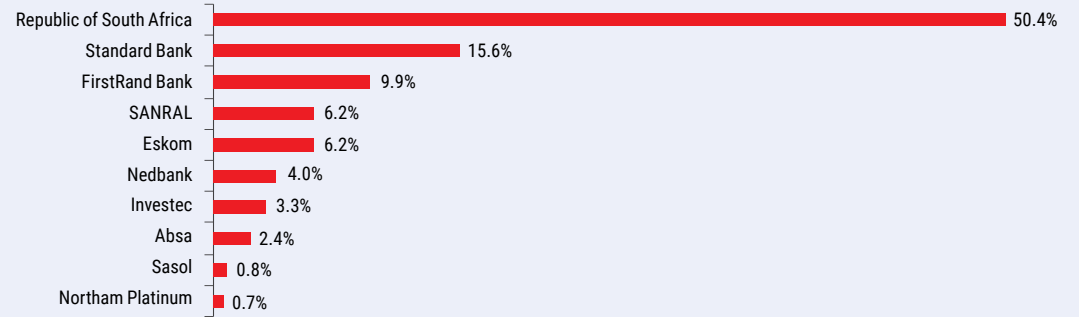
A fixed fee of 0.5% p.a. excl. VAT

Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs (updated quarterly)

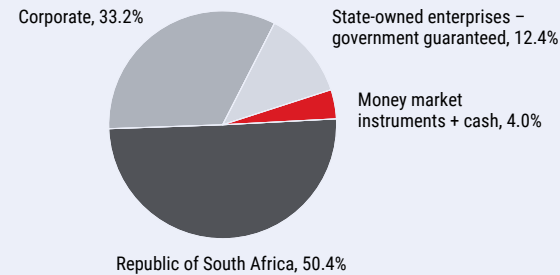
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TER and transaction costs breakdown for the 1- and 3-year period ending 31 March 2025	1yr %	3yr %
Total expense ratio	0.59	0.59
Fee for benchmark performance	0.50	0.50
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.01	0.01
VAT	0.08	0.08
Transaction costs (including VAT)	0.00	0.00
Total investment charge	0.59	0.59

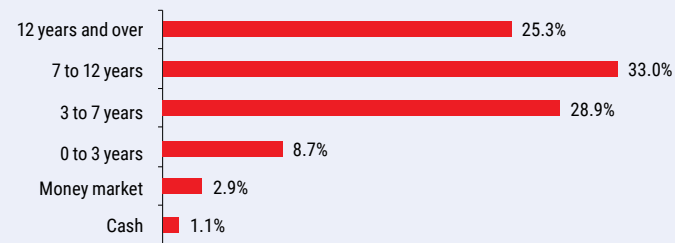
Top 10 credit exposures on 31 March 2025



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In the last quarter, the Fund maintained its low duration relative to peers and reinvested coupons into short-dated RSA nominal bonds as it waited for a larger correction in SA government debt to unfold.

Commentary contributed by Thalia Petousis

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

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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.

Yield

The Allan Gray Bond Fund's gross yield is the estimated weighted average yield-to-maturity of all underlying interest-bearing instruments as at the last day of the month. Actual returns may differ, based on changes in market values, interest rates and market factors during the investment period.

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Compliance with Regulation 28

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Fund description and summary of investment policy

The Fund invests primarily in a mix of South African interest-bearing securities, with limited exposure to offshore interest-bearing securities. Returns are likely to be less volatile than those of a bond-only fund. The Fund is managed to comply with the investment limits governing retirement funds.

ASISA unit trust category: South African – Multi Asset – Income

Fund objective and benchmark

The Fund aims to generate income and produce returns that are superior to traditional money market funds, while preserving capital and minimising the risk of loss over any one- to two-year period. The Fund’s benchmark is the Alexander Forbes Short Term Fixed Interest (STeFI) Composite Index.

How we aim to achieve the Fund’s objective

The Fund invests in a broad range of South African interest-bearing securities, such as floating-rate notes, inflation-linked bonds, fixed-rate instruments and money market securities, with limited exposure to offshore interest-bearing securities. It provides investors with income 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. While the Fund can have limited exposure to equities and property, we expect this to occur infrequently and to typically coincide with unusual or extreme points in the valuation cycle. We take a conservative approach to managing the Fund, balancing credit risk, duration risk and liquidity risk when selecting securities.

