

Aberdeen Standard OEIC I

(Formerly Aberdeen
Investment Funds ICVC)

Annual Report & Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 July 2019



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Report of the Authorised Corporate Director

Aberdeen Standard OEIC I ('the Company') is an open-ended investment company with variable capital. The Company is registered and authorised in the United Kingdom by the Financial Conduct Authority (the 'FCA') and has UCITS status. The Company is structured as an umbrella scheme for the purposes of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) and consists of a number of separate sub-funds.

Appointments

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Note:

The Authorised Corporate Director (the ACD), Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited, Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited, Aberdeen Fund Management Limited and Aberdeen Asset Management Inc are wholly owned subsidiaries of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC, and are accordingly associates. The Investment Advisers have the authority of the ACD to make decisions on its behalf in all aspects of the investment management of the investments and other property of the Company. The main terms of the agreement with each investment adviser are that it should have the authority of the ACD to make decisions on its behalf in all aspects of the investment management of the investments and other property of the Company, including the Company's powers to enter into hedging transactions relating to efficient portfolio management. The adviser's powers extend to all of the property of the Company except any part which the ACD excludes from the adviser's powers. The adviser is to report details of each transaction to the ACD and to confer with the ACD when required by it. The ACD will notify the adviser of additional cash available for the investment.

The ACD and Authorised Fund Manager of the Company is Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, a private company limited by shares which was incorporated in England and Wales on 7 November 1962. Its ultimate holding company is Standard Life Aberdeen plc, which is incorporated in Scotland.

Financial details and Fund Managers' reviews of the individual sub-funds for the year ended 31 July 2019 are given in the following pages of this report.

Each sub-fund has an individual investment objective and policy and each differs in regard to the extent to which they concentrate on achieving income or capital growth. There may be sub-funds added to the umbrella of Aberdeen Standard OEIC I (with consent of the FCA and the Depositary) in the future.

The sub-funds are valued on a mid-price basis and dealt at a single price regardless of whether a purchase or sale is being affected. The daily price for each sub-fund appears on the Aberdeen website at aberdeenstandard.com.

The sub-funds are segregated portfolios of assets and, accordingly, the assets of a sub-fund belong exclusively to that sub-fund and shall not be used to discharge directly or indirectly the liabilities of, or claims against, any other person or body, including the Company, or any other sub-fund, and shall not be available for any such purpose.

The shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

All fees charged by the Investment Adviser will be borne by the ACD.

Significant Events

- Effective from 7 August 2019 the Company and its sub-funds were renamed, as follows:

Effective to 7 August	Effective from 7 August
Aberdeen Investment Funds ICVC	Aberdeen Standard OEIC I
Aberdeen Asia Pacific and Japan Equity Fund	ASI Asia Pacific and Japan Equity Fund
Aberdeen Asia Pacific Equity Fund	ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund
Aberdeen Corporate Bond Fund	ASI Corporate Bond Fund
Aberdeen Diversified Income Fund	ASI Diversified Income Fund
Aberdeen Eastern European Equity Fund	ASI Eastern European Equity Fund
Aberdeen Emerging Markets Bond Fund	ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund
Aberdeen Emerging Markets Equity Fund	ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund
Aberdeen Ethical World Equity Fund	ASI Global Ethical Equity Fund
Aberdeen Euro Corporate Bond Fund	ASI Euro Corporate Bond Fund
Aberdeen European Equity Fund	ASI Europe ex UK Equity Fund
Aberdeen European High Yield Bond Fund	ASI European High Yield Bond Fund
Aberdeen European Property Share Fund	ASI European Real Estate Share Fund
Aberdeen European Smaller Companies Equity Fund	ASI European Smaller Companies Fund
Aberdeen Financial Equity Fund	ASI Financial Equity Fund
Aberdeen Global High Yield Bond Fund	ASI Global High Yield Bond Fund
Aberdeen Japan Equity Fund	ASI Japanese Equity Fund
Aberdeen Latin American Equity Fund	ASI Latin American Equity Fund
Aberdeen Multi-Asset Fund	ASI Multi-Asset Fund
Aberdeen North American Equity Fund	ASI American Equity Fund
Aberdeen Property Share Fund	ASI UK Real Estate Share Fund
Aberdeen Responsible UK Equity Fund	ASI UK Responsible Equity Fund
Aberdeen Sterling Bond Fund	ASI Sterling Bond Fund
Aberdeen Sterling Government Bond Fund	ASI (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund
Aberdeen Sterling Index-Linked Bond Fund	ASI Sterling Inflation-Linked Bond Fund

Effective to 7 August	Effective from 7 August
Aberdeen Sterling Long Dated Government Bond Fund	ASI Sterling Long Dated Government Bond Fund
Aberdeen Sterling Money Market Fund	ASI Sterling Money Market Fund
Aberdeen Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund	ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund
Aberdeen Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund	ASI (AAM) Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund
Aberdeen Sterling Short Term Government Bond Fund	ASI Sterling Short Term Government Bond Fund
Aberdeen Strategic Bond Fund	ASI Strategic Bond Fund
Aberdeen Target Return Bond Fund	ASI Target Return Bond Fund
Aberdeen UK Equity Fund	ASI UK Equity Fund
Aberdeen UK Equity Income Fund	ASI UK Income Equity Fund
Aberdeen UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund	ASI UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund
Aberdeen UK Smaller Companies Equity Fund	ASI (AAM) UK Smaller Companies Fund
Aberdeen World Equity Fund	ASI Global Equity Fund
Aberdeen World Equity Income Fund	ASI World Income Equity Fund
Aberdeen World Opportunistic Bond Fund	ASI Global Opportunistic Bond Fund

- Additionally at this time the Investment Objective and Policy (“IOP”) was updated to reflect regulatory changes and improve the clarity of the wording. Further details can be found at <https://www.aberdeenstandard.com/en/uk/investor/fund-centre/investor-communications>

Developments and Prospectus updates since 31 July 2018

- On 14 September 2018 the following share classes were closed: Aberdeen Japan Equity Fund Z Acc and Aberdeen UK Equity Income Fund Z Acc;
- Between 26 November 2018 and 30 November 2018, sixty five new M share classes were launched;
- On 12 October 2018 the change of Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited’s name to Aberdeen Standard Investment (Asia) Limited was updated;
- On 12 October 2018 the risk warnings regarding investing in Mainland China were updated;
- On 12 November 2018 the Depositary changed from BNP Paribas Securities Services, London branch to Citibank Europe plc, acting through its UK Branch. The prospectus was updated to reflect the change of Depositary and Custodian together with various changes to fund accounting and associated functions;
- On 12 November 2018 the change of stock lending agent to Securities Finance Trust Company was reflected;
- On 1 December 2018 the table under the heading “Current Charges” was updated to reflect the reduction in the retail share class annual management charge;
- On 10 December 2018 changes were made throughout the Prospectus to reflect the change in the name of the ACD from Aberdeen Fund Managers Limited to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited. Additionally at this time the “Sale” and “Redemption” sections of the Prospectus were updated to reflect the change in settlement periods from T+4 to T+3 along with some minor changes to investment minimums and dilution wording;
- On 10 December 2018 a section relating to “Mandatory Conversions” was added which gives the ACD the power to require that shares in a particular share class be converted to another share class;
- On 10 December 2018 the list of directors for Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited was updated;
- On 10 December 2018 the contact address, phone number and fax number were updated for Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited.
- On 19 February 2019 the Aberdeen European Smaller Companies Equity Fund Z Acc shareclass was closed.
- On 22 February 2019 the Aberdeen Sterling Money Market Fund was updated to recognise the European Union’s Money Market Fund Regulations.
- On 6 March 2019 the Aberdeen Sterling Long Dated Corporate Bond Fund was closed.
- On 6 March 2019 the wording regarding the management fee calculation was updated.
- On 8 March the Aberdeen Sterling Bond Fund K Acc shareclass was closed.

- On 16th May 2019 ex-gratia payments were made from Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited to the ASI (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund, ASI Sterling Short Term Government Bond Fund, ASI Sterling Inflation-Linked Bond Fund and ASI Sterling Long Dated Government Bond Fund. The impact on the NAV of these payments was 0.01%, 0.62%, 0.03% and 0.01% respectively.
- On 6 June the Aberdeen Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund P Gross Inc shareclass was closed.
- On 30 July the Aberdeen Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund Q Gross Inc shareclass was closed.
- The list of funds managed by the ACD was updated;
- Performance and dilution figures were refreshed, as appropriate;

Review

Performance of stock markets globally was mixed over the last 12 months. The US was a notable outperformer, while the UK and Japan struggled. Bond and gilt prices were also positive as expectations of interest rate moves changed from increases to cuts.

The UK stock market ended the reporting period slightly ahead of where it started. Investors had to weather political upheaval, Brexit-related uncertainty and concerns about the economy. In summer 2018, the value of the pound weakened, which benefited many big UK companies that make the bulk of their earnings overseas. This is because profits are worth more when changed into pounds. However, UK stocks fell due to stumbling Brexit negotiations and the worsening US-China trade conflict. UK stocks rebounded in the opening months of 2019, but dropped again on renewed Brexit worries. Boris Johnson replaced Theresa May as prime minister, reigniting fears of a 'no-deal' exit from the EU and the pound weakened further.

The US stock market made significant gains for the period, outperforming all other major markets. This was due to good company profits and a strong economy. However, the ongoing trade war between the US and China was a concern. Meanwhile, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) cut interest rates in July 2019. This was its first cut in over a decade.

European stock markets made modest progress. There were challenges, though. Notably worries about trade, poor economic data and politics. However, the European Central Bank said it would help to support Europe's economy, which was well received by investors.

In Asia, Japan's stock market struggled. Key factors included global trade concerns, weak economic data and recent yen strength (which is bad for Japanese exporters). The Bank of Japan soothed investor nerves by pledging to act to support economic growth. Elsewhere in Asia Pacific, China had a tough 12 months. This was due to its faltering economy and trade dispute with the US. This prompted China's central bank to act to support the country's economy. Meanwhile, the Fed's July rate reduction boosted investor sentiment in Asia.

Meanwhile, bond markets performed well although volatility did increase, albeit considerably less than stock market volatility, due to largely the same factors impacting stock markets.

Outlook

Politics seem to be a key driver of global stock markets, making forecasting more difficult. For example, we are uncertain of the outcome of the US-China trade dispute. However, the market is signalling that this will be a more drawn-out dispute than previously thought. This brings increasing risk of an economic slowdown and further bouts of volatility. Despite this, we remain cautiously optimistic. Central banks, notably the Fed, have indicated they will act to support their economies if needed. Interest rate cuts are now back on the table. This should support equities. Meanwhile, corporate earnings estimates remain solid.

Political and economic factors are also likely to have a significant impact on fixed income markets. With political risks seemingly rising again and economic data patchy at best, central banks are becoming increasingly dovish. With government bond yields falling (to below zero in some cases) in recent months, history would suggest that investors may again start searching for yield as interest rates remain low. The hunt for yield should also support corporate bonds, which remain moderately attractive.

Statement of the Authorised Corporate Director's Responsibilities

The Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook published by the FCA, ("the COLL Rules") require the Authorised Corporate Director ("ACD") to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting period which give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and of the net revenue/deficit of revenue and the net capital gains/net capital losses on the property of the Company for the period.

In preparing the financial statements the ACD is responsible for:

- selecting suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- following UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland;
- complying with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association in May 2014;
- keeping proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements as prepared comply with the above requirements;
- assessing the Company and its sub-funds' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern;
- using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or its sub-funds or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so;
- such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and irregularities.

The ACD is responsible for the management of the Company in accordance with its Instrument of Incorporation, the Prospectus and the COLL Rules.

Authorised Corporate Director's Statement

In accordance with the requirements of the COLL Rules as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority, we hereby certify the report on behalf of Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, the Authorised Corporate Director.



Aron Mitchell
Director
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited
26 November 2019



Gary Marshall
Director
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited
26 November 2019

Statement of the Depositary's Responsibilities in Respect of the Scheme and Report of the Depositary to the Shareholders of the Aberdeen Standard OEIC I ("the Company") for the year ended 31 July 2019

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all the property of the Company (other than tangible moveable property) which is entrusted to it and ensuring proper registration of tangible moveable property, and for the collection of income arising from all such scheme property.

It is the duty of the Depositary to take reasonable care to ensure that the Company is managed and operated by the Authorised Corporate Director in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority's Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook ("the Sourcebook"), the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/1228) (the OEIC Regulations), the Company's Instrument of Incorporation, and the Prospectus, as appropriate, concerning: the pricing of and dealing in Shares in the Company; the application of income of the Company; and the investment portfolio and borrowing activities of the Company.

