

Fund description and summary of investment policy

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

Classification: Africa ex-SA – Equity

Fund objective and benchmark

The Fund aims to outperform African (excluding South Africa) equity markets over the long term without taking on greater risk of loss. The Fund's benchmark is the MSCI Emerging Frontier Markets Africa ex-SA Index. The Fund does not seek to mirror the benchmark but instead may deviate meaningfully from this performance benchmark in pursuit of superior returns. To the extent that its investments differ from those in the benchmark, the Fund faces the risk of underperforming the benchmark.

African equity markets

There are numerous risks involved in investing in African equity markets. These risks may be significantly higher than in more developed markets and may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Individual countries may impose capital controls preventing the repatriation of foreign currency
- Returns are expected to be more volatile, and the average drawdown may be higher, than in more developed markets
- Low liquidity whereby subscriptions into the Fund may have to be phased in, and redemptions from the Fund may be limited per dealing day
- Market prices may not accurately reflect the fair value of a Fund asset and fair value pricing may be used

There is no assurance that the investment approach of the Fund will be successful or that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

See the "Important information for investors" section for more information.

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 (excluding South African) equities
- Are comfortable with above-average stock market and currency fluctuations
- Are prepared to take on the risk of capital loss
- Have a minimum investment horizon of five years

Fund information on 31 July 2025

Fund currency	US\$
Fund size	US\$532m
Number of shares	2 167 568
Price (net asset value per share)	US\$211.10
Number of share holdings	41
Dealing day	Weekly (Thursday)
Class	A
Class inception date	1 January 2012

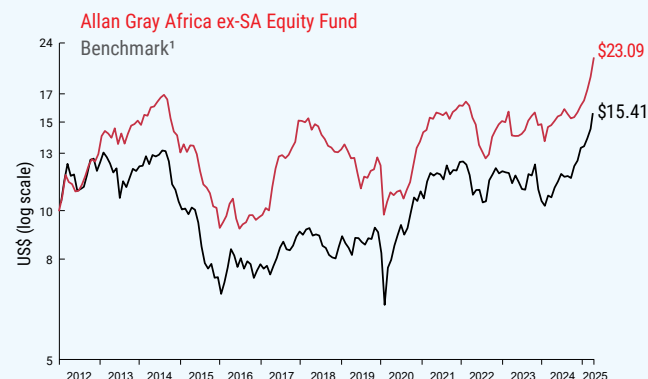
Minimum investment amounts

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

- MSCI Emerging Frontier Markets Africa ex-SA Index (source: MSCI), performance as calculated by Allan Gray as at 31 July 2025. Calculation based on the latest available data as supplied by third parties. From inception to 31 October 2023, the benchmark was the Standard Bank Africa Total Return Index.
- Maximum percentage decline over any period calculated from monthly returns. The maximum drawdown occurred from August 2014 to July 2016 and maximum benchmark drawdown occurred from July 2014 to March 2020. 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.
- This is the highest or lowest rolling 12-month return the Fund has experienced since inception. The Fund's highest annual return occurred during the 12 months ended 31 January 2018 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 August 2015 and the benchmark's occurred during the 12 months ended 31 August 2015. All rolling 12-month figures for the Fund and the benchmark are available from the Allan Gray Service Team on request.

Performance in US\$ net of all fees and expenses

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



% Returns	Fund	Benchmark ¹
Cumulative:		
Since inception (1 January 2012)	130.9	54.1
Annualised:		
Since inception (1 January 2012)	6.4	3.2
Latest 10 years	6.4	6.8
Latest 5 years	15.7	12.6
Latest 3 years	12.9	13.0
Latest 2 years	23.8	15.8
Latest 1 year	41.3	42.6
Year-to-date (not annualised)	39.3	35.8
Risk measures (since inception, based on month-end prices)		
Maximum drawdown ²	-51.7	-54.4
Percentage positive months ³	58.9	52.1
Annualised monthly volatility ⁴	18.3	19.0
Highest annual return ⁵	69.1	71.9
Lowest annual return ⁵	-38.6	-43.4

Relative to benchmark return required to reach high watermark: 0.9%.

Meeting the Fund objective

The Fund aims to outperform African equity markets (excluding South Africa) over the long term without taking on greater risk of loss. The Fund experiences periods of underperformance in pursuit of this objective. Since inception, the Fund has outperformed its benchmark by a significant margin. The maximum drawdown and lowest annual return numbers in the "Performance in US\$ net of all fees and expenses" table show that the Fund has not experienced more downside than its benchmark in periods of negative market returns. We believe our philosophy of buying undervalued equities should generate positive absolute returns over time.

Subscription and redemption charge

Investors will be charged 1% when subscribing for Fund shares and 1% when redeeming Fund shares. These charges are paid into the Fund to offset the costs associated with the transactions that are borne by the Fund. Allan Gray Bermuda Limited (the "Investment Manager") may waive these charges at its discretion, for example in the case of significant offsetting between subscriptions and redemptions.

