

Orbis Optimal

It has been three years since we wrote about an imaginary digital yacht that sold for \$650,000 in the metaverse. It was a fun little anecdote that captured the spirit of the “Everything Bubble”, and one that we thought would be hard to beat. So much for that. Our new favourite is “Fartcoin”. A cryptocurrency that did not even exist in early October, Fartcoin’s total market value recently traded above \$1 billion!

Returns on more traditional asset classes haven’t been quite as sensational, but they have been robust. The S&P 500 closed 2024 with a 25% return, a calendar year performance that has only been topped in 10 of the past 35 years. While not exactly a bubble, stockmarket returns have been running above normal for some time, valuations are lofty, and the Fartcoin craze is a reminder that animal spirits are alive and well.

At times like these, the Optimal Strategy can play a valuable role. By design, the Optimal Strategy’s hedging policy eliminates broad stockmarket exposure. This can be painful to watch in years like 2024, but it also cushions the blow in years like 2022, when the average global equity fund¹ lost almost 20% of its value.

The Optimal Strategy’s greatest opportunity to distinguish itself may lie ahead. The period since the global financial crisis (GFC) has been an unusually rewarding time to be an equity investor, but the starting point explains a lot. Amid the wreckage of the GFC, investors’ expectations were low, which set the stage for many years of pleasant surprises as growth continued to deliver year after year.

The picture looks quite different today. While fundamentals are still impressive, expectations and valuations are now higher, and capital has increasingly crowded into a few large correlated bets—wagering that a small number of existing winners will continue to perform. Historically, this setup hasn’t boded well for future returns. It’s entirely possible that this time might be different; but fair to say that from this starting point, it will be much tougher for broad stockmarkets to beat expectations over the next decade than the previous one.

At the same time, we also see reasons to be cautious about some underappreciated risks brewing in the US, where many of these large correlated bets reside. Investors may cheer the potential benefits of improving government efficiency but appear to be ignoring the pain that may be necessary to get there. They may also cheer the “America first” policies that reshore industrial jobs, perhaps ignoring the likely impact on productivity, which has mainly improved thanks to global trade over the past few decades. And investors may be forgetting that other countries may take steps of their own in response, which is especially worrying given US dependence on excess capital from overseas.

All that simply to say, we believe it’s time to be careful. As we have noted in previous commentaries, markets are reflexive in both directions. The same forces that can conspire to push Fartcoin to a billion-dollar valuation out of thin air can also wipe out billions of stockmarket value in a self-reinforcing downward spiral.

In this environment, we believe the Optimal Strategy is a valuable complement to other assets in a portfolio. By focusing on our highest-conviction bottom-up stock selections—and hedging broad stockmarket exposure—the Optimal Strategy has the potential to deliver positive real returns over the long term without relying on the continued performance of highly valued and increasingly correlated assets. We couldn’t ask for a better environment in which to let our stockpickers do what they do best.

While we won’t get all of our stock selection decisions right, it’s safe to say that their returns will be idiosyncratic. The Optimal Strategy’s holdings include an eclectic range of businesses from movie theatres to health insurance to discount retailers to corporate payment systems. The extent to which these investments add or detract value relative to their respective benchmarks should have little correlation with major asset classes—and very little with one another. Their commonality being our strong conviction that they are priced well below their intrinsic values.

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1 Sourced from Morningstar Inc. and comprised of global large-cap blend equity funds which invest principally in the equities of large-cap companies from around the globe (as defined by Morningstar).