Having carried out procedures and enquiries considered duly necessary to discharge our responsibilities as Depositary of the Company, based on information and explanations provided to us, we believe that, in all material respects, the Company, acting through the Authorised Corporate Director:

- (i) has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Company's shares and the application of the Company's income in accordance with the Sourcebook, and where applicable, the OEIC regulations, the Company's Instrument of Incorporation, and the Prospectus;
- (ii) has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Company; and
- (iii) has, otherwise, ensured the proper operation of the Company.



Citibank Europe plc
UK Branch, London

26 November 2019

Independent auditor's report to the shareholders of Aberdeen Standard OEIC I ('the Company')

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 July 2019 which comprise the Statements of Total Return, the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Shareholders, the Balance Sheets, the Related Notes and Distribution Tables for each of the Company's sub-funds listed on page 2 and the accounting policies set out on pages 11 to 13.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland, of the financial position of each of the sub-funds as at 31 July 2019 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains/net capital losses on the property of each of the sub-funds for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Instrument of Incorporation, the Statement of Recommended Practice relating to Authorised Funds, and the COLL Rules.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the Company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard.

We have received all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit and we believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

The impact of uncertainties due to the UK exiting the European Union on our audit

Uncertainties related to the effects of Brexit are relevant to understanding our audit of the financial statements. All audits assess and challenge the reasonableness of estimates made by the directors and related disclosures and the appropriateness of the going concern basis of preparation of the financial statements. All of these depend on assessments of the future economic environment and the Company's future prospects and performance.

Brexit is one of the most significant economic events for the UK, and at the date of this report its effects are subject to unprecedented levels of uncertainty of outcomes, with the full range of possible effects unknown. We applied a standardised firm-wide approach in response to that uncertainty when assessing the Company's future prospects and performance. However, no audit should be expected to predict the unknowable factors or all possible future implications for a company and this is particularly the case in relation to Brexit.

Going concern

The Authorised Corporate Director has prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the Company or its sub-funds or to cease their operations, and as they have concluded that the Company and its sub-funds' financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over their ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In our evaluation of the Authorised Corporate Director's conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the company's and its sub-funds' business model, including the impact of Brexit, and analysed how those risks might affect the company's and its sub-funds' financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. We have nothing to report in these respects.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the Company or its sub-funds will continue in operation.

Other information

The Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for the other information presented in the Annual Report together with the financial statements. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except as explicitly stated below, any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the other information; and
- in our opinion the information given in the Authorised Corporate Director's Report is consistent with the financial statements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where under the COLL Rules we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records for the Company have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records.

Authorised Corporate Director's (Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited) responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 7 the Authorised Corporate Director is responsible for: the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the Company and its sub-funds' ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or its sub-funds or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

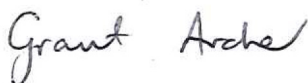
Auditor's responsibilities

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with Rule 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook ('the COLL Rules') issued by the Financial Conduct Authority under the Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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26 November 2019

Notes to the financial statements of Aberdeen Standard OEIC I

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements for each of the sub-funds have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association in May 2014 (IMA SORP 2014), Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102 and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

(b) Revenue recognition

Revenue is included in the Statement of Total Return on the following basis:

Dividends receivable from quoted equity and non equity shares are credited to revenue, net of attributable tax credits, when the security is quoted ex-dividend before the period end. Dividends on unquoted stocks are credited to revenue when the dividend is declared.

Overseas dividends are grossed up at the appropriate rate of withholding tax and the tax consequences are shown within the tax charge. In addition, precompte associated with dividends from French companies is treated as a tax credit rather than a repayment of withholding tax. When offshore reportable income rates are available, the income will be accounted for within the relevant fund.

Dividends from Real Estate Investment Trusts are recognised as distributable revenue when the securities are quoted ex-dividend.

Interest is accrued on a day-to-day basis. In the case of debt securities issued at discount or premium to maturity value, the total revenue arising on such securities, taking into account the amortisation of such discount or premium on an effective interest rate basis, is spread over the period to maturity or an earlier call date if the expectation is for the debt security to redeem early.

Accumulation of revenue relating to accumulation units or shares held in underlying funds is recognised as revenue and included in the amount available for distribution. Equalisation received from distributions or accumulations on units or shares in underlying investments is treated as capital and deducted from the cost of investment.

Dividends received as shares (scrip/stock dividends), to the extent that the value of such dividends is equal to the cash dividends, are treated as revenue. This revenue forms part of any distribution. In the case of enhanced scrip dividends, the amount by which such dividends exceed the cash dividends is treated as capital and does not form part of the distribution.

Special dividends are treated as revenue unless there is sufficient evidence that they should be treated as a repayment of capital.

Underwriting commission is taken to revenue and recognised when the issue takes place, except where the sub-fund is required to take up all or some of the shares underwritten in which case an appropriate proportion of the commission received is deducted from the cost of the relevant shares.

If any revenue receivable at the balance sheet date is not expected to be received for a significant period after the accounting period end, a provision reflecting the timing of the receipt for the relevant amount will be made.

(c) Treatment of expenses (including Authorised Corporate Director's expenses)

All expenses other than those relating to the purchase and sale of investments are charged against revenue on an accruals basis in the Statement of Total Return, except for the Annual Management Charge (AMC) for the ASI Diversified Income Fund, ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund, ASI European High Yield Bond Fund, ASI European Real Estate Share Fund, ASI Global Opportunistic Bond Fund, ASI UK Income Equity Fund and ASI World Income Equity Fund which is taken from capital. In addition, the Operating, Administrative and Servicing Expenses for the ASI Diversified Income Fund are taken from capital.

Where the sub-fund invests in open-ended collective investments which are operated or managed by the Authorised Corporate Director or an associate of the Authorised Corporate Director, no additional annual management charge will be incurred by the sub-fund on such an investment.

Rebates are applied where Authorised Corporate Director fees are incurred by the underlying investments. The rebates will be accrued daily and payment requested monthly. Where it is the policy of the underlying investment to charge its management fees to capital in determining its distribution, the Fund recognises such management rebates as capital on an accruals basis. Otherwise the rebate is recognised as revenue on an accruals basis and forms part of the distribution.

With the exception of the Authorised Corporate Director's AMC and Operating, Administrative and Servicing Expenses which are directly attributable to individual share classes, all revenue and expenses are allocated to share classes prorate to the value of the net assets of the relevant share class on the day that the revenue or expense is incurred.

Expenses relating to the purchases of investments are charged to the cost of investment and expenses relating to the sales of investments are netted off against the proceeds on sales.

(d) Distribution policy

The distribution policy of each sub-fund is to distribute all available revenue, after deduction of expenses properly chargeable against revenue.

However as the investment objective of the ASI Diversified Income Fund, ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund, ASI European High Yield Bond Fund, ASI European Real Estate Share Fund, ASI Global Opportunistic Bond Fund, ASI UK Income Equity Fund and ASI World Income Equity Fund concentrates on the generation of revenue as a higher priority than capital growth, the Authorised Corporate Director and the Depositary have agreed that 100% of the Authorised Corporate Director's AMC is to be taken to capital for the purpose of calculating the distribution, as permitted by the regulations. The distribution currently payable reflects this treatment together with any associated tax effect. All other expenses for ASI Diversified Income Fund are paid from capital.

Gains and losses on non-derivative investments and currencies, whether realised or unrealised, are taken to capital and are not available for distribution. For derivative investments, where positions are undertaken to enhance capital return, the gains and losses are taken to capital, otherwise where they generate revenue, the amounts are included as revenue or expense and are reflected in the amount available for distribution.

(e) Basis of valuation of investments

The valuation point is close of business on 31 July 2019. Listed investments are valued at fair value which is the bid price.

Unlisted, unapproved, illiquid or suspended securities are valued at the Authorised Corporate Directors' best estimate of the amount that would be received from an immediate transfer at arm's length. The ACD has appointed a FVP committee to review valuations.

Where applicable, investment valuations exclude any element of accrued revenue.

In the case of certain investments, valuations reflect the quoted premium to local market prices which such investments may command.

Authorised unit trusts are valued at the cancellation prices for trusts managed by the Authorised Corporate Directors and at the bid prices for other trusts. OEIC sub-funds are valued at the quoted price.

There is no material difference between the carrying values and the fair values of the financial assets and liabilities of the sub-funds disclosed in the Balance sheet and Portfolio statement of the individual sub-funds.

(f) Derivatives

Open forward currency exchange contracts are valued using forward rates of exchange applicable at the balance sheet date for the remaining period until maturity. All unrealised gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Total Return. Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

Future contracts are valued at the exchange quoted price at close of business on 31 July 2019. Initial margin deposits are made in cash upon entering into future contracts. During the period the future contract is open, changes in the value of the contract are recognised as unrealised gains and losses by marking to market on a daily basis to reflect the market value of the contract at the end of each day's trading. Variation margin payments are made or received, depending upon whether unrealised losses or gains are incurred. Variation margin payments are recorded in the futures margin account in the Balance sheet and related movements on unrealised results are recorded in the Statement of Total Return. When the contract is closed, the sub-fund records a realised gain or loss equal to the difference between the proceeds from (or cost of) the closing transaction and the opening transaction.

Some of the sub-funds may enter into swap agreements such as credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, swaptions, overnight index swaps and inflation linked swaps. Gains or losses resulting from swap contracts are recognised in the Statement of Total Return. Swaps are valued at fair value determined at close of business on 31 July 2019 using external independent third party supplied prices as determined in good faith, pursuant to procedures established by the Authorised Corporate Director.

Some of the sub-funds may enter into write/sell or purchase agreements of put and call options. Gains or losses resulting from option contracts are recognised in the Statement of Total Return. Options are valued at the exchange price at close of business on 31 July 2019.

Cash flows associated with derivative transactions are allocated between the revenue and capital property of the sub-funds according to the motives and circumstances of the particular derivative strategy. Such cash flows include premiums on option contracts and credit default swaps and the interest paid/received on swap contracts. The investment manager articulates the motives and circumstances underlying the derivative strategy and the ACD assesses these in association with financial reporting constraints enshrined within the SORP to allocate the cash flows accordingly.

(g) Exchange rates

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rates prevailing at close of business on 31 July 2019.

Foreign currency transactions are translated at the rates of exchange ruling on the dates of the transactions. Exchange differences on such transactions follow the same treatment as the principal amounts.

(h) Dilution adjustment

In certain circumstances (as detailed in the Prospectus) the ACD may apply a dilution adjustment on the creation or cancellation of shares, which is applied to the capital of the relevant sub-fund on an accruals basis. The adjustment is intended to protect existing investors from the costs of buying or selling underlying investments as a result of large inflows or outflows from the sub-fund.

(i) Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the results for the year. In general, the tax accounting treatment follows that of the principal amount, regarding the allocation between revenue and capital.

To meet the Fund's investment objective and to increase the distribution available to investors, Aberdeen Diversified Income Fund does not recognise marginal tax relief.

Deferred tax is provided on all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date other than those recorded as permanent differences. Deferred tax is provided at the average rate of tax expected to apply. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted to reflect the time value of money. Provision of deferred tax assets are only made to the extent the timing difference is expected to be of future benefit.

The Funds; ASI Emerging Markets Equity, ASI European Real Estate Share Fund and ASI Multi-Asset Fund are party to certain claims and proceedings to recover tax suffered in respect of overseas income. These claims and proceedings are considered to be contingent assets of the Funds and have not been recognised in these Financial Statements as the outcome of the claims and the potential recoveries are not sufficiently certain.

(j) Stock lending

Any income arising from stocklending is treated as revenue on a receipts basis and is disclosed in the notes to the Financial Statements net of directly attributable fees. The value of the collateral must always exceed the value of the stock on loan.

The accepted collateral include cash, equities, certain types of bonds and money market instruments as agreed with the Depositary.

2. Risk exposures and risk management policies

Generic risks that the Aberdeen Standard Investments range of funds are exposed to and the risk management techniques employed are disclosed below. Numerical disclosures and specific risks related to the Funds, where relevant, are disclosed within the financial statements.

Risk Management Process (RMP)

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) and FCA Funds Sourcebook (FUND) rules require Management Company to establish, implement and maintain an adequate and documented Risk Management Process ("RMP") for identifying the risks to which the funds they manage are, or might be, exposed. The RMP must comprise of such procedures as are necessary to enable ASI to assess the exposure of each fund it manages to market risk, liquidity risk, counterparty risk, operational risk and all other risks that might be material for that fund.

The risk management process must address at least the following elements:

- the techniques, tools and arrangements that enable compliance with the applicable requirements (as defined below);
- the allocation of responsibilities pertaining to risk management; and
- the terms, contents and frequency of reporting of the risk management function.

Risk Management Function

The Risk Management Function (RMF) is responsible for the implementation of the risk management process and any remedial measures in the event of any actual or anticipated deficiencies. It is also responsible for advising the Board on the risk limits for the Funds managed by the relevant Management Company and to notify them when it considers that the level of risk taken by the Funds is misaligned with the Funds' risk profile.

