

ALLAN GRAY NAMIBIA BALANCED STRATEGY | BCLASS

12 August 1999 to 31 January 2014: Allan Gray Namibia Investment Trust | From 1 February 2014: Allan Gray Namibia Balanced Fund

Fund manager: Duncan Artus **Strategy inception date:** 12 August 1999 **Class inception date:** 1 October 2014

Fund description

The Fund invests in a mix of shares, bonds, property, commodities and cash. The Fund may buy assets outside the common monetary area (CMA) up to a maximum of 35% of the Fund (with an additional 5% for Africa ex- CMA). The Fund typically invests the bulk of its foreign ex-Africa 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 Regulation 28 of the Namibian Pension Funds Act. Returns are likely to be less volatile than those of an equity-only fund.

Fund objective and benchmark

The Fund aims to earn a higher total rate of return than that of the average Namibian retirement fund investment manager over the long term. The benchmark is the return of a daily weighted average index of Namibian multi asset class funds that comply with the limits governing Namibian retirement 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

Minimum initial investment amount

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Annual management fee

Allan Gray charges a fee on the portion of the fund they manage, 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.*

For each percentage of two-year performance above or below the benchmark we add or deduct 0.1%, subject to the following limits:

Maximum fee: 1.50% p.a.*

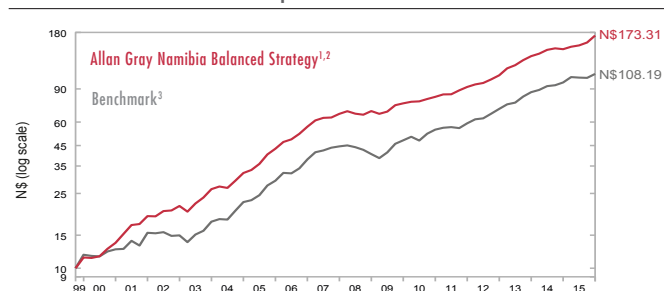
Minimum fee: 0.50% p.a.*

Fund information on 31 December 2015

Fund size	N\$3 399m
Price for Class B	N\$1 688.71
Number of share holdings	38

Performance (NS) net of fees and expenses

Value of N\$10 invested at inception with all distributions reinvested



% Returns	Strategy ^{1,2}	Benchmark ³
Unannualised:		
Since inception	1 636.4	970.0
Annualised:		
Since inception	19.1	15.6
Latest 10 years	14.9	14.0
Latest 5 years	16.2	14.6
Latest 3 years	17.7	15.4
Latest 2 years	13.5	11.8
Latest 1 year	18.2	11.0
Year-to-date (unannualised)	18.2	11.0
Risk measures (since inception)		
Maximum drawdown ⁴	-7.2	-20.2

- On 1 February 2014 all the assets and unit holder liabilities of the Allan Gray Namibia Investment Trust were transferred to the Allan Gray Namibia Balanced Fund. The investment philosophy, strategy, fund objective, mandate, restrictions and fund managers remain unchanged.
- Prior to the inception of this class of the Fund (1 October 2014) the performance and risk measures are calculated using the A class performance of the Fund.
- The current benchmark is the return of a daily weighted average index of Namibian multi asset class funds that comply with the limits governing Namibian retirement funds, which is provided by Morningstar. From inception to 30 September 2014 the benchmark was the average Alexander Forbes Namibia Manager Watch Survey. Performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 December 2015.
- Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum drawdown occurred from May 2008 to February 2009 and maximum benchmark drawdown occurred from May 2008 to February 2009. Drawdown is calculated on the total return of the Fund/benchmark (i.e. including income).

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.

*Management fees charged for the management of unit trust portfolios do not attract VAT.

Total expense ratio (TER)

The annual management fee charged is included in the TER. The TER is a measure of the actual expenses incurred by the Fund over a 12-month period. Since Fund returns are quoted after deduction of these expenses, the TER should not be deducted from the published returns.

TER breakdown for the year ending 30 September 2015	%
Fee for benchmark performance	1.12
Performance fees	-0.13
Other costs	0.16
Total expense ratio	1.15

Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 31 December 2015

The *black swan* is a powerful metaphor first used by Latin poets long ago and more recently revived by modern financial writers, such as NN Taleb. The meaning of the metaphor has evolved over the centuries, especially since we discovered that black swans actually do exist. In today's financial parlance, most people regard a black swan event as a big surprise with a major effect, which people then try to rationalise in hindsight.