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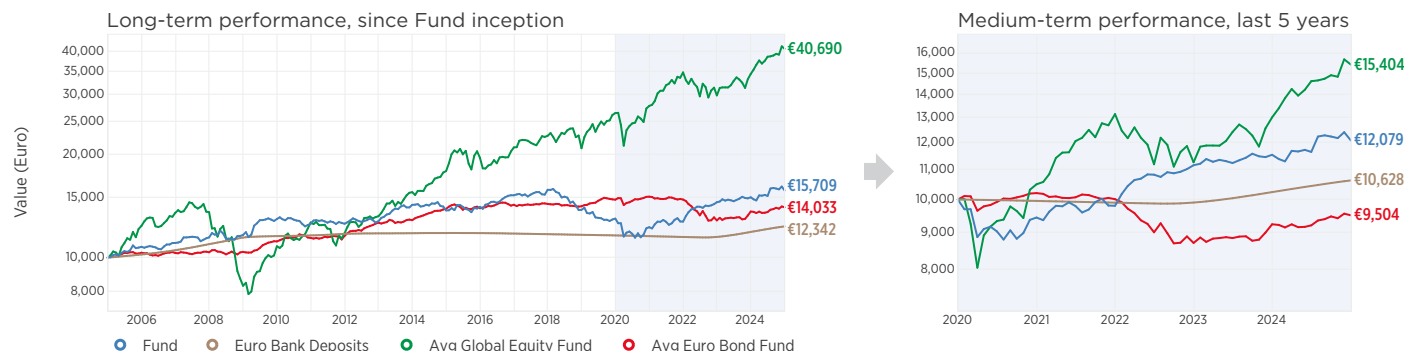
Orbis Optimal SA Fund

Euro Standard Class

The Fund seeks capital appreciation in euro on a low risk global portfolio. It invests principally in a focused portfolio of selected global equities believed to offer superior relative value and employs stockmarket hedging to reduce risk of loss.

Price	€15.63	Comparators	Euro Bank Deposits
Pricing currency	Euro		Average Global Equity Fund Index
Domicile	Bermuda		Average Euro Bond Fund Index
Type	Open-ended mutual fund	Minimum investment	US\$50,000
Class size	€257 million	Dealing	Daily
Fund inception	1 January 2005	Entry/exit fees	None
Strategy size	€3.0 billion	ISIN	BMG6768M1111
Strategy inception	1 January 1990		

Growth of €10,000 investment, net of fees, dividends reinvested



Returns (%)

	Fund	Euro Bank Deposits	Avg Global Equity Fund	Avg Euro Bond Fund
Annualised	<i>Net</i>		<i>Net</i>	
Since Fund inception	2.3	1.1	7.3	1.7
15 years	1.3	0.4	9.2	1.5
10 years	1.3	0.4	8.6	0.1
5 years	3.8	1.2	9.0	(1.0)
3 years	7.2	2.4	5.4	(1.7)
1 year	4.7	3.8	18.4	2.9
Not annualised				
3 months	(1.3)	0.8	3.5	0.4
1 month	(2.6)	0.3		

	Year	Net %
Best performing calendar year since Fund inception	2022	13.9
Worst performing calendar year since Fund inception	2018	(12.6)

Risk Measures, since Fund inception

	Fund	Euro Bank Deposits	Avg Global Equity Fund	Avg Euro Bond Fund
Historic maximum drawdown (%)	28	3	46	15
Months to recovery	77	104	72	>48 ¹
% recovered	100	100	100	54
Annualised monthly volatility (%)	5.6	0.5	12.7	3.3
Correlation vs FTSE World Index	0.3	(0.1)	1.0	0.4
Correlation vs Orbis Global Equity Fund relative return	0.8	0.1	0.0	0.0

Currency Allocation (%)

Euro	90
Japanese yen	6
Other	4
Total	100

Stockmarket Exposure (%)

Region	Equity Exposure	Portfolio Hedging	Accounting Exposure	Beta Adjusted Exposure
Developed Markets	82	(73)	9	1
United States	34	(31)	3	0
Japan	19	(15)	3	0
United Kingdom	13	(7)	6	6
Continental Europe	10	(15)	(5)	(6)
Other	6	(5)	1	1
Emerging Markets	4	(6)	(1)	(1)
Total	86	(79)	8	0

Top 10 Holdings²

	FTSE Sector	%
QXO	Technology	4.4
Corpay (was FLEETCOR)	Industrials	4.2
B&M European Value Retail	Consumer Discretionary	3.2
Cinemark Holdings	Consumer Discretionary	2.8
RXO	Industrials	2.7
UnitedHealth Group	Health Care	2.7
Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg.	Technology	2.1
FirstService	Real Estate	2.1
Motorola Solutions	Telecommunications	2.0
Elevance Health	Health Care	1.8
Total		28.1

Fees & Expenses (%), for last 12 months

Base fee	1.00
Performance fee	0.00
Fund expenses	0.07
Total Expense Ratio (TER)	1.08

Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results. Orbis Fund share prices fluctuate and are not guaranteed. Returns may decrease or increase as a result of currency fluctuations. When making an investment in the Funds, an investor's capital is at risk.