The Company functionally and hierarchically separates the functions of risk management from the operating units and portfolio management functions, to ensure independence and avoid any potential or actual conflicts of interest. The RMF for ASI comprises both first line areas such as Investment Governance (including Portfolio Oversight Group, Portfolio Analytics Group and Investment Control) and second line areas such as Investment Risk Oversight and compliance risk functions.

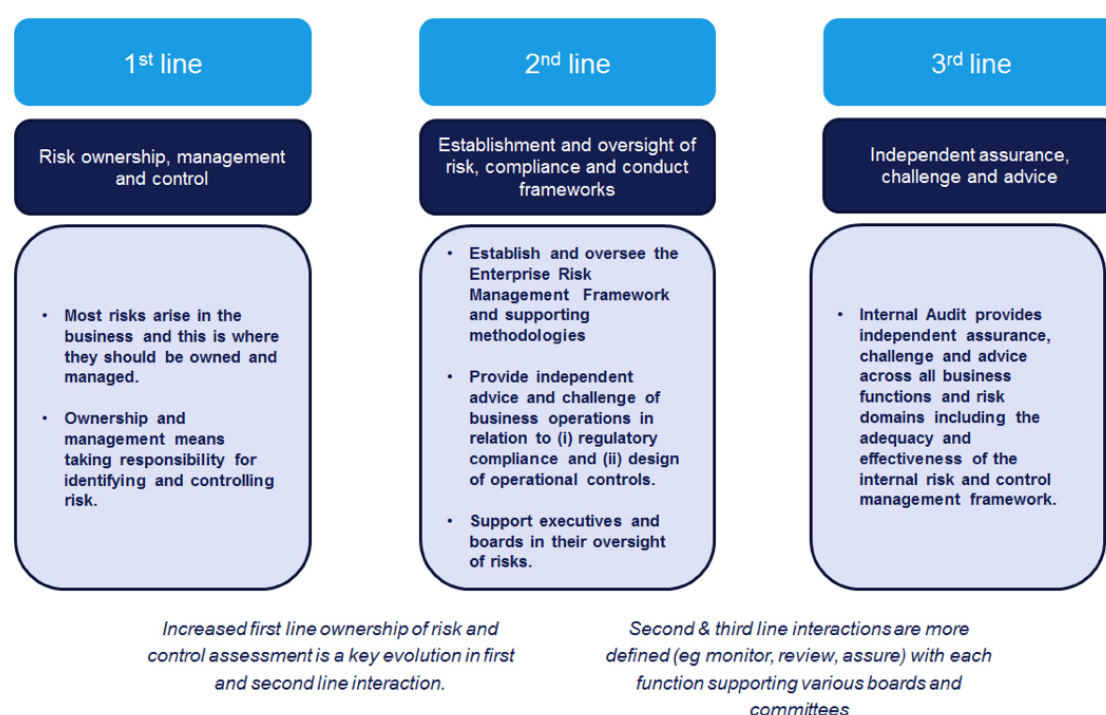
The RMF has responsibility for:

- Implementation of the risk management process and the development and maintenance of the Company's RMP;
- Understanding the business and strategy from the product development phase and provide advice to the Board of Directors as regards the identification of the risk profiles of the funds.
- The identification, measurement, management and monitoring of the risks of the Funds in order to ensure that the level of risk is aligned with the Fund's risk profile; and
- Provision of regular updates to the board of directors/senior management on the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management process indicating, where applicable, actual or anticipated deficiencies and their remedial measures.

The risk management function has the necessary authority, access to all relevant information, staff and regular contact with senior management and the Board of Directors of the Company.

Risk Management – Three Lines of Defence

The management of investment risk within ASI is organised across distinct functions within SLA, aligned to the well-established 'three lines of defence' (LoD) model;



- 1LoD – Functions that own and manage risks, reporting to the Chief Investment Officer, in particular the Investment Governance & Oversight (IG&O) function which incorporates “1.5LoD”
 - Continuously improving the management of investments through the generation of value-added insight and the implementation of a robust control environment.
 - Protecting the CIO's fiduciary responsibilities to ASI's clients.
- 2LoD – Functions that oversee risk, reporting to the Chief Risk Officer, in particular the Investment Risk Oversight (IRO) function
 - Providing assurance, advice and challenge to drive risk awareness and accountability in the business which is where most risks arise should be managed and owned.
 - Managing the risks to the firm, and potential conflicts of interest in 1LoD.
- 3LoD – Functions that provide independent assurance, reporting to the Chief Internal Auditor

Further, the CIO operates a line 1.5LoD function that supports risk management activity in investments for Public Markets funds, whilst remaining functionally separate from the 1LoD Portfolio Management operating unit where the risk originates and is owned. This enables the CIO to discharge his fiduciary accountabilities in relation to investment performance and risk management of Public Markets funds. For the purposes of this document, line 1.5LoD will be referred to as 1LoD.

Where the day-to-day risk management activity is owned and managed within 1LoD for Public Markets, ASI ensures that the over-arching risk management framework is owned by the hierarchically independent 2LoD Risk & Compliance function. This mitigates potential conflicts of interest by preventing functions that own the risks from unilaterally establishing their own assessment and control frameworks. For Private Markets and Real Estate funds risk management activity is performed within the functionally and hierarchically separate 2LoD function.

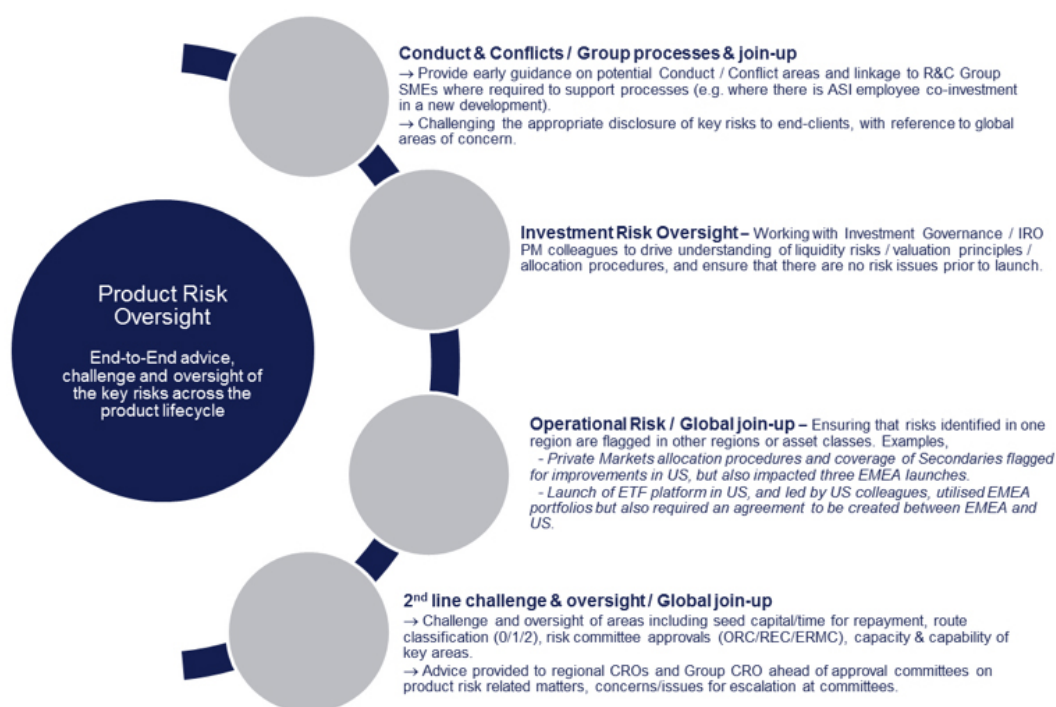
Description of the Risk Management Processes (in respect of UCITS and Financial AIFs)

The risk framework consists of the following components:

Risk and Compliance involvement in new product process

ASI adopts a collaborative approach to the development of new products by bringing together all the different functions relevant to the product being developed. This ensures that any product development and the associated approval papers are not the result of a single function's perspective. At an early stage, a product manager is appointed to lead the activities and to co-ordinate and engage with the relevant stakeholders, including the relevant Aberdeen Standard Investments' Management Companies and the Risk and Compliance department.

The first point of contact within R&C is the Product Risk Oversight team who provide early challenge and opinion on the assessment of key risks and ensure that the appropriate regional Compliance and Investment Risk Oversight teams are involved as a development progresses.

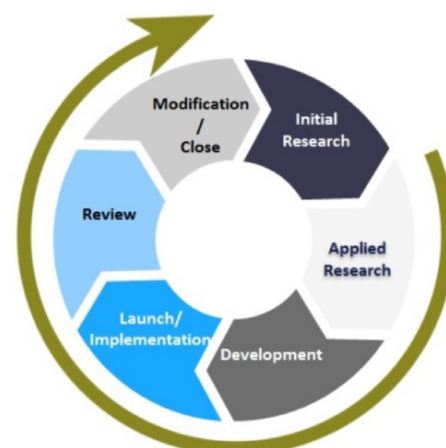


It is then the role of the Product Risk Oversight team (working as part of the Investment Risk Oversight team) and regional compliance teams to work closely together to oversee all developments as they progress, challenge key risk issues and escalate any residual issues to the R&C senior leadership team where required.

The Global Product Committee ('GPC'), chaired by the Head of Global Product & Client Solutions, is responsible for the review and approval of all product developments, with membership including senior leaders from Distribution, Operations, and Investments, with the Group Chief Risk Officer attending in a non-decision making capacity.

A GPC Final Paper brings together the stakeholder input into a business case and risk assessment for the new product development and this is submitted to the GPC for approval. Final Papers can be either submitted to a meeting of the GPC for approval prior to launch, but can also be approved by an appropriate number of Suitably Qualified Persons representing the GPC, in addition to the Group Chief Risk Officer's review. New products which involve a new investment capability or a material increase in investment risk or exposure will be subject to approval from a specialist Committee such as the Risk and Exposures Committee, or Markets and Instruments Committee (which is a sub-committee of the Risk and Exposures Committee). Similarly, new operational risks such as significant new supplier's frameworks/ operating models will require approval at the Operational Risk Committee prior to final GPC approval.

As the diagram illustrates, Investment Risk Oversight spans the entirety of the product lifecycle including the launch, changes to benchmark/Investment Objective and Policy/risk limits, and ultimate closure of a fund.



For existing products, 2nd line oversight is provided by the Investment Risk Oversight team throughout the product lifecycle. This includes independently assessing and challenging 1st line risk management processes such as investment risk limit breach processes and the determination and calculation of global exposure methodology calculation. In addition, Product Risk Oversight also act as Risk & Compliance Business Partner to the Global Product & Client Solutions team, ensuring Risk & Compliance subject matter expertise is aligned to the assessment of internal controls, risk issues and events related to both new and existing products, whilst also working closely with Compliance to support the EMEA CRO quarterly Compliance reports.

Framework for determining which method should be used to calculate global exposure

The decision for which method of global exposure is to be used for funds is made by Portfolio Oversight Group based on a range of factors particularly the extent of derivative use and shorting strategies.

Mandate Governance & Controls

Tripartite Process*

The 'Tripartite process', which embodies our culture and values, is the cornerstone of mandate governance and is a key control against the risk of mandate failure thereby protecting the company from client complaints, regulatory censure and reputational damage. Equally, it conveys a strong and clear message to external stakeholders about how we strive to meet client expectations. It is a principle based set of processes and protocols that define how mandates are agreed, understood, documented and delivered. Its overarching aim is to develop and document a common understanding of all investment mandates between the following areas;

- Global Investment Governance - Responsible for the oversight of investment risk and ensuring that the management of investment mandates can be adequately controlled and governed within the overall risk and control framework overseen by the Risk and Exposures Committee.
- Investment Management - Responsible for the day to day management of the mandate and understanding the mandates objectives and constraints.
- Appropriate Client representatives - Responsible for representing the clients' interests and developing and articulating the client or fund objectives).

* Please note the tripartite process is being rolled out across the wider ASI business.

Fund specific risk limits and monitoring

The RMP involves monitoring on a regular and systemic basis all funds under its purview, to allow both 1st and 2nd line risk teams to identify, measure and monitor risk and where necessary escalate appropriately, including to the Board any concerns and proposed mitigating actions.

As advised above, in developing the risk profiles for the funds ASI will determine and set specific risk limits appropriate for each Fund. In addition, there will be an early warnings system of potential changes in the portfolio risk monitoring triggers.