Suitable for those investors who

- Are risk-averse and require capital preservation over any one- to two-year period
- Seek returns higher than traditional money market funds
- Seek a unit trust that provides an income
- Seek a prudently managed income ‘building block’
- Wish to invest in a unit trust that complies with retirement fund investment limits

Income distributions for the last 12 months

Actual payout, the Fund distributes quarterly	30 Jun 2024	30 Sep 2024	31 Dec 2024	31 Mar 2025
Cents per unit	13.7849	24.6096	23.6333	22.3434

Fund information on 31 March 2025

Fund size	R1.3bn
Number of units	39 577 492
Price (net asset value per unit)	R10.47
Modified duration	1.1
Gross yield (i.e. before fees)	9.4
Net yield (i.e. after fees)	8.5
Fund weighted average maturity (years)	4.6
Class	A

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4. The percentage of calendar months in which the Fund produced a positive monthly return since inception.

Performance net of all fees and expenses

The Fund was launched on 1 May 2024. The performance graph will be included once the Fund has been in existence for one year.

% Returns	Fund	Benchmark ¹	CPI inflation ²
Cumulative:			
Since inception (1 May 2024)	11.2	7.6	2.1
Annualised:			
Year-to-date (not annualised)	2.0	1.9	1.3
Risk measures (since inception)			
Maximum drawdown ³	-0.9	n/a	n/a
Percentage positive months ⁴	100.0	100.0	n/a

Annual management fee

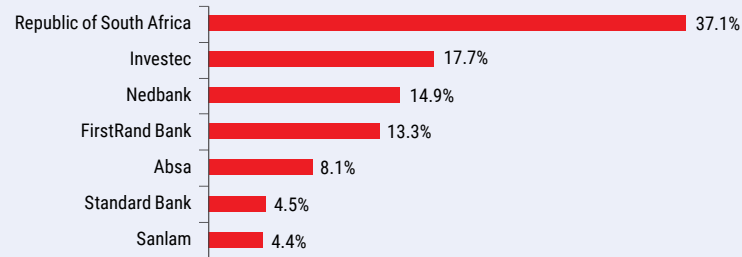
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Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs (updated quarterly)

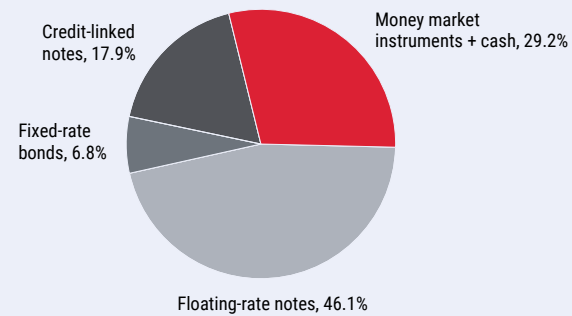
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TER and transaction costs breakdown for the 1-year period ending 31 March 2025	1yr %
Total expense ratio	0.87
Fee for benchmark performance	0.75
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.01
VAT	0.11
Transaction costs (including VAT)	0.00
Total investment charge	0.87

Top credit exposures on 31 March 2025

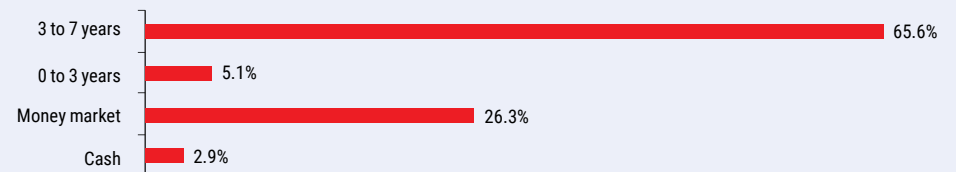


Asset allocation on 31 March 2025⁵



5. Foreign exposure on 31 March 2025: 0.0% is invested in foreign investments.

Maturity profile on 31 March 2025



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Commentary contributed by Thalia Petousis

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

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Yield

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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

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Fund description and summary of investment policy

The Fund invests in South African money market instruments with a term shorter than 13 months. These instruments can be issued by government, parastatals, corporates and banks. The Fund is managed to comply with regulations governing retirement funds.