See Notices for important information about this Fact Sheet.

¹ Number of months since the start of the drawdown. This drawdown is not yet recovered.

² Includes equity positions held indirectly.

Orbis Optimal SA Fund

US\$ Standard Class and Euro Standard Class

This Fact Sheet is a Minimum Disclosure Document and a monthly General Investor Report as required by the South African Financial Sector Conduct Authority.

Manager		Orbis Investment Management Limited	
Inception date		1 January 2005	
Number of shares	US\$ Standard Class:	41,487,009	Euro Standard Class: 16,454,143
Income distributions during the last 12 months		None	

Fund Objective and Performance Fee Benchmarks

The Fund is designed for investors seeking capital appreciation on a low risk global investment portfolio. The Fund's returns are intended to be largely independent of the returns of major asset classes such as cash, equities and bonds. The Fund's US\$ Share Classes aim to outperform US\$ Bank Deposits (compound total returns on one month US\$ deposits, currently based on the Bloomberg USDRA rate), while its Euro Share Classes aim to outperform Euro Bank Deposits (compound total returns on one month Euro Deposits, currently based on the Bloomberg EUDRA rate).

How We Aim to Achieve the Fund's Objective/Adherence to Objective

The Fund is actively managed and augments a focused portfolio of selected global equities with hedging of the risk of monetary loss arising from a decline in stockmarkets. It invests in shares considered to offer superior fundamental value. The lower the price of a share as compared to its assessed intrinsic value, the more attractive Orbis considers the equity's fundamental value. Orbis believes that over the long term, equity invested based on this approach offers superior returns and reduces the risk of loss.

Orbis believes the main risk of investing in its selected equities is that their prices will decline if relevant stockmarkets fall significantly. To reduce this risk, the Fund maintains a substantial core level of hedging. When Orbis' research suggests that stockmarkets are overvalued and vulnerable, the Manager increases the hedging above this core level. Similarly, when Orbis' research suggests that stockmarkets represent good value, the Manager lowers the hedging below the core level. The Manager's actions in this regard are limited and the Fund therefore always maintains a significant level of hedging to protect investors from unexpected stockmarket declines. The result is that the Fund's returns are driven mainly by the Manager's ability to select equities that outperform their respective stockmarket indices and not by the overall direction of equity markets. The Fund is therefore able to aim for absolute (or positive) returns.

Since inception and over the latest ten- and five-year periods, both the US\$ and Euro Standard Classes have outperformed their respective performance fee benchmarks net of fees and delivered positive returns.

Risk/Reward Profile

- The Fund is designed for investors seeking capital appreciation on a low risk global investment portfolio.
- Investments in the Fund may suffer capital loss.
- Investors should understand that the Manager generally assesses an equity investment's attractiveness using a three-to-five year time horizon.

Management Fee

The Fund's share classes bear different management fees. The fees are designed to align the Investment Manager's interests with those of investors in the Fund.

There are two parts to the fee applicable to the Standard Share Classes.

- a base fee of 1.0% per annum, paid monthly, of the total net assets of each Standard Share Class; plus
- a performance fee of 20% of the outperformance of each class of Standard share's daily rate of return relative to its performance fee benchmark (as described in the "Fund Objective and Performance Fee Benchmarks" section above), calculated and accrued on each dealing day and paid monthly. The performance fee incorporates a high water mark.

Please review the Fund's prospectus for additional detail and for a description of the management fee borne by the Fund's other share classes.