Regulatory limits as well as those set out in the Fund's prospectus (or equivalent documentation), are strictly enforced to ensure that ASI does not inadvertently (or deliberately) breach them and add additional risk exposure to the Fund. Where possible, these are coded into the front office dealing system, Charles River (used for equities, fixed income, multi-asset and the fund of long-only funds businesses) in a pre-trade capacity, preventing the fund manager adding to these exposures and breaching the set limits before the trade is actually executed. These limits are also monitored on a post-trade basis by the Investment Control department, who escalate any breaches immediately. The majority of hard limits set will aim to help prevent the occurrence of concentration risk.

Internal limits or guidelines are also in place to highlight any potential fund or strategy specific issues. These are captured as part of the Tripartite process. These provide an early warning system of potential changes in the portfolio and risks of the fund. They operate as triggers for further investigation every time they are exceeded. Any exceptions would be discussed by Tripartite and, where appropriate, the relevant portfolio manager will rectify within a reasonable timeframe.

Risk monitoring triggers are generally risk levels or limits determined by 1st and 2nd line risk teams, which operate as triggers for further investigation to prevent hard limit breaches. Every time they are exceeded the teams will as part of their periodic review cycle, where the data suggests a potential for a fund to be an outlier, review all positions on Funds to ensure that the Fund is not overly concentrated in any one specific area or issuer. Where the mandate is expressly focused in one particular country, region or asset class, the risk teams will take this into account. Any issues or concerns arising from risk parameters (controls, concentrations etc.) shall be promptly reviewed and discussed.

Breach Monitoring and escalation procedure:

Where breaches are identified, Investment Control assesses whether the breach is active or passive by conducting investigation and contacting and discussing the issue with the appropriate Fund Manager to identify the cause of breach.

- Active breaches: In case of an active breach, Investment Control will request immediate (where possible) resolution of the regulatory breach and will also ensure key stakeholders are made aware of the issue as soon as possible. All active breaches are reviewed by Risk and Compliance and through that process an assessment is made as to whether it is FCA reportable or not.
- Passive breaches: In case of passive breach, Investment Control will notify the Investment Management Team or Fund Manager and the timeframe for correction is within the regulatory, client and internal guidelines. If the passive breach cannot be rectified within those timeframes, Investment Control will obtain from the fund manager a relevant rationale which will be signed off by the Tripartite members. Please note that regardless of the timescales the action taken should always consider the best interests of the underlying investors.

In addition, the Investment Risk Oversight team oversees the investment risk limit breach resolution process.

Monitoring of the Fund's risk profile

Monitoring is undertaken by various teams within the Risk Management Function as outlined below:

1. General investment and borrowing power limits contained within the Fund Mandate and/or COLL rules – Investment Control
2. The type of risk measure used to calculate global exposure (commitment method, relative VaR or absolute VaR) – Investment Control monitor the commitment levels for funds with Portfolio Oversight Group carrying out the monitoring for funds governed under VaR including leverage for VaR funds;
3. The parameters of the VaR calculation – Portfolio Oversight Group
4. The limits for global exposure monitoring – Investment Control
5. The leverage limits as per AIFMD for Private Markets and Real Estate funds is monitored by the Investment Risk Oversight team.

Global exposure calculations

Global exposure is calculated in two ways:

- (1) the incremental exposure and leverage generated through the use of derivatives. This is limited to 100% of the net value of the Fund and is referred to as the commitment approach. Netting and hedging arrangements can be used to reduce the calculation.
- (2) the market risk of the scheme property. This is carried out using VaR. Leverage is also monitored for funds governed under VaR.

Risk Definitions & Risk Management Processes

i) Market Risk

Market Risk is the risk that economic, market or idiosyncratic events cause a change in the market value of Client assets. . Market Risk can be broadly separated into two types:

- Systematic risk stems from any factor that causes a change in the valuation of groups of assets. These factors may emerge from a number of sources, including but not limited to economic conditions, political events or actions, the actions of central banks or policy makers, industry events or, indeed, investor behaviour and risk appetite.
- Specific or Idiosyncratic Risk, which is the part of risk directly associated with a particular asset, outside the realms of, and not captured by Systematic Risk. In other words, it is the component of risk that is peculiar to a specific asset, and may manifest itself in various guises, for example: corporate actions, fraud or bankruptcy.

Portfolios are subject to many sub-categories of market risk. Many of these risks are interlinked and not mutually exclusive. Examples of these types of investment risk include: Country risk; Sector risk; Asset-class risk; Inflation/deflation risk; Interest rate risk; Currency risk; Derivatives risk; Concentration risk; and Default risk. Factors that cause changes in market risks include: future perceived prospects (i.e. changes in perception regarding the future economic position of countries, companies, sectors, etc.); shifts in demand and supply of products and services; political turmoil, changes in interest rate/inflation/taxation policies; major natural disasters; recessions; and terrorist attacks.

Market Risk Management Processes

Investment Governance is responsible for identification, monitoring and measurement of risks for public market funds.

There are several ways in which to review and measure investment risk. Investment Governance recognises that each method is different and has its own unique insights and limits, and applies the following measurements for each Fund, where relevant:

- **Leverage:** has the effect of gearing a fund's expected performance by allowing it to gain greater exposure to underlying investment opportunities (gains and losses). The higher the leverage the greater the risk (potential loss).
- **Value-at-Risk (VaR) and Conditional VaR (CVaR):** VaR measures with a degree of confidence the maximum the Fund could expect to lose in any given time frame. Assuming a normal (Gaussian) distribution, this is a function of the volatility of the Fund. The higher the volatility, the higher the VaR, the greater the risk. CVaR calculates the expected loss, under the assumption that the VaR has been reached.
- **Volatility, Tracking Error (TE):** Volatility measures the size of variation in returns that a Fund is likely to expect. The higher the volatility the higher the risk. TE measures the expected magnitude of divergence of returns between the fund and benchmark over a given time.
- **Risk Decomposition:** Volatility, tracking error and VaR may be broken down to show contribution from market related factors ("Systematic" Risk) and instrument specific (Idiosyncratic Risk). This is not a different measure as such, but is intended to highlight the sources of volatility and VaR.
- **Concentration Risk:** By grouping the portfolio into various different exposures (e.g. country, sector, issuer, asset, etc.), we are able to see where, if any, concentration risk exists.
- **Stress Tests and Scenario Analysis:** This captures how much the current portfolio will make or lose if certain conditions occur.
- **Back Testing:** This process helps to assess the adequacy of the VaR model and is carried out in line with UCITS regulatory requirements (FCA COLL 6.12). Excessive levels of overshoots and the reasons behind them are reported to the Board.

To generate these risk analytics Portfolio Oversight Group relies on third party calculation engines, such as APT, Bloomberg PORT+, RiskMetrics, UBS Delta and Axioma. Once the data has been processed, it is analysed by Portfolio Oversight Group, generally reviewing absolute and relative risks, change on month and internal peer analysis. Any issues or concerns that are raised through the analysis prompt further investigation and escalation if required. Breaches of hard limits are also escalated immediately. All client mandated and regulatory risk limits are monitored on a daily basis.

Stress testing is performed on a regular basis using relevant historical and hypothetical scenarios. Specifically for Money Market Funds, in accordance with Article 28 of the EU Money Market Funds regulation (2017/1131), stress test scenarios take a number of hypothetical reference parameters into account. Where stress tests reveal any vulnerability of the Money Market Fund, an extensive report is compiled containing the results of the stress testing and a proposed action plan. Such reports are submitted to the Board for amendment/approval of the proposed action plans and, once approved, are submitted to the FCA.

Investment Risk Oversight is responsible for identification, monitoring and measurement of risks for private markets and real estate funds.

Private Market and Real Estate funds generally lack either the data or the systems to calculate risk analytics. In these instances the Investment Risk Oversight team utilise other metrics specific to the asset class. Such metrics may include, but are not limited to:

Real Estate

- **Tenant and Rent Roll Risk:** This measure captures and considers property vacancy, lease rolls, tenant quality and tenant concentration at an asset level (direct funds at a property level, Property Multi-Manager at a target fund level) to provide an indication of the stability of income.
- **Debt Risk:** After a certain level, debt can significantly increase the volatility of return and limit the capacity of managing the asset appropriately. This measure captures and weights the loan to gross asset value, debt expiry, current and potential covenant breach and cost of debt at asset level to provide an indication of whether debt is endangering the stability of income and the capacity of the fund management team to follow the fund's strategy.
- **Loan-To-Value (LTV):** similar to leverage, but is debt facility specific, giving a portfolio increased exposure to a particular asset through the use of a secured bank loan. Unequal application of LTV within a portfolio can lead to outsized exposure to investment risk, particularly if gearing is at high levels.
- **Refinancing Risk:** This measure captures and considers the risks inherent in refinancing any debt held within a portfolio. The indicator considers the loan to gross asset value, interest coverage, covenants and maturity of the debt facility, in order to determine whether the fund is at risk of failing to achieve a refinancing of the debt, or whether the fund is at risk of failing to achieve adequate terms commensurate with the expected return of the properties backing the facility.
- **Returns Risk:** Within Private Equity the market uses Total Value to Paid-In (TVPI) and Distributions to Paid-In (DPI) ratio's, to help monitor the fund's performance.
- **Country and Sector Exposures** – Measures concentration of the fund's investments by country and sector.
- **Top holdings** – Measures exposure to top individual holdings.
- **Tenant Concentration and Tenant Industry Exposures** – Measures the risk of returns being impacted by specific exposures; this could be capital or income driven.

Private Equity

- **Country and Sector Exposures** - Measures concentration of the fund's investments by country and sector.
- **Deal Type** – Indicator of risk exposure or concentration risk in the fund.
- **Vintage** – Indicator of when fund launched and of underlying investments, providing additional insight as to where in the cycle these were made e.g. pre/post GFC and whether short / long-term impact on valuation.
- **Underling fund and company exposure** – Measures the exposure of individual funds and companies across each vehicle and on aggregate basis.
- **Returns Risk** - Measures the risk of returns being impacted by specific exposures; this could impact targeted TVPI (Total Value to Paid-in Capital), DPI (Distributions to Paid-in Capital) and IRR outcomes.

Infrastructure

- **Project Exposure** – Measures concentration of the Fund to individual investments / projects.
- **Country / Sector Exposure** - Measures concentration of the Fund's investments by country and sector.
- **Returns Risk** - Measures the risk of returns being impacted by specific exposures; this could impact targeted IRR and yield outcomes.

These metrics are generated from a combination of sources, including eFront, Burgiss, IPD, internal accounting and tenant data. Once this data has been processed the Investment Risk Oversight team analyse reports, assessing absolute exposures and trends across valuation points. Any issues / concerns identified prompt further investigation and escalation as appropriate. Breaches of hard risk limits will be escalated immediately via Tripartite. Funds are generally reviewed monthly or quarterly.

ii) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk that a portfolio may need to raise cash or reduce derivative positions on a timely basis either in reaction to market events or to meet client redemption requests and may be obliged to sell long term assets at a price lower than their market value. Liquidity is also an important consideration in the management of portfolios: Portfolio Managers need to pay attention to market liquidity when sizing, entering and exiting trading positions.

The Investment Governance is responsible for identification, monitoring and measurement of asset liquidity risks in the fund portfolios.

Measuring liquidity risk is subject to three main dimensions:

- Asset Liquidity Risk – How quickly can sell assets
- Liability Risk - managing redemptions
- Contingency Arrangements or Liquidity Buffers – utilising credit facilities etc.

To help determine asset liquidity Investment Governance use several different techniques tailored to the relevant asset class. Given the availability of volume and price data for equities, a days to exit calculation applied. For Fixed Income ASI employs two methods: a day to exit calculation based on the internal dealers knowledge; and the Bloomberg scoring system, where Bloomberg attaches a score to each bond based on information from brokers, such as the market breadth (the number of dealers and pricing sources), bid/offer spreads, maturity and shadow liquidity. This enables the creation of scoring buckets for each portfolio, which can be compared versus the selected benchmark. For the Fund of Funds structures we calculate the days to exit by analysing the periodicity of permitted redemptions (e.g. daily / monthly) of the underlying funds combined with the notice period that is required to be given (e.g. 1 days / 30 days). As the asset classes become less liquid such as property, infrastructure, private equity, it becomes harder to assess asset liquidity and key assumptions need to be made.

For the assessment of asset and liability liquidity, Investment Risk Oversight team identify where we have a large holder (client) and if the holding is greater than the amount ASI can liquidate in one day, and the client is “at risk”, Investment Risk Oversight team escalate to the Investor Protection Committee and they work with the relevant fund manager to ensure we have a solution in place if the client wishes to redeem.

The Investment Risk Oversight team is responsible for identification, monitoring and measurement of asset liquidity risks for private markets and real estate funds.