While capital losses are unlikely, they can occur if, for example, one of the issuers of an instrument held by the Fund defaults. In this event losses will be borne by the Fund and its investors.

ASISA unit trust category: South African – Interest Bearing – SA Money Market

Fund objective and benchmark

The Fund aims to preserve capital, maintain liquidity and generate a sound level of income. The Fund's benchmark is the Alexander Forbes Short Term Fixed Interest (STeFI) 3-month Index.

How we aim to achieve the Fund's objective

The Fund invests in selected money market instruments 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 investments for the Fund. These assets are typically held to maturity. We take a conservative approach to credit risk.

Suitable for those investors who

- Require monthly income distributions
- Are highly risk-averse but seek returns higher than bank deposits
- Need a short-term investment account

Fund information on 31 March 2025

Fund size	R28.4bn
Number of units	25 408 398 869
Price (net asset value per unit)	R1.00
Monthly yield at month end	0.67
Fund weighted average coupon (days)	85.94
Fund weighted average maturity (days)	111.45
Class	A

1. The current benchmark is the Alexander Forbes Short Term Fixed Interest (STeFI) 3-month Index. From inception to 31 March 2003, the benchmark was the Alexander Forbes 3-Month Deposit Index. From 1 April 2003 to 31 October 2011, the benchmark was the Domestic Fixed Interest Money Market Collective Investment Scheme sector excluding the Allan Gray Money Market Fund. From 1 November 2011 to 19 August 2024, the benchmark was the Alexander Forbes Short Term Fixed Interest (STeFI) Composite Index. Performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 March 2025 Source: Bloomberg.
2. CPI inflation has been calculated based on the most recent rebased values from Stats SA, reflecting the data as at 28 February 2025 (source: IRESS).
3. The percentage of calendar months in which the Fund produced a positive monthly return since inception.
4. 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.
5. 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 July 2003 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 31 July 2003. The Fund's lowest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 31 October 2021 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 31 October 2021. All rolling 12-month figures for the Fund and the benchmark are available from our Client Service Centre on request.

Income distribution for the last 12 months

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

Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	Jul 2024
0.72	0.74	0.72	0.74
Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024
0.73	0.71	0.72	0.68
Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025
0.68	0.68	0.61	0.67

Performance net of all fees and expenses

% Returns	Fund	Benchmark ¹	CPI inflation ²
Cumulative:			
Since inception (1 July 2001)	483.8	456.5	245.4
Annualised:			
Since inception (1 July 2001)	7.7	7.5	5.4
Latest 10 years	7.1	6.7	5.0
Latest 5 years	6.7	6.2	4.8
Latest 3 years	8.0	7.5	5.2
Latest 2 years	8.8	8.3	4.4
Latest 1 year	8.7	8.1	3.2
Year-to-date (not annualised)	2.0	1.8	1.3
Risk measures (since inception)			
Percentage positive months ³	100.0	100.0	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility ⁴	0.6	0.6	n/a
Highest annual return ⁵	12.8	13.3	n/a
Lowest annual return ⁵	4.3	3.8	n/a

Meeting the Fund objective

The Fund has preserved capital, maintained liquidity and generated a sound level of income.

Annual management fee

A fixed fee of 0.25% p.a. excl. VAT

Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs (updated quarterly)

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.

TER and transaction costs breakdown for the 1- and 3-year period ending 31 March 2025	1yr %	3yr %
Total expense ratio	0.29	0.29
Fee for benchmark performance	0.25	0.25
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.00	0.00
VAT	0.04	0.04
Transaction costs (including VAT)	0.00	0.00
Total investment charge	0.29	0.29

Top credit exposures as at 31 March 2025⁶

	% of portfolio
Governments	41.8
Republic of South Africa	41.8
Banks⁷	52.0
Standard Bank	16.9
Nedbank	14.2
Investec	10.8
FirstRand Bank	9.0
Absa	1.1
Corporates	6.2
Sanlam	2.7
Shoprite	2.6
Daimler Truck	0.9
Total (%)	100.0