Fees, Expenses and Total Expense Ratio (TER)

The relevant class within the Fund bears all expenses payable by such class, which shall include but not be limited to fees payable to its Manager and additional service providers, fees and expenses involved in registering and maintaining governmental registrations, taxes, duties and all other operating expenses, including the cost of buying and selling investments. However, the Manager has agreed that in the current calendar year, except for specified exclusions, operating expenses attributable to each share class will be capped at 0.15% per annum. The cap will be automatically extended for further successive one year periods unless terminated by the Manager at least three months prior to the end of the then current term. The operating expenses that are capped are all expenses, excluding the Manager's fees described above under "Management Fee," the cost of buying and selling investments, interest and brokerage charges.

Where an investor subscribes or redeems an amount representing 5% or more of the net asset value of the Fund, the Manager may cause the Fund to levy a fee of 0.50% of the net asset value of the Fund's shares being acquired or redeemed.

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

Changes in the Fund's Top 10 Holdings

30 September 2024	%	31 December 2024	%
QXO	4.2	QXO	4.4
UnitedHealth Group	3.9	Corpay (was FLEETCOR)	4.2
Corpay (was FLEETCOR)	3.8	B&M European Value Retail	3.2
RXO	3.0	Cinemark Holdings	2.8
Cinemark Holdings	2.7	RXO	2.7
Motorola Solutions	2.6	UnitedHealth Group	2.7
London Stock Exchange Group	2.4	Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg.	2.1
B&M European Value Retail	2.3	FirstService	2.1
ConvaTec Group	2.1	Motorola Solutions	2.0
Taiwan Semiconductor Mfg.	2.0	Elevance Health	1.8
Total	29.1	Total	28.1

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Orbis Optimal SA Fund

Additional Information

South African residents should contact Allan Gray Unit Trust Management (RF) Proprietary Limited at 0860 000 654 (toll free from within South Africa) or offshore_direct@allangray.co.za to receive, free of charge, additional information about a proposed investment (including Prospectus, application forms, annual reports and a schedule of fees, charges and maximum commissions). The Manager can be contacted at +1 441 296 3000 or clientservice@orbis.com. The Fund's Custodian is Citibank N.A., New York Offices, 388 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10013, U.S.A. All information provided herein is subject to the more detailed information provided in the Fund's Prospectus.

Share Price and Transaction Cut Off Times

Share prices are calculated for the Investor Share Class(es), on a net asset value basis by share class, normally as of 5:30 pm (Bermuda time), (a) each Thursday (or, if a Thursday is not a business day, the preceding business day), (b) on the last business day of each month and/or (c) any other days in addition to (or substitution for) any of the days described in (a) or (b), as determined by the Investment Manager or Manager (as indicated in the Fund's prospectus) without notice. Share prices are calculated for the (i) Standard Share Class(es), (ii) Standard Share Class(es) (A), (iii) Shared Investor Refundable Reserve Fee Share Class(es) and (iv) Shared Investor Refundable Reserve Fee Share Class(es) (A) on a net asset value basis by share class, normally as of 5:30 pm (Bermuda time), (a) each business day and/or (b) any other days in addition to (or substitution for) any of the days described in (a), as determined by the Investment Manager or Manager (as indicated in the Fund's prospectus) without notice.

Subscriptions are only valid if made on the basis of the Fund's current Prospectus. To be processed on a given dealing day: subscription requests into an Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:00 pm on that dealing day; subscription requests into an Orbis Fund that is an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:30 pm; redemption requests from an Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 12 noon; redemption requests from an Orbis Fund that is an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:30 pm; requests to switch from an Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis SICAV Fund to a different Orbis Fund that is also not an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 12 noon; requests to switch from an Orbis SICAV Fund into a different Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:00 pm; requests to switch from an Orbis Fund that is not an Orbis SICAV Fund to a different Orbis Fund that is an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 12 noon; and requests to switch from an Orbis Fund that is an Orbis SICAV Fund to a different Orbis Fund that is also an Orbis SICAV Fund must be submitted by 5:30 pm. All times given are Bermuda time, and all requests must be properly completed and accompanied by any required funds and/or information.

