

Fund manager: Andrew Lapping
Inception date: 1 July 1998
Class: A

Fund information on 30 September 2014

Fund currency: US\$¹
Fund size: US\$327m
Fund price: US\$227.31
Number of share holdings: 46
Dealing day: Weekly (Thursday)

Fund description

The Fund invests in a focused portfolio of companies with significant business interests in Africa, regardless of the location of the stock exchange listing. The Fund price is reported in US dollars but the underlying holdings are denominated in various currencies. Returns are likely to be volatile.

Fund objective and benchmark

The Fund aims to outperform African equity markets over the long term without taking on greater risk of loss. The Fund's benchmark is the MSCI Emerging and Frontier Markets (EFM) Africa Index (total returns).

How we aim to achieve the Fund's objective

We invest in shares that we believe offer superior fundamental value while taking into account risk and return. We research companies and assess their intrinsic value based on long-term fundamentals; we then invest in businesses where our assessment of intrinsic value exceeds the share price by a margin of safety. This approach allows us to identify shares that may be out of favour with the market because of poor near-term prospects, but offer good value over the long-term. The Fund's holdings will deviate meaningfully from those in the index both in terms of individual holdings and sector exposure.

Suitable for those investors who

- Seek exposure to African equities
- Are comfortable with stock market and currency fluctuations
- Are prepared to take the risk of capital loss
- Typically have an investment horizon of more than five years

The Fund is not available to South African residents.

Minimum investment amounts

Minimum initial investment: US\$50 000
Minimum subsequent investment: US\$1 000

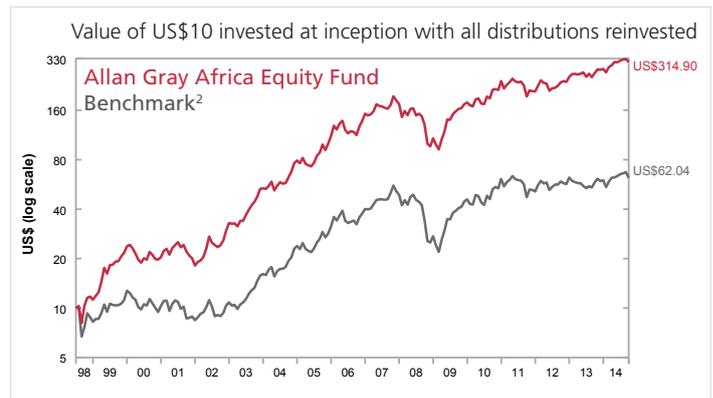
Annual management fee

The annual management fee ranges from 0.5% to 2.5% depending on the relative return of the Fund to the benchmark, before fees. The fee is calculated on a base of 1.5% plus one twenty-fifth of the cumulative three-year relative performance, subject to a floor of 0.5% and cap of 2.5%. For example if the cumulative three year performance of the fund is 20% and that of the benchmark is 15%, the fee rate is: 1.5% + (20%-15%)/25 = 1.7%.

Subscription and redemption charge

Investors are charged 0.5% when transacting in Fund shares, both on subscription and redemption. This is paid into the Fund to offset the costs associated with the transaction that are borne by the Fund. Allan Gray International Proprietary Limited may waive this charge in the case of significant offsetting flows.

Performance in US\$ net of all fees and expenses



% Returns	Fund	Benchmark ²
Unannualised:		
Since inception	3 049.0	520.4
Annualised:		
Since inception	23.6	11.9
Latest 10 years	17.5	12.3
Latest 5 years	14.1	8.8
Latest 3 years	17.5	9.4
Latest 2 years	15.5	2.5
Latest 1 year	16.9	6.5
Year-to-date (unannualised)	10.2	3.3
Risk measures (since inception, based on month-end prices)		
Maximum drawdown ³	-52.5	-60.5
Percentage positive months ⁴	61.0	58.5
Annualised monthly volatility ⁵	25.9	27.3

1. The Fund is currently priced in US dollars. Since inception to 30 April 2012 the Fund was priced in South African rands.
2. The current benchmark is the MSCI EFM Africa Index (total returns). Since inception to 30 April 2012 the benchmark was the FTSE/JSE All Share Index including income. Performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 30 September 2014 (source: Bloomberg). Calculation based on the latest available data as supplied by third parties.
3. Maximum percentage decline over any period. The maximum drawdown occurred from October 2007 to February 2009 and maximum benchmark drawdown occurred from October 2007 to February 2009. 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.