For private markets and real estate funds there is no available volume and limited trading data. In addition, the majority of funds are closed-ended with specific terms and liquidity windows stated within the fund documentation. For open-ended funds there are gating and suspension mechanisms in place allowing the imposition of liquidity controls where appropriate. A risk-based approach is taken in monitoring these funds;

- For closed-ended AIFs, liquidity analysis is assessed based on the underlying assets of the fund
- For closed-ended AIFs with debt, liquidity analysis is based on identifying accessible liquid assets, namely cash, available debt finance and undrawn committed investor capital; a coverage ratio is then calculated vs. unfunded commitments to underlying General Partners. There are also internal limits set within a tolerance of covenanted limits to prevent any potential breach of bank covenants regarding the provision of debt facilities
- For daily-traded open-ended real estate PAIFs, daily liquidity monitoring is performed, assessing the liquid asset position as a % NAV and ragging it vs. a targeted level. Weekly monitoring of portfolio assets including planned purchases / sales are combined with the application of low, mid and high outflow scenarios are reviewed, challenged and escalated as appropriate.

iii) Credit Counterparty Risk

Counterparty credit risk is the risk of loss resulting from the fact that the counterparty to a transaction may default on its obligations prior to the final settlement of the transaction's cash flow. Credit risk falls into both market risk and specific risk categories. Credit Risk is the risk that an underlying issuer may be unable (or unwilling) to make a payment or to fulfil their contractual obligations. This may materialise as an actual default or, or to a lesser extent, by a weakening in a counterparty's credit quality. The actual default will result in an immediate loss whereas, the lower credit quality will more likely lead to mark-to-market adjustment.

ASI has a Global Counterparty Credit Risk Principles (GCC Principles) in place to ensure appropriate management of Credit Risk (defined as 'an explicit or implicit exposure of ASI to the default of a Counterparty which arises as an indirect consequence of the financial instrument or investment activity being procured or undertaken). The GCC Policy and the underlying processes it establishes are supported and governed primarily by the ASI Credit Committee. The GCC Policy is reviewed and approved by the REC (as defined below).

The GCC Policy:

- Requires that all Counterparties are approved by the Credit Committee before Credit Risk can be taken against them;
- Requires that all Counterparties are subject to a regular credit assessment as part of an annual review cycle;
- Requires that exposure limits are agreed in terms of credit risk exposures for each Counterparty and, potentially, each class of business based on agreed methodology recommended to the Credit Committee;
- Prohibits an active increase in credit risk exposure to a Counterparty in excess of the exposure limits; and
- Incorporates the methodology for calculating the credit risk exposures

Credit Assessments

Credit assessments are conducted by the Credit Research Team, Fixed Income based on quantitative and qualitative analysis, providing an internal score that can be compared against external ratings and used as the basis for an approval recommendation. The conclusions drawn in the credit assessments for the basis of the discussions at the Credit Committee but are challenged and can ultimately be over-ridden by the Credit Committee. Credit assessments are conducted before any new Counterparty is approved, and then refreshed for each Counterparty on an annual basis.

Exposure Limits

Once approved, exposure limits are agreed by the Credit Committee for each Counterparty. Such limits are based on a methodology which has been developed and proposed by the ASI Credit Research team, Fixed Income, and then approved by the Credit Committee. The actual exposure limit will be set with reference to the calculations, reflecting the structure of the Counterparty's funding profile as well as a holistic view of its risk profile. Again, the Credit Committee reserves the authority to set exposure limits at levels which are different from the outcome of the application of the agreed methodology, where it is deemed appropriate to do so.

Exposure Limit Breaches

The Investment Governance team is responsible for monitoring credit risk exposures and ensuring compliance with the relevant exposure limits. In the event that exposure limits are breached and cannot be corrected immediately, the remedial action required will be agreed by the Credit Committee. Where escalation is required, breaches will be reported to the REC.

iv) Operational Risk

Operational risk can be defined as the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events. Operational risk also includes the breakdown of processes to comply with laws, regulations or directives.

Operational Risk Management

An Operational Risk Management Framework is in place to identify, manage and monitor appropriate operational risks, including professional liability risks, to which the Management Company and the Funds are or could be reasonably exposed. The operational risk management activities are performed independently as part of one of the functions of the Risk Division.

The Group's Risk Management Framework is based upon the Basel II definition of operational risk which is "the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events".

The Group's management of operational risk is therefore aimed at identifying risks in existing processes and improving existing controls to reduce their likelihood of failure and the impact of losses. The Group has developed a framework that embodies continuous improvement to internal controls and ensures that the management of risk is embedded in the culture of the Group.

The identification, management, monitoring and resolution of events, risks and controls are facilitated via the Group's risk management system, Shield. The system is designed to facilitate the convergence of governance, risk and compliance programmes and automate a comprehensive review and assessment of operational risks.

Risk Appetite

The SLA Board is accountable for setting the risk appetite and defining the amount and type of risk that the Chief Executives and their delegates are permitted to take to deliver the firm's strategic objectives. It is defined through a combination of risk appetite principles, statements and metrics, which provide rigour when implementing business plan objectives and strategy. The Executive are responsible for operating within the Board's risk appetite and implementing appropriate risk appetite metrics to support timely risk aware decisions and control risk taking.

Event Management

A 'risk event' is a risk that has materialised as a result of a deficiency in our system of internal control or from an external event.

Risk events can occur in any part of the Group and can significantly impact our reputation and performance and may cause client, partner, shareholder and/or employee detriment, so must be identified quickly, understood and appropriately responded to. This is important for a number of reasons:

- It enables timely action to minimise the event's impact, preventing further significant problems for the Company, clients, partners, shareholders and employees;

- It demonstrates our responsiveness to clients', partners', shareholders' and employees' concerns and maintains their trust where they are impacted;
- It provides clarity on the level of risk the business is exposed to, both at an individual (each risk event) and aggregate (across all risk events) level and whether this is within or out with our risk appetite (amount of risk prepared to accept in pursuing our objectives);
- It supports decision-making on where to direct resources to remediate and mitigate control deficiencies; and
- It supports the management of capital, helping to inform what the capital requirements are (both regulatory and economic) and how capital is being utilised.

Risk & Control Self-Assessment (RCSA)

Risk assessment is the process of identifying, assessing, controlling and monitoring operational risks that could threaten or stop delivery of our strategic, financial, conduct and operational objectives and plans.

The Risk and Control Self-Assessment ("RCSA") process is an integral part of the framework and is designed to integrate and co-ordinate risk identification and risk management efforts, and improve the understanding, control and oversight of operational and conduct risks. Assurance is provided through a quarterly risk and control sign off by business managers, which is overseen and challenged by the Risk and Compliance function ('second line of defence'). The aim of the RCSA is to evaluate and ensure that the primary controls within key processes are documented and subject to regular assessment by business owners. It provides senior management with assurance over the effectiveness of the control environment across key business areas. The assessment includes a review of the adequacy of the design of the suite of controls and an assessment of the actual performance of those controls. Independent assurance as to the effectiveness of the RCSA process is provided by Group Internal Audit ('third line of defence').

Issues and Action Plans

An Issue is a problem that is actively disrupting the effective operation of processes and controls or putting the successful delivery of business objectives in doubt, for example:

- Upon failure / decline of a control which is key in mitigating operational risk
- As a single solution to either identify further controls or an action to reduce risk exposure
- As a way of stopping identified Events from either increasing in severity impact or as a corrective action

Issues are raised in Shield and Actions are attached to each Issue outlining the steps that must be taken to resolve the problem. Each Action is allocated to an accountable individual within the business who is responsible for remediating the Action to a satisfactory conclusion, and monitored to resolution by the Risk and Compliance function.

Risk Limits

During the reporting year, none of the Funds breached any of the risk limits under which it or they operate or operates.

Cross Holding Table as at 31 July 2019

		Holding Fund					
		Aberdeen European High Yield Bond Fund		Aberdeen Sterling Government Bond Fund		Aberdeen Strategic Bond Fund	
		Number of Units	Market Value £'000	Number of Units	Market Value £'000	Number of Units	Market Value £'000
Investor Fund	ASI Corporate Bond Fund	15,731,721	19,073	-	-	14,500,650	24,563
	ASI Multi Asset Fund	-	-	17,825,476	20,334	-	-
	ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	14,692,146	24,887

No other such cross-holdings, between other sub-funds in the Aberdeen Standard OEIC I, were held as at 31 July 2019.

Cross Holding Table as at 31 July 2018

		Holding Fund					
		Aberdeen European High Yield Bond Fund		Aberdeen Sterling Government Bond Fund		Aberdeen Strategic Bond Fund	
		Number of Units	Market Value £'000	Number of Units	Market Value £'000	Number of Units	Market Value £'000
Investor Fund	ASI Corporate Bond Fund	19,559,282	23,027	-	-	18,971,711	30,603
	ASI Multi Asset Fund	-	-	14,190,804	15,096	-	-
	ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	14,692,146	23,700

No other such cross-holdings, between other sub-funds in the Aberdeen Standard OEIC I, were held as at 31 July 2018.

ASI (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in Sterling-denominated UK government Debt and debt-related securities.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Debt and debt-related securities denominated in any currency issued by governments, public bodies and supra-national issuers worldwide, Investment grade corporate Debt and debt-related securities, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the ASI (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 6.46% compared to an increase of 7.44% in the benchmark, FTSE-A Brit Govt All Stocks.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

The period in question has been dominated in the UK by Brexit, but the driver of gilt yields over the period has been more global in nature. The change in direction from the US Federal Reserve (Fed) and escalating tensions between President Trump and China over trade has seen gilt yields peak at 1.70% in October, ending the period close to 0.60%.

The final quarter of 2018 was ugly and fractious across all financial markets as they continued to fret about underlying global growth. As one issue calmed another would become the focus. Despite the lack of a consistent theme, bond markets were given a boost by more conciliatory statements on interest rates from the Fed. For the UK, the issue of Brexit negotiations became almost as paralysing and severely intractable as the worst of fears. While the direct contagion of Brexit was limited, the issue was stacked onto concerns over Italian budget negotiations, excess oil supply, disappointing Chinese growth, trade war chatter from the US administration and the effect of widening credit spreads.

The start of 2019 brought a strong recovery from equity markets after the panic of the final quarter of 2018. This recovery was mirrored across credit, helped by an initial drought of new supply. The initial catalyst of more conciliatory noises from the Federal Open Markets Committee continued to gain traction, and was repeated across a number of central banks as nerves over the global economy increased. While the primary focus remained on the slowing Chinese economy the lack of resolution in trade talks with the US and signs of a deeper downturn in Europe were unwelcome extras. The excruciatingly painful Brexit pantomime also continued to fuel government bond market fears.

In the final three months of the review period, the global economic environment continued to be dominated by worries over the sustainability of growth amidst deteriorating US-China trade relations. Hopes for an early breakthrough were dashed as both sides became more entrenched in their positions and the rhetoric of further tariff extensions grew louder. This backdrop continued to weigh upon sentiment indicators, with global Purchasing Managers' Index data markedly softening and all markets wrestling with disappointingly low inflation. In this environment, central banks increasingly sounded more uncertain on their policy stance and this fanned the flames of policy easing expectations across all financial markets. While the China focus of the US administration was a constant through the quarter, the trade dispute intensity was increased in May as President Trump threatened to impose tariffs on goods from Mexico. This was tied to increased politicking over migrant issues from the Trump regime and led to fears over the US-Canada-Mexico agreement.

Prime Minister Theresa May failed three times in the House of Commons to get her EU Withdrawal Agreement passed. In March she admitted defeat and asked the EU for an extension to Article 50, pushing the exit date to 31 October. Following a humiliating night in the local elections, the pressure on May got too much and she finally resigned. May's resignation signalled the start of the Conservative leadership contest, which resulted in Boris Johnson's accession to prime minister. Johnson has inherited a weak majority of just one, heading into what will be one of most politically volatile periods in modern UK history.

Portfolio review

Duration positions made a positive contribution to the Fund performance. The Fund was short duration until February, when the bias moved to holding long positions. From February onwards, the Fund has held long positions in the UK, Australia, Austria, Belgium, France and the US. The Fund ended the period long duration.

The Fund held numerous cross-market positions over the period. In the last six months of 2018, the Fund held positions predominantly in Australia. As we headed into 2019, the Fund added positions in France. This was on the rationale that the downturn in European data would bring the European Central Bank into play and subsequently talk of quantitative easing would drive French government bonds lower in yield. The Fund ended the period with few cross-market positions. This is on the basis that Brexit 'no-deal' risks are increasing; therefore we struggle to see gilts underperforming in this environment.

A positive driver of performance has been our positions in US inflation. At the end of January the Fund bought 30-year US Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities. The Fund has held this position a number of times as yields have been driven lower over 2019. At the end of June the Fund added further positioning, this time at the 10-year point of the curve.