The summary removal of South Africa's respected Minister of Finance, Nhlanelhla Nene, on 9 December would probably fit most people's definition of a black swan event. It certainly surprised us. But the real question for investors is how best to approach the risk of such events.

We do not believe that we have any special ability to predict them. So we do not try to. But this does not mean that we are not accountable to you for the impact of black swan events on your portfolio. We cannot throw our hands in the air and use a black swan as an excuse.

By giving us a broad asset allocation mandate in the Balanced Fund, you have delegated the responsibility for managing the risk of black swans to us.

So how do we try and manage the risk of unpredictable events?

The answer is to invest in a diversified portfolio of assets which are undervalued by the market, which are not priced for perfection and which present favourable odds for a rewarding investment return. The prices of these assets normally prove more robust to black swans than those of overvalued assets.

This approach does not guarantee that we will successfully ride out every unexpected event. Oil falling below \$40 has hurt Sasol's share price and our performance over the last 15 months. But we do believe that this approach will allow us to see out more black swans than not and to deliver pleasing returns over the long term.

Although with the benefit of hindsight one could always have been even better positioned, we are pleased with the Fund's performance this quarter in light of the Nene debacle. We have explained the reasoning for our full foreign exposure in previous commentaries, and this was well rewarded in the quarter and indeed for the whole year. By maintaining a low duration on our fixed interest exposure and keeping a low property exposure we have sacrificed yield for a number of years, but this protected us well from the steep increase in interest rates in December.

The Fund's large holdings in JSE-listed multinationals British American Tobacco and SABMiller performed well. We have been trimming these positions and investing the proceeds predominantly into Namibian companies, Naspers and selected South African financial companies. The market started to recognise the potential we see in some South African export businesses such as Sappi.

We cannot reliably predict whether any black swans will visit us in 2016. Global equity market indices appear fully priced, so there is certainly a risk of negative returns from global equities. But you can rest assured that we continue to seek the best investment opportunities to deliver pleasing long-term returns on your capital.

Commentary contributed by Birte Schneider and Ian Liddle

Top 10 share holdings as at 31 December 2015 (updated quarterly)

Holdings	% of portfolio
FNB Namibia	6.5
British American Tobacco ⁵	6.4
Sasol	4.4
SABMiller	3.4
Stimulus	2.9
Standard Bank Namibia	2.3
Old Mutual Namibia	2.3
Namibia Breweries	2.0
Bidvest Namibia	1.8
Naspers	1.8
Total (%)	34.0

5. As at 31 December 2015, the investment portfolio includes a 6.4% exposure to British American Tobacco shares, the majority of which were received as part of a corporate unbundling in 2008. We are awaiting Bank of Namibia's (BoN) final decision on this instrument's (South African or foreign) status. In the meantime, the BoN have extended the grace period for investors to rebalance their portfolios to fall in line with the applicable investment limits until 30 June 2016.

Asset allocation as at 31 December 2015

Asset class	Total	Namibia ⁶	South Africa	Africa ex-SA and Namibia	Foreign ex-Africa
Net equity	57.4	20.5	21.4	0.4	15.1
Hedged equity	16.4	0.0	3.0	0.0	13.3
Property	3.7	2.4	0.0	0.0	1.3
Commodity - linked	5.1	2.8	2.2	0.0	0.0
Bonds	9.6	7.7	0.0	0.7	1.2
Money market and cash	7.8	4.9	0.2	0.1	2.6
Total (%)	100.0	38.4	26.9	1.2	33.5

6. 6.7% invested in companies incorporated outside Namibia but listed on the NSX.

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 2015	31 Dec 2015
Cents per unit	1848.1663	1687.6643

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

Notes for consideration

Disclaimer

Allan Gray Namibia Unit Trust Management Company is an approved Management Company in terms of the Unit Trusts Control Act, 1981 amended. Incorporated and registered under the laws of Namibia and is supervised by Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority. The trustee and custodian is Standard Bank Namibia.

Unit price

Unit trust prices are calculated daily in arrears on a net asset value basis, which is the total market value of all assets in the portfolio including any income accruals and less any permissible deductions from the portfolio divided by the number of units in issue.

Performance

Unit trusts are generally medium- to long-term investments. The value of units may go down as well as up and past performance is not necessarily a guide to the future.