

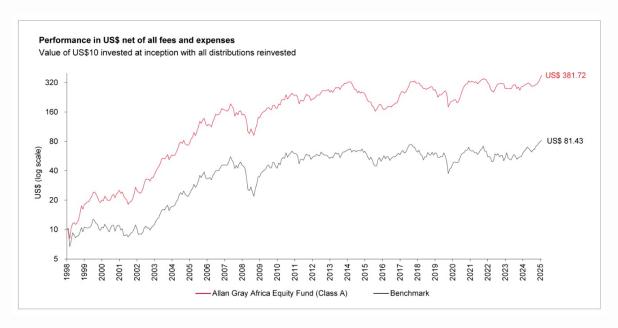
**Dear Investor** 

# Closure of the Allan Gray Africa Equity Fund and notice of a Special General Meeting

We regret to inform you that the Allan Gray Africa Equity Fund ("the Fund") will be closing.

Outlined below are the reasons we believe closing the Fund best serves our investors, along with the options available to you and information about an upcoming Special General Meeting, which will be held virtually on 29 October 2025.

Since its launch in July 1998, the Fund has aimed to deliver long-term returns by investing in a focused portfolio of businesses with meaningful exposure to the African continent. Our long-term investment approach – grounded in deep fundamental research, patience and a willingness to invest in often-overlooked areas – has proven well-aligned with both the opportunities and challenges present in African markets. As illustrated in the performance chart below, this has translated into meaningful long-term value for our investors.



# Why do we believe closing the Fund best serves our investors?

The Fund's largest investor, which is a related entity of the Allan Gray Group and has been invested in the Fund since inception, has indicated an intention to diversify its portfolio away from the Fund and transition to other Allan Gray funds over time. As a result, the Fund is expected to reduce considerably in size. This would be detrimental to remaining investors, as the fixed costs required to manage the Fund would be borne across a meaningfully smaller asset base. In addition, such a large disinvestment may impede the Fund's ability to deliver on its long-term objectives, including limiting its capacity to facilitate timely redemptions, given the less liquid securities held. While we believe the decision to close the Fund is in the best interest of all clients, we do recognise the impact this will have on those investors who have supported it over the years.

It is important to note that this decision is operational in nature and does not reflect a change in our investment outlook for African markets. We continue to believe that African markets offer opportunities for patient investors, and we will continue to manage significant assets in our other Africa-focused funds.

## Options available to you

Given the Fund's closure, you have the option to switch to another Allan Gray Bermuda-domiciled fund, redeem your investment, or take no action. These three choices are detailed below.

## a. Switch to another Allan Gray Bermuda-domiciled fund

The following three funds are available to you:

- The Allan Gray Africa ex-SA Equity Fund is our other Africa-focused equity offering. Launched in January 2012, it follows the same investment philosophy and process as the Allan Gray Africa Equity Fund, with the key distinction being that it does not invest in South African equities. Despite this, its remaining African exposure is very similar to the Fund, and regulatory developments over time have reduced the need to offer two distinct funds. Therefore, going forward, the Allan Gray Africa ex-SA Equity Fund will serve as our streamlined offering for investors seeking exposure to African equity markets outside South Africa. Please refer to this link for the latest factsheet.
- ii) The Allan Gray Frontier Markets Equity Fund was launched in April 2017 and invests in a focused portfolio of companies with significant business interests in frontier markets. It follows the same long-term, valuation-driven investment philosophy applied across our fund range. The Allan Gray Frontier Markets Equity Fund is suitable for investors seeking diversified frontier market equity exposure and who are comfortable with above-average volatility and currency fluctuations. Please refer to this link for the latest factsheet.
- iii) The Allan Gray Africa Bond Fund was launched in March 2013 and invests in a focused portfolio of African fixed income instruments selected for their expected risk and return potential. It seeks to achieve the maximum US dollar total return while minimising the risk of loss within the context of an African bond fund. The Allan Gray Africa Bond Fund is suitable for investors seeking exposure to African fixed income markets and who are comfortable with above-average volatility and currency fluctuations. Please refer to this link for the latest factsheet.

If you would like to switch into one of the three Bermuda-domiciled funds, you will need to complete a switch form and return it to us by 23 October 2025 for processing. The switch form is available here or from the Allan Gray Service team.

## b. Redeem your investment

Investors in the Fund may submit a redemption request prior to 23 October 2025. Redemption payments are typically made within five business days following the next available Dealing Day. The redemption form is available here or from the Allan Gray Service team.

