

Dear <Investor>

The benchmark of the Allan Gray Africa ex-SA Equity Fund (“the Fund”) has been the Standard Bank Africa Total Return Index (“the Index”) since the Fund’s inception on 1 January 2012. It has come to our attention that due to internal process failures at Standard Bank, the Index has not been maintained according to its published index rules since October 2020. The error has resulted in the benchmark’s performance being understated by 3% per annum between 1 October 2020 and 31 July 2023. As the Fund’s investment management fee is charged based on the extent to which the Fund out- or underperforms its benchmark, the investment management fee that was levied in the Fund on certain dates was overstated.

### How will this be corrected?

Standard Bank have restated the historical Index so that it is consistent with their original rules. We have included the corrected Index performance in the 31 August 2023 fund factsheet.

The specific dates on which the investment management fee levied was overstated are listed below. We are in the process of investigating the impact of the error on affected clients invested in the Fund at the time. In the upcoming weeks, we will communicate the specific details to all affected clients, including any corrective action required to place affected clients in the appropriate financial position.

Fund class	Dates the investment management fees were overstated
Allan Gray Africa ex-SA Equity Fund (Class A)	16 June 2022
	23 June 2022
	25 May 2023
Allan Gray Africa ex-SA Equity Fund (Class C)	23 June 2022
	25 May 2023

### Change in benchmark

Standard Bank has indicated that they intend to discontinue the Index. In light of this, and their failure to maintain the Index historically, we will change the Fund’s benchmark to the MSCI Emerging Frontier Markets Africa ex-SA Index. This will be effective from **1 November 2023**, subject to regulatory approval.

While our portfolio managers do not benchmark the Fund to a specific index, we believe that the MSCI Emerging Frontier Markets Africa ex-SA Index provides an appropriate proxy against which to measure the Fund’s performance. This benchmark is widely used across the industry, which facilitates greater comparability with similar funds. We consider this change to be in the best interests of our clients.

### How will the benchmark change impact your investment?

The benchmark change will not affect the mandate or investment process of the Fund. From 1 November 2023, the Fund’s investment management fee will be calculated based on the performance of the Fund relative to the MSCI Emerging Frontier Markets Africa ex-SA Index. The Fund’s introductory booklet will also be amended to reflect this change.

If you have any questions, please contact your financial adviser, our Client Service Centre on 0860 000 654 or email us at [info@allangray.co.za](mailto:info@allangray.co.za).

Yours sincerely

**Allan Gray Client Services**