6. Excludes accrued fees.

7. Banks include negotiable certificates of deposit (NCDs), floating-rate notes, fixed-rate notes, and call deposits.

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

To start the year from an interest rate standpoint, the theme of “*uncertainty*” was prevalent at both the US Federal Reserve (the Fed) and South African Reserve Bank (SARB) meetings, with Fed Chair Jerome Powell and SARB Governor Lesetja Kganyago separately echoing that rate policy caution is warranted in these uncertain times. A dramatic shift in US fiscal, trade and military policy has ramifications for developed and emerging countries alike. A topic of much debate this year has been whether US President Donald Trump will impose higher tariffs upon key trading partners on a *sustained* basis. Such actions would result in higher US inflation and therefore higher interest rates. Alternatively, Trump’s actions at times suggest that he simply wishes to use the *threat* of these tariffs as a negotiating tool of statecraft to achieve other policy aims. These include more secure US borders, a commitment from the likes of Europe and China to raise their own imports from the US, and a fairer dispersion of military spending across the US, Europe and the UK that does not place unfair burden on the US when enacting North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) peacekeeping duties and disbursing foreign aid. In a similar vein, the degree to which US government spending will be cut is also unclear – keeping in mind that such expenditure has acted as a key driver of US gross domestic product (GDP) growth and a steady source of US job listings.

Markets hate such uncertainty and so do businesses. The weakening of the S&P 500 index, which has lost 9% of its value in US dollars since its year-to-date highs, risks unwinding some of the wealth effect that has spurred consumer spending on both basic and discretionary goods, as well as luxury items and travel. Several US fast food and beverage companies have begun reporting faltering sales on the back of consumer economic anxiety, while prices are simultaneously rising amid tariff-related price hikes from suppliers. If one extrapolates such stock market and business activity to indicate a coming recession, this implies that tariff-related inflationary threats will be watered down by depressed economic activity that ultimately lowers both consumer demand and prices. Therein lies the set of uncertain paths: Will US policy shifts raise inflation, or could they squash prices by bringing about a recession? The Fed is waiting for greater clarity.

Turning to domestic interest rates, many in the market have questioned why the SARB has not cut rates by more, given a repo rate of 7.5% as at end-March (close to its highest levels in 16 years) versus a consumer price inflation (CPI) rate of 3.2% as at end-February (levels last seen during the COVID-19 pandemic-related slump in economic activity). The answer may be that the SARB does not set interest rates in a vacuum. On the one hand, the expectation of softer US growth and the weaker US dollar observed this year lowers our local inflation trajectory. On the other hand, Governor Kganyago also highlights that the imposition of tariffs on South Africa or the loss of our African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) preferential trade status with the US should mean lower growth domestically, with the SARB modelling up to a -0.7% hit to GDP in such a scenario as South Africa’s automotive and fruit exports decline. This analysis was done prior to the 30% tariff on South African imports announced by the Trump administration on 2 April 2025, which nullifies many AGOA benefits and will likely represent a shock to growth. This, combined with a local market confidence shock, could weaken the rand and raise our CPI trajectory materially. It is the job of the Monetary Policy Committee to weigh the balance of such future risks when setting rates now. A recent win for South Africa’s administered price inflation trajectory is the reduced electricity tariff hikes granted to Eskom by the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) of 12.7%, 5.4% and 6.2% for each of the next three years. That said, in its place, the SARB must now contemplate a new risk and weigh up the potential impact of a higher value-added tax (VAT) rate on consumer prices going forward.

During the quarter, the Fund added to RSA government Treasury bill exposure given that 6-month government bills traded to 50 basis points wider than the equivalent term bank deposits. Given that the funding demands of government continue to outstrip that of South Africa’s commercial banks, this dynamic emerges in the competition for investor capital. The Fund ended the quarter on annual and effective yields of 8.19% and 8.50% respectively, with the market pricing for one more interest rate cut this year.

Commentary contributed by Thalia Petousis

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

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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.