Yield curve positioning acted as a drag on performance. The Fund went into the period holding flatteners (selling 10-year, buying 30-year). The UK curve was volatile, and after significant steepening of the curve, we closed the position in November. The Fund has held other curve positions over the period, making a small contribution to performance.

The Fund held numerous relative-value type trades over the period, adding positively to performance.

Outlook

While the rally in global yields has been impressive in both speed and magnitude, this theme shows little sign of abating given the catalogue of risks facing the global economy. The trend of central bank policy is now very firmly pointed in an expansionary direction, as they look to extend the cycle and avert the signs of recession we have seen appearing, especially in Europe. As the UK hurtles towards another Brexit deadline, the stakes have been raised by the notably firmer stance adopted by Boris Johnson since assuming office, with the chances of a 'no-deal' outcome significantly higher. The Irish Backstop continues to be the major point of contention, and may require some inventive policymaking to overcome. There will, as a result, undoubtedly be further volatility in markets as we head towards 31 October, with the outcome very difficult to call at present.

Pan Euro Macro Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 4 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The Fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	176.14	175.49	181.77
Return before operating charges*	14.14	2.64	(4.26)
Operating charges	(1.96)	(1.99)	(2.02)
Return after operating charges*	12.18	0.65	(6.28)
Distributions	(0.53)	(0.44)	(0.35)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.53	0.44	0.35
Closing net asset value per share	188.32	176.14	175.49
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	6.91%	0.37%	(3.45%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	833	2,928	7,951
Closing number of shares	442,462	1,662,076	4,530,676
Operating charges	0.96%	1.13%	1.14%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	188.5	179.6	187.3
Lowest share price	170.5	170.6	170.4

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The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	133.36	133.19	138.24
Return before operating charges*	10.59	2.01	(3.26)
Operating charges	(1.15)	(1.51)	(1.53)
Return after operating charges*	9.44	0.50	(4.79)
Distributions	(0.40)	(0.33)	(0.26)
Closing net asset value per share	142.40	133.36	133.19
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.08%	0.38%	(3.46%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	769	530	15,867
Closing number of shares	540,193	397,647	11,912,547
Operating charges	0.96%	1.13%	1.14%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	142.7	136.3	142.4
Lowest share price	129.1	129.4	129.6

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	181.67	180.11	185.63
Return before operating charges*	14.17	2.70	(4.36)
Operating charges	(0.92)	(1.14)	(1.16)
Return after operating charges*	13.25	1.56	(5.52)
Distributions	(1.41)	(1.36)	(1.26)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.41	1.36	1.26
Closing net asset value per share	194.92	181.67	180.11
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.29%	0.87%	(2.97%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	110,802	83,282	68,037
Closing number of shares	56,844,194	45,843,150	37,775,350
Operating charges	0.50%	0.63%	0.64%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	195.1	184.4	191.3
Lowest share price	176.1	175.6	174.4

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	109.70	109.58	113.74
Return before operating charges*	8.78	1.64	(2.68)
Operating charges	(0.56)	(0.69)	(0.71)
Return after operating charges*	8.22	0.95	(3.39)
Distributions	(0.85)	(0.83)	(0.77)
Closing net asset value per share	117.07	109.70	109.58
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.49%	0.87%	(2.98%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	615	480	549
Closing number of shares	525,084	437,392	500,792
Operating charges	0.50%	0.63%	0.64%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	117.6	112.2	117.2
Lowest share price	106.3	106.4	106.9

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M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	10.46
Operating charges	(0.39)
Return after operating charges*	10.07
Distributions	(1.53)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.53
Closing net asset value per share	110.07
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	10.07%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.55%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	110.0
Lowest share price	99.75

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^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 29 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	10.36
Operating charges	(0.38)
Return after operating charges*	9.98
Distributions	(1.54)
Closing net asset value per share	108.44
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	9.98%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.55%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	109.6
Lowest share price	99.75

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^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

P Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	141.00	140.86	146.22
Return before operating charges*	10.96	2.08	(3.43)
Operating charges	(0.47)	(0.51)	(0.53)
Return after operating charges*	10.49	1.57	(3.96)
Distributions	(1.34)	(1.43)	(1.40)
Closing net asset value per share	150.15	141.00	140.86
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.44%	1.11%	(2.71%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	19	19	19
Closing number of shares	12,825	13,578	13,578
Operating charges	0.33%	0.36%	0.37%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	150.9	144.3	150.7
Lowest share price	136.7	136.8	137.5

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Q Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	140.99	140.85	146.21
Return before operating charges*	10.98	2.07	(3.41)
Operating charges	(0.42)	(0.38)	(0.39)
Return after operating charges*	10.56	1.69	(3.80)
Distributions	(1.42)	(1.55)	(1.56)
Closing net asset value per share	150.13	140.99	140.85
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.49%	1.20%	(2.60%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	68	283	587
Closing number of shares	45,104	200,924	417,024
Operating charges	0.27%	0.27%	0.27%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	150.9	144.3	150.7
Lowest share price	136.7	136.8	137.6

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

Q Gross Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	140.69	140.59	145.93
Return before operating charges*	10.95	2.03	(3.45)
Operating charges	(0.42)	(0.38)	(0.38)
Return after operating charges*	10.53	1.65	(3.83)
Distributions	(1.41)	(1.55)	(1.51)
Closing net asset value per share	149.81	140.69	140.59
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.48%	1.17%	(2.62%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	14	1,685	4,503
Closing number of shares	9,655	1,197,757	3,203,157
Operating charges	0.27%	0.27%	0.27%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	150.6	144.0	150.5
Lowest share price	136.4	136.6	137.3

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	106.50	105.07	107.81
Return before operating charges*	8.32	1.57	(2.59)
Operating charges	(0.11)	(0.14)	(0.15)
Return after operating charges*	8.21	1.43	(2.74)
Distributions	(1.26)	(1.31)	(1.23)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.26	1.31	1.23
Closing net asset value per share	114.71	106.50	105.07
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.71%	1.36%	(2.54%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	39,961	36,165	65,021
Closing number of shares	34,835,369	33,959,173	61,880,873
Operating charges	0.10%	0.13%	0.14%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	114.8	107.7	111.2
Lowest share price	104.6	102.7	101.4

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Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

Z Income shares ^A	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share		
Opening net asset value per share	103.60	107.56
Return before operating charges*	0.25	(2.59)
Operating charges	(0.10)	(0.15)
Return after operating charges*	0.14	2.74
Distributions	(0.63)	(1.22)
Redemption value as at 11 May 2018	(103.11)	-
Closing net asset value per share	-	103.60
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-
Performance		
Return after charges	0.14%	(2.55%)
Other information		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1
Closing number of shares	-	944
Operating charges	0.13%	0.14%
Direct transaction costs	-	-
Prices		
Highest share price	106.1	110.9
Lowest share price	100.6	101.2

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^A Z income share class closed on 11 May 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (98.89%)		152,063	99.33
Australian Dollar Denominated Bonds (4.58%)		-	-
Euro Denominated Bonds (0.00%)		2,037	1.33
greater than 25 years to maturity			
1,369,000	France (Govt of) 3.25% Index-Linked 2045	2,037	1.33
Sterling Denominated Bonds (94.31%)		148,406	96.94
less than 5 years to maturity			
14,198,000	UK (Govt of) 0.5% 2022	14,257	9.31
3,312,000	UK (Govt of) 0.75% 2023	3,361	2.20
858,000	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2021	871	0.57
2,932,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2022	3,058	2.00
3,171,000	UK (Govt of) 2.25% 2023	3,414	2.23
2,865,000	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2021	3,066	2.00
3,830,000	UK (Govt of) 4% 2022	4,192	2.74
2,677,000	UK (Govt of) 8% 2021	3,053	2.00
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
524,000	UK (Govt of) 0.625% 2025	530	0.35
1,362,000	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2026	1,460	0.95
10,503,000	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2028	11,451	7.48
1,212,000	UK (Govt of) 2% 2025	1,329	0.87
7,097,000	UK (Govt of) 2.75% 2024	7,944	5.19
3,025,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2027	3,949	2.58
2,869,000	UK (Govt of) 5% 2025	3,597	2.35
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
3,615,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2032	5,101	3.33
646,000	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2030	929	0.61
317,000	UK (Govt of) 0.875% 2029	322	0.21
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
62,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2037	68	0.04
2,769,338	UK (Govt of) 3.25% 2044	3,895	2.55

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
6,244,420	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2036	9,261	6.05
2,471,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2039	3,815	2.49
2,702,222	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2040	4,231	2.76
7,393,908	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2034	11,026	7.20
2,836,019	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2042	4,689	3.06
969,000	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2038	1,573	1.03
greater than 25 years to maturity			
7,293,000	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2047	7,593	4.96
2,580,000	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2054	2,821	1.84
49,000	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2071	56	0.04
1,378,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2049	1,521	0.99
63,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2057	72	0.05
3,753,000	UK (Govt of) 2.5% 2065	5,371	3.51
1,382,000	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2045	2,037	1.33
2,489,031	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2068	4,507	2.94
26,000	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2052	43	0.03
2,479,710	UK (Govt of) 4% 2060	4,619	3.02
2,302,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2046	3,849	2.51
1,133,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2049	1,965	1.28
1,888,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2055	3,510	2.29
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (nil)		1,620	1.06
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
1,868,000	US Treasury 0.875% Index-Linked 2029	1,620	1.06
Derivatives (0.03%)		(185)	(0.12)
Forward Currency Contracts (0.03%)		(185)	(0.12)
	Buy AUD 3,298,000 Sell GBP 1,810,325 12/09/2019	45	0.03
	Buy AUD 4,173,000 Sell GBP 2,314,905 12/09/2019	33	0.02
	Buy EUR 934,000 Sell GBP 839,410 12/09/2019	11	0.01
	Buy EUR 1,067,000 Sell GBP 959,590 12/09/2019	12	0.01
	Buy GBP 162,745 Sell AUD 299,000 12/09/2019	(6)	-
	Buy GBP 3,926,270 Sell AUD 7,172,000 12/09/2019	(108)	(0.07)
	Buy GBP 785,838 Sell EUR 869,000 12/09/2019	(6)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 978,131 Sell EUR 1,100,000 12/09/2019	(23)	(0.02)
	Buy GBP 1,704,698 Sell EUR 1,909,000 12/09/2019	(34)	(0.02)
	Buy GBP 1,614,992 Sell USD 2,053,000 12/09/2019	(58)	(0.04)

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy GBP 1,782,464 Sell USD 2,247,000 12/09/2019	(49)	(0.03)
	Buy GBP 2,224,050 Sell USD 2,839,000 12/09/2019	(90)	(0.06)
	Buy USD 968,000 Sell GBP 790,305 12/09/2019	(1)	-
	Buy USD 2,067,000 Sell GBP 1,641,368 12/09/2019	43	0.03
	Buy USD 2,231,000 Sell GBP 1,772,276 12/09/2019	46	0.03
Total investment assets and liabilities		151,878	99.21
Net other assets		1,203	0.79
Total Net Assets		153,081	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.
The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains	1	8,956	65
Revenue	3	1,770	1,872
Expenses	4	(543)	(671)
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(5)	-
Net revenue before taxation		1,222	1,201
Taxation	6	-	-
Net revenue after taxation		1,222	1,201
Total return before distributions		10,178	1,266
Distributions	7	(1,222)	(1,201)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		8,956	65

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	125,372	162,535
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	45,819	28,683
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(28,344)	(67,001)
	17,475	(38,318)
Dilution adjustment	13	23
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	8,956	65
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	1,265	1,067
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	153,081	125,372

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		152,253	124,044
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	19,712	903
Cash and bank balances		568	514
		20,280	1,417
Total assets		172,533	125,461
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities		(375)	(24)
Creditors	9	(19,073)	(51)
Distribution payable		(4)	(14)
		(19,077)	(65)
Total liabilities		(19,452)	(89)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		153,081	125,372

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	9,171	(580)
Forward currency contracts	(292)	649
Other gains/(losses)	77	(4)
Net capital gains	8,956	65

2. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Trades in the year				
Bonds	351,212	201,872	331,270	236,454
Total trades in the year	351,212	201,872	331,270	236,454

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.05% (2018: 0.01%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest on debt securities	1,763	1,864
Bank interest	1	1
Stocklending income	6	7
Total revenue	1,770	1,872

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	405	501
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	138	170
Total expenses	543	671

5. Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	5	-
Total interest payable & similar charges	5	-

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Total current tax	-	-
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	1,222	1,201
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	244	240
Effects of:		
Distributions treated as tax deductible	(244)	(237)
Relief for indexation movements on index-linked gilts	-	(3)
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	-	-

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

7. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interim distribution	663	529
Final distribution	609	580
	1,272	1,109
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	56	156
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(106)	(64)
Net distribution for the year	1,222	1,201

Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	12	31
Sales awaiting settlement	18,889	-
Accrued revenue	811	872
Total debtors	19,712	903

9. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Purchases awaiting settlement	19,021	-
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	52	42
Amounts payable for the cancellation of shares	-	9
Total creditors	19,073	51

10. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £22,821,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £24,297,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Barclays	-	22,821
JPM Chase	-	-
Morgan Stanley	-	-
Total securities on loan	-	22,821

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Government Bond	-	24,297
Total collateral held	-	24,297

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £8,000 (2018: £9,000) and £2,000 (2018: £2,000).

11. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 9.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 9.

12. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	1,662,076	69,103	(1,288,717)	-	442,462
A Income shares	397,647	194,750	(42,526)	(9,678)	540,193
I Accumulation shares	45,843,150	20,509,464	(9,508,420)	-	56,844,194
I Income shares	437,392	145,122	(104,945)	47,515	525,084
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100
P Income shares	13,578	-	(753)	-	12,825
Q Income shares	200,924	3,489	(142,462)	(16,847)	45,104
Q Gross Income shares	1,197,757	-	(1,177,129)	(10,973)	9,655
Z Accumulation shares	33,959,173	7,011,723	(6,135,528)	-	34,835,368

13. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Bonds	152,063	-	-	118,234	5,810	-
Equities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Derivatives	-	190	-	-	-	-
Total investment assets	152,063	190	-	118,234	5,810	-
Fair value of investment liabilities						
Equities	-	-	-	-	(24)	-
Derivatives	-	(375)	-	-	-	-
Total investment liabilities	-	(375)	-	-	(24)	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

14. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market Price Risk

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Manager using VaR analysis. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VAR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

The table below indicated the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 5 day loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99 percent confidence level. Calculated on this basis, the table indicates that the net value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities could be expected to change by more than the stated amount on only two days out of 200, in response to either price, interest rate, inflation or foreign currency exchange rate changes.

The VaR measures of the Fund are detailed below.

	2019	2018
Minimum VaR	2.11%	2.43%
Maximum VaR	2.63%	2.87%
Average VaR	2.45%	2.64%

VaR table

	FX risk	Interest rate risk	Inflation risk	Contribution from credit risk	Overall VaR
31 July 2019	0.00%	2.02%	-	0.28%	2.30%
31 July 2018	0.00%	2.37%	-	0.25%	2.62%

The ACD must calculate the global exposure of any Fund it manages either as:

- 1) the incremental exposure and leverage generated through the use of derivatives and forward transactions, which may not exceed 100% of the net value of the scheme property. This is known as the Commitment Approach and is a measure of leverage or;
- 2) The market risk of the scheme property by way of the value at risk (VaR) approach. Although, the sensitivity analysis of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions described above uses VaR analysis, the global exposure calculations for Funds may be calculated on the Commitment Basis. The Prospectus provides further details on which method is used to calculate Global Exposure for each Fund.

(b) Foreign currency risk

The income and capital value of the Fund's investments are mainly denominated in sterling, the Fund's functional currency; therefore, the financial statements are not subject to any significant risk of currency movements. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(c) Interest rate risk

Interest receivable on bank deposits or payable on bank overdrafts will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates. The Fund Manager continuously reviews interest rates and inflation expectations. The assessment of this may result in a change in investment strategy.

Bond yields are affected by market and economic conditions, including inflation rates and government policy. An analysis of the interest rates and maturity of bond listings is detailed below.

In addition, changes to prevailing rates or changes in expectations of future rates may result in an increase or decrease in the value of the securities held. In general, if interest rates rise, the income potential of the Fund also rises but the value of fixed rate securities will decline (along with certain expenses calculated by reference to the assets of the Fund). A decline in interest rates will, in general, have the opposite effect.

The interest rate risk profile of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities is:

	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets/ (liabilities) not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
2019				
Currency				
UK Sterling	568	148,407	2,887	151,862
Euro	-	2,037	(1,702)	335
US Dollar	-	1,619	(735)	884
2018				
Currency				
UK Sterling	514	118,234	783	119,531
Australian Dollar	-	5,748	93	5,841

(d) **Credit risk**

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

	Market value 2019 £'000	Market value 2018 £'000
Credit Rating Analysis		
Investment Grade Bonds	152,062	116,085
Unrated Bonds	-	7,897
Derivatives	(185)	38
Other net assets	1,203	1,352
Net assets	153,081	125,372

(e) **Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk***

At the year end the Fund held derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management or to meet the Fund's investment objectives. These types of transaction can introduce market exposure greater than the market value of the instrument. These transactions exchange benefits with a third party at a future date creating both counterparty and concentration risk. The Investment Adviser's policies for managing these risks are outlined in the Fund's prospectus.

At the balance sheet date the Fund had the following exposures:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Market Exposure		
Forward Currency Contracts	23,869	14,567
Total Market Exposure	23,869	14,567

The total market exposure is the sum of the notional derivative contracts on a gross basis with no offsetting.

Counterparty Exposure

Derivative instruments involve an agreement to exchange a benefit at a future date. This introduces counterparty risk where an agreement is bilateral (between two parties) and concentration risk where a clearing broker operates on an exchange. Where the counterparty or clearing broker is not solvent the market exposure obtained would be lost.

Exposure is reduced by the exchange of margin on a daily basis for cleared derivatives and by the collateral held/pledged on a bilateral transaction.

At 31 July 2019 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

Counterparty or clearer	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
BNP Paribas	(1)	(1)
Citigroup	69	69
Goldman Sachs	(90)	(90)
HSBC	49	49
Morgan Stanley	(6)	(6)
RBC Dominion Securities	(200)	(200)
UBS	(6)	(6)
Total	(185)	(185)

At 31 July 2018 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

Counterparty or clearer	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Goldman Sachs	(24)	(24)
HSBC	62	62
Total	38	38

* Following the change in administrators the methodology used for compiling this note has changed.

(f)

Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.2777	-	0.2777*	0.1676
Group 2	0.1667	0.1110	0.2777*	0.1676
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.2103	-	0.2103**	0.1272
Group 2	0.1290	0.0813	0.2103**	0.1272
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7286	-	0.7286*	0.6353
Group 2	0.3298	0.3988	0.7286*	0.6353
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4399	-	0.4399**	0.3865
Group 2	0.4005	0.0394	0.4399**	0.3865
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.3800	-	0.3800*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.3800	-	0.3800**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.6875	-	0.6875**	0.6931
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Q Income shares				
Group 1	0.7271	-	0.7271**	0.7609
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.7273	-	0.7273**	0.7594
Group 2	-	-	-	0.7594

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6416	-	0.6416*	0.6360
Group 2	0.3572	0.2844	0.6416*	0.6360
Z Income shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.6270
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 29 November 2018.

^B Shares purchased between 29 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the six months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.2509	-	0.2509*	0.2680
Group 2	0.0378	0.2131	0.2509*	0.2680
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.1918	-	0.1918**	0.2033
Group 2	0.0575	0.1343	0.1918**	0.2033
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6824	-	0.6824*	0.7235
Group 2	0.2199	0.4625	0.6824*	0.7235
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4108	-	0.4108**	0.4386
Group 2	0.1978	0.2130	0.4108**	0.4386
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.1500	-	1.1500*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	1.1600	-	1.1600**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.6503	-	0.6503**	0.7399
Group 2	-	-	-	-

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
Q Income shares				
Group 1	0.6946	-	0.6946**	0.7900
Group 2	0.4673	0.2273	0.6946**	-
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.6857	-	0.6857**	0.7887
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6209	-	0.6209*	0.6770
Group 2	0.2042	0.4167	0.6209*	0.6770

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

ASI (AAM) Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in Investment grade corporate Debt and debt-related securities denominated in (or hedged back to) Sterling with a maturity of up to five years.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Debt and debt-related securities issued by corporate issuers, governments, public bodies and supranational issuers worldwide, in each case of any maturity or credit quality and denominated in any currency, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI (AAM) Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 2.83% compared to an increase of 4.11% in the benchmark, Iboxx Sterling Corporates 1 – 5 year Index.

Source: Lipper, Total Return, NAV to NAV, UK Net income reinvested, £.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

The 12 months under review have proven somewhat volatile in financial markets. Economic data, trade wars, Brexit and political uncertainty have all been cited as contributing factors.

After suffering some volatility earlier in the year, corporate bond markets were materially calmer over the summer of 2018. Spreads tightened modestly in both investment grade and high yield markets. These were supported by fundamental data and lower-than-expected levels of new issuance. Government bond yields were on a rising trend, however. This was led by US Treasuries as higher inflation and tighter monetary policy were priced in. Developed markets materially outperformed emerging markets, which were particularly affected by weakness in Turkey and Argentina. A more challenging environment for risk assets emerged in the following months as a deteriorating global economic outlook was priced into the market. Stocks and commodities fell sharply and credit spreads widened, resulting in some losses for corporate bond funds. Trade tensions between the US and China and the challenges of Brexit added to the worries for investors.

As we moved into 2019, financial markets stabilised, recovering as trade tensions eased and the US Federal Reserve adopted a materially more dovish tone. By mid-January the Fed appeared to have paused its interest rate-hiking cycle, reflecting a full reversal from 2018 expectations. Headline data remained soft in many developed market economies. The technical backdrop also improved, as new bond supply failed to meet expectations.

Lower quality credit, which had underperformed in late 2018, recovered in this environment. Returns from high yield corporates and emerging debt were very strong. In investment grade, sectors such as energy and financials more than recouped the losses they had suffered in the final months of 2018.

There was further volatility in May as economic data deteriorated and the trade conflict between the US and some of its trading partners rumbled on. Once again, however, more dovish tones from both US and European central banks provided some relief. Financial markets are fully expecting central banks to provide support if economies slow, with expectations of rate cuts and unconventional methods being priced in. Investors continue to hunt for yield but the environment remains somewhat febrile. In the UK, Brexit potentially provides some additional risks for credit markets.

Portfolio review

The Fund underperformed the iBoxx 1-5 Year £ Corporates Index over the 12 months to 31 July 2019, while generating positive absolute returns. Five-year gilts rallied 68 basis points (bps) to 0.38% over the period. Much of the portfolio's underperformance was a result of having a naturally shorter duration profile versus the 1-5 year index, due to at least 10% of the Fund being targeted in less than one-year maturity bonds for liquidity purposes.

Asset allocation detracted slightly from returns. Financials performed fairly evenly versus corporates and the portfolio remained defensively positioned. The Fund was underweight relative to benchmark in higher beta areas such as subordinated insurance. These performed strongly in the first half of 2019 amid the risk-on tone. While this detracted from returns, the Fund's overweight in callable Tier 1 and Tier 2 banking securities mitigated the downside. Overweight positions in low beta sectors such as high-quality covered bonds also contributed negatively to performance.

Security selection, on the other hand, contributed positively to performance over the period. In financials, the portfolio added attractively priced senior holdco issues from Citigroup and Royal Bank of Scotland. The portfolio also topped up CYBG following weakness in late 2018, which added to performance as the bonds rebounded in 2019. In corporates, holding an overweight position in Digital Realty boosted returns from real estate. In utilities, euro-denominated hybrids from French gas provider Engie performed strongly. The TMT sector posted good returns with healthy contributions from Orange hybrids and America Movil. In addition, global payments provider Fiserv benefitted the Fund through attractively-priced primary issuance, following competitor FIS in issuing £525m six-year bonds which performed well. In autos, there was a slight rebound as the trade rhetoric softened going into 2019. The portfolio benefited from adding an attractively-priced primary issue from Volkswagen in June, while maintaining a general underweight to the sector, given the ongoing headwinds from the US-China dispute.

The portfolio remains defensively positioned with an off-benchmark allocation to collateralised securities such as AAA rated mortgage-backed securities and covered bank bonds, alongside US dollar and euro-denominated holdings for diversification and yield benefits.

Outlook

The twin spectres of trade wars and Brexit are likely to dominate financial markets into the fourth quarter. More dovish central bank policies are widely anticipated and a lack of follow through from the European Central Bank and Federal Reserve will disappoint. The expectations for further quantitative easing have increased materially over recent weeks. More volatility is likely in the near term.

Sterling IG and Aggregate Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019.

The Fund is rated as 3 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The Fund invests in mortgage and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The Fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The Fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	100.82	100.84	100.00 ^A
Return before operating charges*	3.54	0.66	1.43
Operating charges	(0.67)	(0.68)	(0.57)
Return after operating charges*	2.87	(0.02)	0.86
Distributions	(1.43)	(1.30)	(0.82)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.43	1.30	0.80
Closing net asset value per share	103.69	100.82	100.84
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.85%	(0.02%)	0.86%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	23	23	6
Closing number of shares	22,302	23,100	6,000
Operating charges	0.65%	0.67%	0.69%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	103.9	101.4	101.1
Lowest share price	100.4	100.4	99.44

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Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

The Fund launched on 3 October 2016.