Fund manager quarterly commentary as at 30 September 2014

Eighteen percent of the Fund is invested in oil production companies. Although these positions detracted from performance over the past quarter, falling 10% on average, over the life of the Fund, they have added value. Our bias towards production companies has served us well, as many of the exploration companies have struggled.

The African continent has attracted lots of attention as a new oil exploration frontier over the past few years. The problem for investors is that it is very difficult to identify which exploration companies will be successful. Successful explorers are difficult to find before the fact, and unfortunately most fail. Even once a company has made a discovery it can be difficult to value because the capital required for development is usually unknown, the tax regime is often not disclosed and the timelines to production can vary wildly. In the meantime, these companies have heavy overheads structures which require funding.

We prefer to stick to businesses with cash flow that we can value and management teams which have substantial equity holdings, meaning they share in the company's successes and failures. If management teams don't share in the downside they are often willing to overpay for assets to grow the business at the expense of shareholder value.

The Fund's second largest oil and gas investment is in Seplat, a Nigerian onshore oil producer, which we first came across through our investment in Motor Parts Industry (MPI). What we like about both MPI and Seplat is the substantial insider ownership: 25% in the case of MPI and 28% for Seplat. MPI helped Seplat fund Seplat's acquisition of three onshore Nigerian oilfields from Shell in 2010. Seplat management has done an excellent job of developing the fields – close on tripling oil production – and developing a gas strategy. It also negotiated a five-year tax holiday with the government.

Seplat raised US\$500m in April 2013 to participate in further divestments of Nigerian assets by international oil companies. Since this time Seplat has missed a few deals as other bidders have been willing to pay more. In our view, this demonstrates capital discipline and is the benefit of insider ownership.

Independent rating



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Share price

Share prices are calculated on a net asset value basis, which is calculated by dividing the value of the net assets of the Fund attributable to the shares by the number of shares in issue. The weekly price of the Fund is normally calculated each Friday based on the prices of the underlying investments prevailing at 5:30pm Bermuda time on the previous business day. Purchase requests must be received by the Registrar of the Fund (being Citi Fund Services (Bermuda), Ltd.) by 5:00pm Bermuda time on that dealing day to receive that week's price. Redemption requests must be received by the Registrar of the Fund by 12 noon Bermuda time on that dealing day to receive that week's price.

Performance

Investments in Collective Investment Schemes are generally medium- to long-term investments. The value of shares may go down as well as up and past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance. Performance figures are from Allan Gray International Proprietary Limited and are for lump sum investments with income distributions reinvested.

Independent ratings

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Seplat should generate close to the share price of US\$3.75 in free cash flow over the next three years, the tax holiday period, and continue to generate strong cash flows thereafter. The US\$500m capital raise has left the company with a net cash position of US\$1 per share.

Commentary contributed by Andrew Lapping

Country of primary listing on 30 September 2014

Country	% of Equities	Benchmark ¹
Nigeria	19.6	6.0
Zimbabwe	19.6	0.0
Egypt	15.3	3.1
South Africa	13.6	85.6
United Kingdom	11.4	0.0
Kenya	6.3	1.7
France	4.9	0.0
Canada	3.7	0.0
Uganda	2.0	0.0
BRVM	1.6	0.3
Tanzania	1.0	0.0
Australia	0.9	0.0
United States	0.1	0.0
Morocco	0.0	2.1
Malta	0.0	0.6
Mauritius	0.0	0.4
Tunisia	0.0	0.2
Total²	100.0	100.0

Sector allocation on 30 September 2014

Sector	% of Fund	Benchmark ¹
Oil & gas	17.9	9.3
Basic materials	7.3	6.9
Industrials	3.6	8.4
Consumer goods	21.0	7.2
Healthcare	0.0	5.6
Consumer services	0.4	20.1
Telecommunications	13.5	13.7
Utilities	3.8	0.0
Financials	27.1	28.7
Fixed interest/Liquidity	5.4	0.0
Total²	100.0	100.0

1. MSCI EFM Africa Index (total returns) (source: Bloomberg). Calculation based on the latest available data as supplied by third parties.
2. There may be slight discrepancies in the totals due to rounding.