The Allan Gray Money Market Fund is not a bank deposit account

The Fund aims to maintain a constant price of 100 cents per unit. The total return an investor receives is made up of interest received and any gain or loss made on instruments held by the Fund. While capital losses are unlikely, they can occur if, for example, one of the issuers of an instrument defaults. In this event, investors may lose some of their capital. To maintain a constant price of 100 cents per unit, investors' unit holdings will be reduced to the extent of such losses. The yield is calculated according to applicable ASISA standards. Excessive withdrawals from the Fund may place it under liquidity pressure; if this happens, withdrawals may be ring-fenced and managed over a period of time.

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Fund description and summary of investment policy

The Fund may invest in a mix of absolute return funds managed by Allan Gray's offshore investment partner, Orbis Investment Management Limited, and currently invests in the Orbis Optimal SA Fund (US dollar and euro classes). The Orbis Optimal SA Fund invests in a portfolio of global shares and uses exchange-traded derivative contracts on stock market indices to reduce net equity exposure, which typically varies between 0% and 20%. The Fund's returns, when measured in US dollars or euros, are driven mainly by Orbis' stock selection and not by the overall direction of equity markets. Returns are likely to be less volatile than those of a global equity or global balanced fund, but more volatile than those of a global fixed income fund. Although the Fund's investment universe is global, the units in the Fund are priced and traded daily in rands. Given the Fund's global investment universe, rand returns are likely to be more volatile than those of local funds with similar equity constraints.

ASISA unit trust category: Global – Multi Asset – Low Equity

Fund objective and benchmark

The Fund aims to provide investors with long-term positive returns (when measured in US dollars or euros) from a low-risk global investment portfolio. The Fund's returns are intended to be largely independent of the major asset classes such as cash, bonds or equities. The Fund's benchmark is the simple average of the benchmarks of the underlying Orbis Optimal SA Fund classes, namely US dollar and euro bank deposits.

How we aim to achieve the Fund's objective

The Fund invests in the Orbis Optimal SA Fund (US dollar and euro classes). The Orbis Optimal SA Fund is actively managed, invests in a global portfolio of shares and uses hedging to reduce overall exposure to global stock markets. Orbis uses in-house research to identify companies around the world whose shares can be purchased for less than Orbis' assessment of their long-term intrinsic value. This long-term perspective enables them 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. This is the same approach as that used by Allan Gray to invest in South African equities. The main risk of investing in shares is that prices will decline if stock markets fall significantly. The Orbis Optimal SA Fund therefore maintains a substantial level of hedging to reduce this risk. The net equity exposure of the Fund typically varies between 0% and 20%. The Fund can therefore retain limited exposure to global stock markets, depending on Orbis' assessment of global stock market valuations. Currency exposure is actively managed, both within the underlying Orbis Optimal SA Fund and through the allocation to the US dollar and euro classes of the Orbis Optimal SA Fund. The Fund's returns are driven mainly by Orbis' ability to select shares which outperform. A portion of the returns are also derived from the low exposure to stock markets and foreign currency cash-equivalent returns earned from hedging. The Fund is therefore able to aim for positive returns (when measured in foreign currency), irrespective of the direction of global stock markets.

Suitable for those investors who

- Seek positive long-term returns, when measured in foreign currency
- Wish to invest in international assets through a rand-denominated fund
- Have a long-term investment horizon and are comfortable with periods of underperformance which may result in capital loss
- Wish to use the Fund as a 'building block' in a diversified multi-asset class portfolio
- Understand that the Fund's returns are largely independent of cash, bonds and equities

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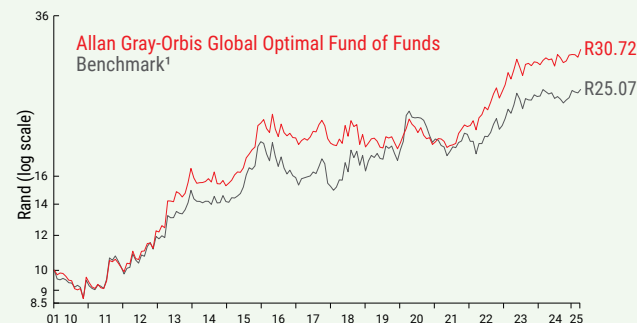
Fund information on 31 March 2025

Fund size	R1.0bn
Number of units	31 323 058
Price (net asset value per unit)	R30.68
Class	A