#### c. Take no action

If you decide not to switch into an alternate fund or redeem, you will remain invested in the Fund during the wind-down process and will receive periodic redemption proceeds as securities held by the Fund are liquidated in an orderly manner. To ensure that no investor is disadvantaged, the largest investor will remain in the Fund throughout the closure period, and asset sales will be staggered to achieve the best possible value for investors. This process of winding down the Fund is expected to take several years.

Please note that your decision to switch into another fund, redeem or remain invested during the closure process may give rise to personal tax consequences.

## **Details of the Special General Meeting**

We invite you to attend a virtual Special General Meeting on 29 October 2025, at which you will be asked to vote on proposed amendments to the Fund's bye-laws to enable an orderly wind-down and ensure an equitable closure. Please download the formal notice of the Special General Meeting and proxy form. Further information is available in the accompanying frequently asked questions.

If you have any questions regarding the Special General Meeting or your investment options, please contact the Allan Gray Service team on +27 (0)21 415 9380 or email allangraybermuda@allangray.com.

Thank you for your continued trust in Allan Gray.

Yours sincerely

# The Directors of the Fund

## Frequently asked questions for investors

# Switching or redeeming your investment

# Can you redeem your shares or switch to another fund before the Special General Meeting?

You may redeem your shares or switch to another Allan Gray Bermuda-domiciled fund before the Special General Meeting. Fund shares are normally redeemed or switched every Thursday (or if a Thursday is not a business day, then the preceding business day), referred to as a "Dealing Day". We request that you complete a redemption or switch form and return it to us before 17:00 South African time on 23 October 2025, being the last Dealing Day before the Special General Meeting. Please download the switch form and redemption form.

# Will there be any fees or charges to redeem or switch?

The Fund's redemption charge, which is 0.50% of the redemption or switch amount, will apply. This charge is paid into the Fund and represents an estimate of the costs associated with a redemption or switch, including, but not limited to, any brokerage fees that may be incurred by the Fund.

# Will you be liable for capital gains tax on redemption or switch?

The redemption of your shares in the Fund, whether through a switch into another fund or a redemption, may be seen as a disposal for capital gains tax purposes. Please consult your tax adviser.

# When will you receive your redemption proceeds?

Redemption payments are typically made within five business days following the relevant Dealing Day, provided all required documentation has been received. Please note that the Fund is legally required to obtain anti-money laundering documentation from investors before any redemption proceeds can be paid. Failure to provide such information or documents in a timely manner could result in a delay in the payment of redemption proceeds.

Payments may also be delayed beyond five business days in the event of extenuating circumstances, such as a market closure in a relevant jurisdiction during the period, or if the Fund is unable to repatriate US dollars from a market in a timely manner due to local liquidity or exchange control constraints.

## Special General Meeting of the Fund ("Special General Meeting")

# Why is the Special General Meeting being held and how are investors' redemption rights changing?

The meeting is being held to vote on a proposed amendment to the bye-laws of the Fund, so that the directors may:

- Compulsorily redeem the shares of the Fund;
- Suspend investor redemptions from the Fund; and
- Continue to calculate the net asset value per share of any class of shares in the Fund while investor redemptions are suspended.

## Why do we want to change the bye-laws?

Given the nature of the Fund's underlying assets and the liquidity constraints in certain African markets, we would like to suspend investor redemptions to facilitate the orderly closure of the Fund. This will enable us to stagger asset sales to help achieve the best possible value for investors. It will also provide the necessary time to repatriate US dollar proceeds from countries with limited liquidity and exchange controls.

## How can you attend the Special General Meeting and vote?

If you wish to attend the Special General Meeting, please register in advance by no later than 17:00 South African time on 22 October 2025 by completing the Special General Meeting registration form, which is available here.

The Special General Meeting will be held virtually via video conference and cannot be attended in person. Only you, or your appointed proxy, as indicated on the proxy form, may participate in the meeting if you still hold shares in the Fund as at the date of the Special General Meeting.

We recommend submitting your proxy as outlined in the proxy form to ensure your vote is counted.

# What will happen to your investment in the Fund if the proposals are approved?

If the proposed changes to the Fund's bye-laws are approved at the Special General Meeting, the directors will suspend investor redemptions. This means you will no longer be able to submit requests to switch or redeem your shares from the Fund.

If you do not switch or redeem your shares, the directors will begin to redeem portions of your shares on a periodic basis, in line with the liquidation of the Fund's underlying assets. Each redemption will represent your proportionate share of the Fund's liquid assets, and proceeds will be paid to the bank account we have on record for you. This process will continue until all assets have been sold and the Fund is fully wound down. Given the liquidity constraints in particular markets, it is anticipated that the wind-down of the Fund will take several years to complete.