

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 the investment limits governing retirement funds. 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 investment amounts

Minimum lump sum per investor account	N\$20 000
Additional lump sum	N\$500
Minimum debit order	N\$500

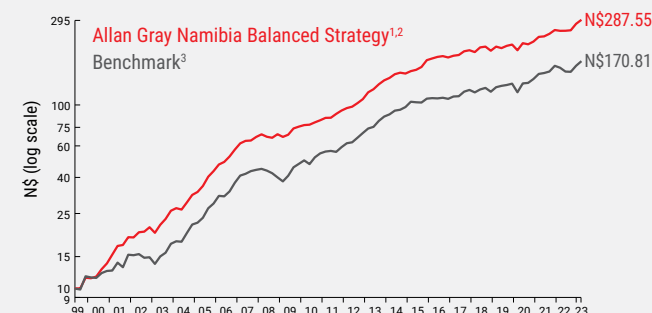
Fund information on 31 January 2023

Fund size	N\$3 873m
Price	N\$2 317.14
Number of share holdings	43
Class	B

- On 1 February 2014 all the assets and unitholder 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 January 2023.
- Maximum percentage decline over any period calculated from monthly returns. The maximum drawdown occurred from 31 January 2020 to 31 March 2020 and maximum benchmark drawdown occurred from 31 May 2008 to 28 February 2009. Drawdown is calculated on the total return of the Fund/benchmark (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 31 May 2001 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 30 April 2009 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 (N\$) net of all fees and expenses

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



% Returns	Strategy ^{1,2}	Benchmark ³
Cumulative:		
Since inception (12 August 1999)	2775.5	1608.1
Annualised:		
Since inception (12 August 1999)	15.4	12.9
Latest 10 years	9.9	8.9
Latest 5 years	7.8	7.4
Latest 3 years	10.2	9.3
Latest 2 years	12.9	10.4
Latest 1 year	13.5	7.8
Year-to-date (not annualised)	5.1	5.9
Risk measures (since inception)		
Maximum drawdown ⁴	-8.5	-20.2
Percentage positive months ⁵	72.6	61.9
Annualised monthly volatility ⁶	8.3	10.3
Highest annual return ⁷	47.4	45.6
Lowest annual return ⁷	-5.2	-19.2

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 2022	31 Dec 2022
Cents per unit	2874.7564	4185.1685

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.*

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) 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 actual expenses incurred by a 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 as at 31 December 2022 (CMA and Foreign) (updated quarterly)

Holdings	% of portfolio
British American Tobacco	4.4
Glencore	3.6
Naspers ¹⁰	3.4
FirstRand Namibia	3.2
Namibia Breweries	3.0
Stimulus	2.4
AB InBev	1.8
Sasol	1.4
Nedbank	1.3
Oryx Properties	1.2
Total (%)	25.6

8. 6.2% invested in companies incorporated outside Namibia but listed on the NSX. Including dual-listed commodity-linked ETFs, total exposure to dual-listed instruments is 9.7%.

9. The exposure below the limit was caused by market value movements.

10. Includes holding in Prosus N.V.

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

Asset allocation on 31 January 2023

Asset Class	Total	Namibia ^{8,9}	South Africa	Africa ex-SA and Namibia	Foreign ex-Africa
Net equity	60.3	16.6	21.4	1.1	21.2
Hedged equity	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0
Property	1.8	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.3
Commodity-linked	4.5	3.5	0.0	0.0	1.0
Bonds	18.9	14.9	0.1	1.0	3.0
Money market and bank deposits	9.6	8.4	0.0	0.1	1.0
Total (%)	100.0	44.9	21.4	2.2	31.5

Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs

TER and transaction costs breakdown for the 1 and 3-year period ending 31 December 2022	1yr %	3yr %
Total expense ratio	1.30	0.91
Fee for benchmark performance	1.02	1.03
Performance fees	0.24	-0.16
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.04	0.04
Transaction costs	0.07	0.07
Total investment charge	1.37	0.98

The Fund returned 8.4% for the fourth quarter and 8.1% for the 2022 calendar year. This compares with the benchmark returns of 7.8% for the quarter and 0.1% for the year. We are pleased with the strong recovery in relative performance and have now meaningfully outperformed the average manager in our benchmark over one, three and five years.