Annual management fee

The management fee consists of a base fee of 1% and a performance component. The fee rate is calculated weekly by comparing the Fund's total performance for the week, after the base fee is deducted, to that of the benchmark.

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

For each percentage point above or below the benchmark we add or deduct 0.2%. This means that Allan Gray shares in approximately 20% of the performance relative to the benchmark.

The fee is capped at 5% over any 12-month rolling period and can decrease to a minimum of 0%. If the fee would have been negative, the negative fee will be carried forward to reduce the next week's fee (and all subsequent weeks until the underperformance is recovered).

Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs

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 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.

Country of listing on 31 July 2025⁷

Country	% of equities	Benchmark ^{2,8}
Nigeria	22.6	0.0
United Kingdom	17.7	0.0
Egypt	15.5	14.7
BRVM	12.1	5.1
Zimbabwe	8.9	0.0
Kenya	6.0	12.4
Australia	3.7	0.0
Uganda	3.6	0.0
United States	2.1	0.0
Morocco	2.0	57.3
Malawi	1.8	0.0
Norway	1.4	0.0
Rwanda	1.4	0.0
Canada	0.8	0.0
Tanzania	0.3	0.0
Ghana	0.1	0.0
Zambia	0.0	0.0
Mauritius	0.0	6.2
Tunisia	0.0	4.3
Total (%)⁹	100.0	100.0

6. The listing may not represent the geographical location of the company's operations. The fund invests based on the primary place of operation, not listing.

7. Expressed as a percentage of equities, excluding money market exposure.

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

9. The investment management fees paid by the Fund were overstated due to the understatement of the Standard Bank Africa Total Return Index since October 2020. These fees have been returned to the Fund and the performance fees reflected in the table have been restated accordingly.

Sector allocation on 31 July 2025

Sector	% of equities	Benchmark ^{1,7}
Consumer staples	32.8	7.1
Financials	32.2	46.4
Basic materials	10.5	4.0
Energy	10.4	1.6
Telecommunications	9.5	14.9
Utilities	3.6	1.6
Healthcare	0.9	2.9
Industrials	0.0	16.5
Technology	0.0	0.2
Real estate	0.0	4.7
Total (%)⁸	100.0	100.0

Asset allocation on 31 July 2025

Asset class	Total
Net equities	96.3
Hedged equities	0.0
Property	0.0
Commodity-linked	0.0
Bonds	0.0
Money market and bank deposits	3.7
Total (%)⁸	100.0

Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs⁹

TER and transaction costs breakdown for the 1- and 3-year period ending 30 June 2025	1yr %	3yr %
Total expense ratio	0.53	0.83
Fee for benchmark performance	1.00	1.00
Performance fees	-1.00	-0.54
Custody fees	0.17	0.16
Other costs excluding transaction costs	0.36	0.21
Transaction costs	0.15	0.11
Total investment charge	0.68	0.94

The Fund's absolute performance has been good over the past year, six months and quarter, with US dollar returns of 30.1%, 25.3% and 17.0%, respectively. Relatively, the Fund's performance has lagged the benchmark, but the more recent relative performance is encouraging. For context, the MSCI World Index has delivered a total return of 16.3% over the past year.

African markets, as a collective, have largely been out of favour for the better part of the last decade. Our view remains that these markets offer a unique investment opportunity set in a complicated world. In fact, the most recent quarter proved just why in the aftermath of President Trump's "Liberation Day" announcement on 2 April 2025. US exceptionalism – the belief that US assets will continue to outperform – has been a driving force in global equity returns over the recent past. This crowded trade is now squarely under scrutiny. Increasing investor anxiety about US politics, US equity market valuations and the US dollar have the potential to create outsized returns in unloved and overlooked corners of the market. However, we are cognisant of the idiosyncratic risks borne by these markets.

Regular readers of our commentaries will appreciate that we are long-term, contrarian investors with a value bias. Our investment style means that we are benchmark agnostic, and therefore often positioned differently from the market and our peers. A current point of difference is that we are materially underweight Moroccan equities. This has hurt relative performance, as the Moroccan market – using Bloomberg's MASI Free Float Index – has delivered an outstanding annual return of over 10% in US dollars over the past 10 years. To start off, Morocco ticks a number of boxes for foreign investors. The country is perceived to be economically and geopolitically steady, its GDP growth track record is good, the Moroccan dirham is stable (although it is pegged to a euro-US dollar basket), inflation is well controlled, and interest rates are low. These positive factors are amplified by structural constraints, such as Morocco's strict capital controls for residents (i.e. limits on foreign investments) and the low free float available in the stock market. Essentially, supply is constrained relative to demand, which means that valuations are higher than we think is warranted.