1. The simple average of the benchmarks of the underlying funds, performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 March 2025.
2. This data reflects the latest available inflation numbers for South Africa and the United States of America, as at 28 February 2025 (Source: IRESS). South African CPI inflation has been calculated based on the most recent rebased values from Stats SA.
3. Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum rand drawdown occurred from 18 May 2016 to 24 March 2017 and maximum benchmark drawdown occurred from 18 January 2016 to 23 February 2018. 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 31 December 2013 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 31 January 2016. The Fund's lowest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 31 May 2017 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 28 February 2017. 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	
	ZAR	US\$	ZAR	US\$	ZAR	US\$
Cumulative:						
Since inception (2 March 2010)	207.2	28.2	150.7	4.6	109.1	47.2
Annualised:						
Since inception (2 March 2010)	7.7	1.7	6.3	0.3	5.0	2.6
Latest 10 years	6.9	2.5	5.7	1.4	5.0	3.1
Latest 5 years	8.4	7.7	2.7	2.0	4.8	4.3
Latest 3 years	14.6	6.1	11.6	3.2	5.2	4.0
Latest 2 years	7.9	5.8	6.3	4.3	4.4	3.0
Latest 1 year	4.5	7.6	1.3	4.3	3.2	2.8
Year-to-date (not annualised)	2.7	4.9	0.7	2.8	1.3	1.1
Risk measures (since inception)						
Maximum drawdown ³	-18.9	-31.3	-26.6	-16.1	n/a	n/a
Percentage positive months ⁴	52.5	55.8	48.1	49.7	n/a	n/a
Annualised monthly volatility ⁵	13.0	7.3	13.4	4.3	n/a	n/a
Highest annual return ⁶	39.6	14.4	35.6	9.4	n/a	n/a
Lowest annual return ⁶	-12.4	-15.3	-19.1	-11.6	n/a	n/a

Meeting the Fund objective

Since inception and over the latest 10- and five-year periods, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark. There has been some volatility in the Fund's returns. The underlying funds' maximum drawdowns to date, in their reporting currencies, are 23% for the Orbis Optimal SA Dollar class and 28% for the Orbis Optimal SA Euro class.

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 annually.	31 Dec 2024
Cents per unit	0.0000

Annual management fee

Allan Gray does not charge an annual management fee but is paid a marketing and distribution fee by Orbis.

Orbis charges annual management fees within the underlying Orbis funds. Each fund's fee rate is calculated based on the fund's performance relative to its own benchmark. For more information please refer to the Orbis Optimal SA Fund factsheets and prospectus, which can be found at www.orbis.com.

Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs (updated quarterly)

The annual management fees charged by 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.

TER and transaction costs breakdown for the 1- and 3-year period ending 31 March 2025	1yr %	3yr %
Total expense ratio	1.08	1.06
Fee for benchmark performance	0.99	0.99
Performance fees	0.00	-0.01
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.09	0.08
VAT	0.00	0.00
Transaction costs (including VAT)	0.11	0.12
Total investment charge	1.19	1.18

Top 10 share holdings on 31 March 2025

Company	% of portfolio
Corpay	4.6
QXO	3.7
Elevance Health	3.6
FirstService	3.0
Leonardo	2.9
Motorola Solutions	2.5
Mitsubishi Estate	2.4
British American Tobacco	2.1
B&M European Value Retail	2.1
RXO	2.1
Total (%)	29.1

Fund allocation on 31 March 2025

Foreign absolute return funds	%
Orbis Optimal SA (US\$)	62.2
Orbis Optimal SA (Euro)	37.8
Total (%)	100.0

Asset allocation on 31 March 2025

	Total	United States	UK	Europe ex-UK ⁷	Japan	Other ⁷	Emerging markets
Net equities	5.8	-0.4	4.4	-0.9	1.1	1.4	0.2
Hedged equities	76.4	35.3	4.7	12.5	17.8	2.9	3.3
Property	5.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	3.1	0.0
Money market and cash	12.3	9.0	0.2	0.9	1.7	0.2	0.2
Total (%)	100.0	43.9	9.3	12.6	22.9	7.5	3.7
Currency exposure	100.0	54.5	-0.1	37.4	6.1	1.6	0.5