It is common for pundits to make economic forecasts as a year draws to a close, for the next 12 months and beyond. At Allan Gray, we shy away from this practice, because we feel there are too many unknowns. We could certainly make some educated guesses but that is what they would ultimately be: guesses. The economy is a complex system, and there are a multitude of interrelated factors that need to be considered.

Even if we did know one or more of these factors with certainty, we are not sure it would help with predicting market outcomes. By way of example, in 2020, when the world was under lockdown in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the US economy shrank by 3.5% in real terms and the S&P 500 delivered a return of 18.4% in US dollars.

Contrast that with 2022. At the end of the third quarter, the US economy was growing at 3.2% and continued to have a tight labour market with unemployment below 4%. Yet the S&P 500 fell 18.1%.

Historically, across markets, there is very little correlation between economic outcomes and market returns. That is because markets are forward looking, and investor sentiment plays a huge role in driving investment returns, particularly in the short term. It is not enough to know what the economy will do. You also need to know what expectations are already priced in.

How do we get around this uncertainty? We look at the current environment and the prices on offer today. We consider the risks and range of possible outcomes, acknowledging full well that there are risks and outcomes we cannot reasonably foresee. Most importantly, we focus on the price we pay: Is the price we are paying today discounting a favourable or unfavourable future? Are the potential risks on the horizon already priced in, or could a bout of turbulence materially disrupt the investment case for this asset?

A quick glance at some of the risks we are concerned about and how we are positioning the Fund highlights our philosophy in practice:

- **Inflation:** We do not know if high inflation will prove to be persistent or transitory over the coming years. As a result, we are largely avoiding assets where a positive outcome of inflation falling rapidly is already priced in.

Therefore, we continue to avoid developed market nominal government bonds, many of which still trade at real negative yields despite the sell-off in 2022. Our preference remains corporate debt and local government bonds. In Namibia, as in South Africa, long-term economic risks persist, but one is at least being compensated with a high nominal and real yield (11.7% and 4.7% at year end on the 10-year bond). In addition, we own a number of companies that trade at undemanding multiples, healthy dividend yields and historically have had strong pricing power. Therefore, if inflation proves to be persistent, these companies will be able to protect their earnings in real terms. Examples in our top ten include British American Tobacco and AB InBev.

- **Energy:** Globally we have some ambitious and admirable targets to wean ourselves completely off fossil fuels over the coming decades with the risks from climate change increasing the urgency to transition. Unfortunately, as we have acutely learnt in Europe over the past 12 months, going cold turkey isn't an option, and we haven't invested enough in renewable and cleaner alternatives to displace our existing base of fossil fuel infrastructure. We believe a number of old-economy energy companies have a role to play in the energy transition, yet they continue to be shunned by the wider investment community. Glencore is particularly interesting in this regard in that it produces over 100 million tonnes of coal each year but is also one of the largest producers globally of cobalt, zinc, nickel and copper. These commodities are integral to the renewable energy transition. When you buy Glencore today, you are paying an extremely low price for the coal producing assets, and very little upside is priced into the company's suite of commodities integral to a cleaner future. Offshore, we are finding value in energy and energy infrastructure-related companies like Schlumberger and Kinder Morgan, which trade at very undemanding multiples.

In summary, we do not know what the future holds, and we manage the risks accordingly. By being patient and disciplined, we strive to buy only those assets where the risk-to-reward opportunity is skewed heavily in our favour and there is a large margin of safety. We won't always get it right but focusing on the price we pay is the best way to protect and grow capital over the long term.

Commentary contributed by Rory Kutisker-Jacobson and Birte Schneider

Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 31 December 2022

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Allan Gray Namibia Unit Trust Management Company is an approved management company in terms of the Unit Trusts Control Act 54 of 1981 as amended, and is incorporated and registered under the laws of Namibia and supervised by the Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority (NAMFISA). The trustee and custodian is Standard Bank Namibia.

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 future performance. Where annualised performance is mentioned, this refers to the average return per year over the period.

Unit price

Unit trust prices are calculated daily 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.

Redemptions

Allan Gray Namibia Unit Trust Management Company will repurchase any number of units offered to it on the basis of prices calculated in accordance with the requirements of the Unit Trusts Control Act 54 of 1981 as amended and on the terms and conditions set forth in the trust deed.

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) and other expenses like audit and trustee fees. Transaction costs (including brokerage, securities transfer tax, Share Transactions Totally Electronic (STRATE) and investor protection levies where applicable) 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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