In Nigeria, the larger banks have concluded their mandatory capital raise programmes. Guaranty Trust Holding Company (GTCO) is the exception – they have concluded the first phase of a two-phase capital raise plan. As we previously commented, the banks in the portfolio (GTCO, Zenith, and Stanbic IBTC) were well capitalised prior to raising capital. A key tenet of the investment case for these banks is that they are extremely well positioned to return capital to shareholders in the form of higher dividend payouts. Lo and behold, the Central Bank of Nigeria recently directed that all banks benefiting from regulatory relief – such as being allowed to exceed normal lending limits – suspend dividend payments, defer bonuses and refrain from foreign investments. This is a new risk, but it is our understanding that GTCO is not impacted, and that Zenith should have exited all such arrangements by the end of June 2025.

Seplat, the largest share in the Fund, has continued to deliver with an approximate total return of 37% in US dollars year to date. This is on the back of 2024, when the company delivered a total return of more than 60% in US dollars. The investment case now hinges on management's ability to execute their operational strategy across their suite of oil and gas assets in Nigeria. Our assessment is that the share remains attractively valued at under 6 times our assessment of normal free cash flow.

Umeme's electricity distribution concession in Uganda reached its natural end on 31 March 2025. Under the agreement, the Government of Uganda is liable to pay Umeme a contractual buyout amount on conclusion of the concession. The government assessed this value to be US\$118m, but Umeme is dissatisfied with this amount. They value their full claim at US\$410m, approximately 3.5 times the value of the government's estimate. Umeme has triggered arbitration proceedings in London to recover the full amount of the outstanding sum. We are fully supportive of Umeme's actions in this regard.

During the quarter, the Fund sold shares in Stanbic Holdings and Econet Wireless and bought shares in Kenmare Resources and Panoro Energy.

Commentary contributed by Kamal Govan

**Fund manager quarterly
commentary as at
30 June 2025**

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Fees and charges

Permissible deductions from the Fund may include management fees, brokerage, securities transfer tax, auditor's fees, bank charges and custody fees. A schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions is available on request from the Representative.

Total expense ratio (TER) and transaction costs

The 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 fees. Transaction costs (including brokerage, securities transfer tax 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 fund, 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 collective investment scheme 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).

African markets

There are significant risks involved in investing in shares listed in the Fund's universe of emerging and developing countries, including liquidity risks, sometimes aggravated by rapid and large outflows of "hot money" and capital flight, concentration risk, currency risks, political and social instability, the possibility of expropriation, confiscatory taxation or nationalisation of assets and the establishment of foreign exchange controls which may include the suspension of the ability to transfer currency from a given country. African countries have varying laws and regulations and, in some, foreign investment is controlled or restricted in varying degrees.

Capacity

The Fund currently has limited capacity. The Investment Manager may, at its discretion, refuse a subscription or phase a subscription into the Fund over a number of dealing days. Total investor redemptions may be limited to US\$5m or 2.5% of the Fund (whichever is less) per dealing day. The Investment Manager retains the right to distribute all or part of any redemption proceeds in specie (in kind).

Fair value pricing

The board of directors of the Fund (the "Board") may fair value the Fund's assets in accordance with the Board's fair value pricing policies if: 1) the closing market quotations or official closing prices are not readily available or do not accurately reflect the fair value of a Fund asset; or 2) the value of a Fund asset has been materially affected by events occurring before the Fund's pricing time but after the close of the exchange or market on which the asset is principally traded. The Board delegates the responsibility for fair value pricing decisions to a valuation committee of the Investment Manager.

Contractual risk

The Fund can use derivatives to manage its exposure to stock markets, currencies and/or interest rates and this exposes the Fund to contractual risk. Contractual risk includes the risk that a counterparty will not settle a transaction according to its terms and conditions because of a dispute over the terms of the contract (whether or not bona fide) or because of a credit or liquidity problem, causing the Fund to suffer a loss. Such contract counterparty risk is accentuated for contracts with longer maturities where events may intervene to prevent settlement, or where the Fund has concentrated its transactions with a single or small group of counterparties.

Derivatives

Borrowing, leveraging and trading securities on margin will result in interest charges and, depending on the amount of trading activity, such charges could be substantial. The low margin deposits normally required in futures and forward trading, which the Fund may utilise, permit a high degree of leverage. As a result, a relatively small price movement in a futures or forward contract may result in immediate and substantial losses to the investor. Price movements of forward contracts and other derivative contracts in which the assets of the Fund may be invested are highly volatile and are influenced by, among other things, interest rates, changing supply and demand relationships, trade, fiscal, monetary and exchange control programmes and policies of governments, and national and international political and economic events and policies. Forward contracts are not traded on exchanges and are not standardised; rather, banks and dealers act as principals in these markets, negotiating each transaction on an individual basis. Trading in forward contracts is substantially unregulated and there is no limitation on daily price movements.

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