7. Refers to developed markets only.

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

It would be an understatement to say we are living in eventful and interesting times. In just five years, we have seen a global pandemic bring economic and social activity to a halt, Cold War fears reignited following Russia's invasion of Ukraine, a simmering conflict between China and the US, and a dramatic escalation in the decades-old feud between Israel and Palestine. Donald Trump survived an assassination attempt, became president for the second time and has brought in a group of billionaires to rip up the old Washington DC rule book. Interest rates reversed a four-decade decline, inflation spiked after a dormant decade, oil prices briefly went negative, housing prices surged, Bitcoin ranged roughly between US\$5 000 and US\$100 000, and China began a long-overdue debt and property correction. Artificial intelligence has gone from science fiction to daily reality – and is only getting started.

In short, the world today bears little resemblance to the world five years ago. The sheer magnitude of change has created enormous uncertainty for businesses. High levels of uncertainty generally have a negative impact on asset prices. Asset prices are based on discounted future cash flows, using a discount rate which is the sum of the risk-free rate (often approximated by the yield on 3-month US Treasury bills) and a risk premium. The higher the discount rate, the lower the price – or, more accurately, the lower the present value of future earnings and, therefore, the valuation multiple.

One would expect today's discount rate to be higher than it was five years ago. For starters, the 3-month Treasury bill rate has increased from 1.5% to 4.2%. Likewise, one should be paid more to take on risk in an uncertain world; the risk premium should be higher. The sum of both should clearly be higher, meaning asset valuations should be lower – at least in theory.

While valuations are lower in some markets – particularly in some emerging markets – they are higher for US equities, the biggest and most influential investment market. The trailing 12-month price-to-earnings (PE) ratio for the S&P 500 was more than 20% higher at the start of 2025 than it was at the start of 2020. In absolute terms, the PE was 25 for the S&P 500, meaning that the earnings yield (the inverse of PE) of US equities was lower than the risk-free rate. This hasn't happened since the dotcom bubble of the late 90s.

The US market is therefore being priced as if uncertainty is lower and forecasting the future is easier than usual, despite the numerous challenges mentioned at the start of this commentary. If one is sceptical that this makes sense, it would be sensible to minimise overall market risk, or beta. Generally, a favourable time to embrace beta is when either valuations or uncertainty are low. Both are unusually high today, suggesting the need for caution.

There are, nonetheless, opportunities to earn reasonable returns in today's environment. The Fund invests in a basket of shares that we believe offer attractive prospective returns, while hedging out the local market exposure. This allows our clients to earn the yield on cash plus the excess return that our stock selections generate above the market, or alpha. Since inception, the Fund has generated returns after fees ahead of its benchmark, with similarly strong relative performance over the last five years. We believe today's environment is well suited to allow us to achieve similar or better returns than these.

Periods of high valuation disparity provide greater opportunities to find and earn alpha. Disparity cannot be measured definitively, but most metrics show it being elevated today, albeit down from the extremes seen in the 2021 "Everything Bubble". A simple way to look at valuation disparity is to compare valuations across major global markets. At the start of this year, the PE ratio of the S&P 500 was roughly 2.5 times higher than that of Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index, twice as high as the United Kingdom's FTSE 100 and 1.5 times higher than Germany's DAX. This trend repeats in other markets, suggesting the US is unusually expensive relative to the rest of the world. While there are valid reasons for a US premium, it is seldom wise to bet on extremes continuing to remain dislocated. We believe some reversion to historical norms is likely, which presents attractive alpha opportunities for fundamental stockpickers such as ourselves.

In a sense, we could argue that the change we have seen in recent years is actually nothing new for investors. The world is always in flux – and it is our job to capitalise on the opportunities that change creates. Investors with a longer time horizon, and a deeper understanding of history's lessons, should take heed of the current dislocation between price and reality. This Fund allows such investors to continue to earn a reasonable absolute return while limiting market exposure. We believe now is an opportune time to do so.

The Fund's overall net equity exposure rose over the quarter. Among individual positions, we initiated a position in a US transportation and logistics service provider. We exited the position in Richemont in order to rotate capital into higher-conviction ideas.

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Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 31 March 2025

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