Share prices, updated every dealing day, are available:

- for the Shared Investor RRF Share Class(es) (A) and Standard Share Class(es) (A), from the Allan Gray Unit Trust Management (RF) Proprietary Limited's website at www.allangray.co.za, and
- for the Shared Investor RRF Share Class(es), Standard Share Class(es), and Investor Share Class(es), from the Orbis website at www.orbis.com.

Weekly prices can be obtained via e-mail, by registering with Orbis for this service at the Orbis website at www.orbis.com.

Legal Notices

Returns are net of fees, include income and assume reinvestment of dividends. Figures quoted are for the periods indicated for a \$10,000 or €10,000 investment (lump sum, for illustrative purposes only). Annualised returns show the average amount earned on an investment in the Fund/ share class each year over the given time period. This Report does not constitute advice nor a recommendation to buy, sell or hold, nor an offer to sell or a solicitation to buy interests or shares in the Orbis Funds or other securities in the companies mentioned in it.

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Fund Minimum

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Clients investing via Allan Gray, which includes the Allan Gray Investment Platform, an Allan Gray investment pool or otherwise through Allan Gray Nominees, remain subject to the investment minimums specified by the applicable terms and conditions.

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Total Rate of Return for Bank Deposits is the compound total return for one-month interbank deposits in the specified currency. Beta Adjusted Exposure is calculated as Equity Exposure multiplied by a Beta determined using Blume's technique, minus Portfolio Hedging.

Notes to Help You Understand This Report

Certain capitalised terms are defined in the Glossary section of the Orbis Funds' respective Prospectuses, copies of which are available upon request from Allan Gray Unit Trust Management (RF) Proprietary Limited, a Member of the Association for Savings & Investments SA. The country and currency classification for securities follows that of third-party providers for comparability purposes. Emerging Markets follows MSCI classification when available and includes Frontier Markets. Emerging Markets currency exposure is based on currency denomination. Based on a number of factors including the location of the underlying business, Orbis may consider a security's classification to be different and manage the Funds' exposures accordingly. Totals presented in this Report may not sum due to rounding.

Risk measures are ex-post and calculated on a monthly return series. Months to recovery measures the number of months from the preceding peak in performance to recovery of that level of performance.

12 month portfolio turnover for the Orbis Equity and Multi-Asset Class Funds is calculated as the lesser of total security purchases or sales in the Fund over the period, divided by the average net asset value (NAV) of the Fund. Cash, cash equivalents and short-term government securities are not included.

12 month name turnover for the Orbis Equity and Multi-Asset Class Funds is calculated as the number of positions held by the Fund at the start of the period but no longer held at the end of the period, divided by the total number of positions held by the Fund at the start of the period.

Active share is a measure of the extent to which the holdings of the Orbis Equity and Balanced Funds differ from their respective benchmark's holdings. It is calculated by summing the absolute value of the differences of the weight of each individual security in the specific Orbis Fund, versus the weight of each holding in the respective benchmark index, and dividing by two. For the Balanced Funds, three calculations of active share are disclosed. The Portfolio active share incorporates the equity, fixed income, commodity-linked and other securities (as applicable) held by the Orbis Fund and compares those to the holdings of the composite benchmark. The Equity and Fixed Income active shares are calculated as if the equity and fixed income portions of the Orbis Funds are independent funds; each of those two sets of holdings is separately compared to the fully-weighted holdings in the appropriate component of the composite benchmark. Although the Balanced Funds hedge stock and bond market exposure, the active share calculations are "gross" and not adjusted to reflect the hedging in place at any point in time.

Benchmark related information is as at the date of production based on data provided by the official benchmark and/or third party data providers. There may be timing differences between the date at which data is captured and reported.

The total expense ratio has been calculated using the expenses, excluding trading costs, and average net assets for the 12 month period ending 31 December 2024.

Orbis SICAV Funds: The Fund expenses exclude portfolio transaction costs. The performance related management fee becomes payable to Orbis on each Dealing Day as defined in the Funds' Prospectus.

Additional Notices

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