^A The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	98.73	100.03	100.00 ^A
Return before operating charges*	3.44	0.65	1.40
Operating charges	(0.65)	(0.67)	(0.57)
Return after operating charges*	2.79	(0.02)	0.83
Distributions	(1.39)	(1.28)	(0.80)
Closing net asset value per share	100.13	98.73	100.03
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.83%	(0.02%)	0.83%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5	6	6
Closing number of shares	5,000	6,000	6,000
Operating charges	0.65%	0.67%	0.69%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	100.7	100.5	100.5
Lowest share price	97.94	98.98	99.37

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	101.32	101.10	100.00 ^A
Return before operating charges*	3.56	0.59	1.43
Operating charges	(0.36)	(0.37)	(0.32)
Return after operating charges*	3.20	0.22	1.11
Distributions	(1.75)	(1.61)	(1.06)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.75	1.61	1.05
Closing net asset value per share	104.52	101.32	101.10
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	3.16%	0.22%	1.11%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	29,071	26,810	21,308
Closing number of shares	27,814,788	26,461,490	21,077,367
Operating charges	0.35%	0.37%	0.39%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	104.7	101.8	101.3
Lowest share price	101.0	100.8	99.48

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	98.68	100.05	100.00 ^A
Return before operating charges*	3.44	0.59	1.41
Operating charges	(0.35)	(0.37)	(0.32)
Return after operating charges*	3.09	0.22	1.09
Distributions	(1.69)	(1.59)	(1.04)
Closing net asset value per share	100.08	98.68	100.05
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	3.13%	0.22%	1.09%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	24,255	24,160	17,450
Closing number of shares	24,233,769	24,483,373	17,441,544
Operating charges	0.35%	0.37%	0.39%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	100.7	100.5	100.6
Lowest share price	97.92	99.02	99.40

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K Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	101.50	101.17	100.00 ^A
Return before operating charges*	3.57	0.60	1.43
Operating charges	(0.26)	(0.27)	(0.24)
Return after operating charges*	3.31	0.33	1.19
Distributions	(1.85)	(1.72)	(1.15)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.85	1.72	1.13
Closing net asset value per share	104.81	101.50	101.17
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	3.26%	0.33%	1.19%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	26,002	22,633	9,072
Closing number of shares	24,808,352	22,298,789	8,967,100
Operating charges	0.25%	0.27%	0.29%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	105.0	101.9	101.3
Lowest share price	101.2	101.0	99.48

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K Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	98.68	100.04	100.00 ^A
Return before operating charges*	3.44	0.60	1.41
Operating charges	(0.25)	(0.27)	(0.24)
Return after operating charges*	3.19	0.33	1.17
Distributions	(1.79)	(1.69)	(1.13)
Closing net asset value per share	100.08	98.68	100.04
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	3.23%	0.33%	1.17%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	94,747	88,478	66,010
Closing number of shares	94,671,398	89,663,973	65,982,006
Operating charges	0.25%	0.27%	0.29%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	100.8	100.5	100.6
Lowest share price	97.93	99.02	99.39

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^A The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	4.14
Operating charges	(0.27)
Return after operating charges*	3.87
Distributions	(1.84)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.84
Closing net asset value per share	103.87
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	3.87%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.40%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	104.0
Lowest share price	99.78

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^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 29 November 2018.

^B The opening NAV is the launch price of the share class.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	4.14
Operating charges	(0.27)
Return after operating charges*	3.90
Distributions	(1.84)
Closing net asset value per share	102.06
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	3.90%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.40%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	103.0
Lowest share price	99.78

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^B The opening NAV is the launch price of the share class.

Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	101.86	101.35	100.00 ^A
Return before operating charges*	3.58	0.58	1.45
Operating charges	(0.06)	(0.07)	(0.07)
Return after operating charges*	3.52	0.51	1.38
Distributions	(2.05)	(1.91)	(1.34)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.05	1.91	1.31
Closing net asset value per share	105.38	101.86	101.35
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	3.46%	0.50%	1.38%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5	6	6
Closing number of shares	5,001	6,000	6,000
Operating charges	0.05%	0.07%	0.09%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	105.6	102.1	101.5
Lowest share price	101.6	101.2	99.50

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Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (97.93%)		169,649	97.44
Euro Denominated Bonds (1.73%)		2,316	1.33
Corporate Bonds (1.73%)		2,316	1.33
less than 5 years to maturity			
700,000	Deutsche Bank 1.625% 2021	644	0.37
718,000	Getlink 3.625% 2023	678	0.39
Perpetual			
1,000,000	Engie 3.25% Perpetual	994	0.57
Sterling Denominated Bonds (86.23%)		153,667	88.27
Corporate Bonds (85.62%)		152,657	87.69
less than 5 years to maturity			
844,000	Aareal Bank 1.5% 2022*	855	0.49
1,000,000	ABN Amro 1.375% 2022	1,010	0.58
1,150,000	American Honda Finance 1.3% 2022	1,158	0.67
1,150,000	AMP Group Finance Services 6.875% 2022	1,235	0.71
769,000	Australia & New Zealand Bank FRN 2022	773	0.44
700,000	Banco Santander 2.75% 2023	733	0.42
1,000,000	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 1% 2022	1,006	0.58
800,000	Bank of America 5.5% 2019	812	0.47
1,000,000	Bank of America 5.5% 2021	1,092	0.63
1,000,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 2.25% 2023	1,042	0.60
3,549,000	Barclays 10% 2021	4,065	2.33
3,024,000	Barclays 2.375% 2023	3,046	1.75
676,000	Barclays 3.125% 2024	700	0.40
305,000	BASF 1.375% 2022	310	0.18
1,200,000	BMW 1% 2021	1,201	0.69
778,000	BMW 1.25% 2022	782	0.45
800,000	BMW 1.75% 2022	814	0.47
600,000	BNG Bank 1% 2022	603	0.35
1,550,000	British American Tobacco 6% 2022	1,749	1.00
2,000,000	British Land White 2015 0% 2020	1,972	1.13
1,000,000	British Sky Broadcasting 2.875% 2020	1,024	0.59
1,100,000	BUPA 3.375% 2021	1,145	0.66
600,000	BUPA 5% 2023	662	0.38
1,200,000	Cadent Finance 1.125% 2021	1,204	0.69
1,800,000	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 1.125% 2022	1,805	1.04
1,650,000	Chorus 6.75% 2020	1,708	0.98

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
751,000	Citigroup 2.75% 2024	791	0.45
1,049,000	Citigroup 5.875% 2024	1,244	0.71
641,000	Close Brothers 2.75% 2023	669	0.38
800,000	Commerzbank 6.625% 2019	803	0.46
305,000	Commonwealth Bank of Australia 1.125% 2021	306	0.18
690,000	Coventry Building Society 1% 2020	690	0.40
900,000	Coventry Building Society 1.875% 2023	924	0.53
2,350,000	Credit Suisse 3% 2022	2,463	1.41
700,000	Daimler 1% 2019	700	0.40
214,000	Daimler 2.375% 2021	220	0.13
1,300,000	Digital Stout 2.75% 2024	1,365	0.78
1,000,000	DNB Bank 1.625% 2023	1,023	0.59
1,000,000	E.ON Finance 6% 2019	1,012	0.58
1,600,000	ENI 4.75% 2021	1,680	0.97
500,000	Experian 3.5% 2021	524	0.30
900,000	FCA Capital Ireland 1.625% 2021	900	0.52
1,670,000	Fidelity National Information Services 1.7% 2022	1,699	0.98
1,200,000	FirstGroup 5.25% 2022	1,316	0.76
2,000,000	Friends Life 8.25% 2022	2,361	1.36
750,000	GE Capital 5.125% 2023	839	0.48
1,100,000	GE Capital 5.875% 2020	1,162	0.67
1,300,000	GKN 6.75% 2019	1,315	0.76
1,100,000	Glencore 6% 2022	1,224	0.70
471,000	Heathrow Funding 6% 2020	485	0.28
2,506,000	HSBC 2.175% 2023	2,552	1.47
1,050,000	Imperial Brands 9% fixed to floating 2022	1,250	0.72
903,000	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (London) 1.5% 2022	905	0.52
1,400,000	innogy Finance 5.5% 2022	1,578	0.91
1,300,000	Intercontinental Hotels 3.875% 2022	1,410	0.81
700,000	JPMorgan Chase 1.875% 2020	704	0.40
246,000	KFW 1.125% 2021	249	0.14
1,200,000	Lend Lease Europe 6.125% 2021	1,306	0.75
850,000	Lloyds Bank 9.625% 2023	1,083	0.62
724,000	Lloyds Bank Corporate Markets 1.75% 2024	724	0.42
691,000	Lloyds Bank FRN 2020	692	0.40
400,000	Marks & Spencer 6.125% 2019	406	0.23
1,691,000	MetLife Global Funding I 1.125% 2021	1,693	0.97
209,000	MetLife Global Funding I 2.625% 2022	219	0.13
900,000	National Australia Bank 0.875% 2020	900	0.52
1,050,000	National Australia Bank 1.375% 2022	1,059	0.61
881,000	National Westminster Bank FRN 2020	882	0.51
900,000	NatWest 6.5% 2021	991	0.57

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
1,200,000	New York Life Global Funding 1% 2021		1,199	0.69
499,000	New York Life Global Funding 1.625% 2023		510	0.29
1,637,000	New York Life Global Funding 1.75% 2022		1,677	0.96
1,470,000	Northern Powergrid 7.25% 2022		1,760	1.01
314,000	PCL Funding II FRN 2022		315	0.18
540,000	PCL Funding III FRN 2023		537	0.31
1,050,000	Pension Insurance 6.5% 2024		1,188	0.68
1,400,000	Phoenix Group 4.125% 2022		1,460	0.84
306,000	Principality Building Society 2.375% 2023		312	0.18
1,300,000	RCI Banque 1.875% 2022		1,318	0.76
737,000	Santander UK FRN 2020		738	0.42
534,000	Scania 1.875% 2022		538	0.31
1,500,000	Scottish Power UK 6.75% 2023		1,800	1.03
1,100,000	Segro 7% 2022		1,252	0.72
739,000	Severn Trent 1.125% 2021		741	0.43
830,000	Severn Trent 1.625% 2022		846	0.49
1,661,000	SGSP Australia Assets 5.125% 2021		1,754	1.01
1,700,000	Southern Water 5% 2021		1,807	1.04
1,250,000	Svensk Exportkredit 1.375% 2023		1,281	0.74
800,000	Svenska Handelsbanken 1.625% 2022		814	0.47
1,000,000	Svenska Handelsbanken 1.625% 2023		1,021	0.59
1,365,000	Swedbank 1.25% 2021		1,367	0.79
380,000	Thames Water 2.375% 2023		383	0.22
1,200,000	Thames Water Utilities Finance 5.05% 2020		1,238	0.71
800,000	Toyota Finance Australia 1.625% 2022		817	0.47
630,000	UBS 1.25% 2020		632	0.36
1,100,000	United Utilities 5.75% 2022		1,241	0.71
425,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.5% 2021		426	0.24
500,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.75% 2020		502	0.29
1,000,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.75% 2022		1,011	0.58
800,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 2.125% 2024		812	0.47
200,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 2.75% 2023		208	0.12
3,000,000	Wells Fargo 5.25% 2023		3,411	1.96
1,000,000	Western Power 3.625% 2023		1,071	0.61
800,000	Western Power 5.25% 2023		910	0.52
1,200,000	Xstrata 7.375% 2020		1,260	0.72
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
1,500,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 9.75% 2024		2,114	1.21
790,000	APT Pipelines 4.25% 2024		896	0.51
1,000,000	Banco Santander 1.375% 2024		996	0.57
900,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 1.75% 2024		916	0.53

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
	474,000	Barclays 3% 2026	481	0.28
	366,000	BP Capital Markets 1.827% 2025	379	0.22
	500,000	CYBG 4% 2026	508	0.29
	2,000,000	CYBG 5% 2026	2,009	1.15
	518,000	Fidelity National Information Services 2.602% 2025	545	0.31
	348,000	Fiserv 2.25% 2025	359	0.21
	1,800,000	Lloyds Bank 5.75% fixed to floating 2025	1,870	1.07
	750,000	Motor 2016-1 1.3% 2025	475	0.27
	1,031,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 2.875% 2026	1,054	0.61
	629,000	Unilever 1.5% 2026	642	0.37
	600,000	Virgin Money 3.375 fixed to floating 2025	617	0.35
between 10 and 15 years to maturity				
	1,050,000	Thames Water 5.75% 2030	1,155	0.66
between 15 and 25 years to maturity				
	1,800,000	Aviva 6.625% fixed to floating 2041	1,956	1.12
	900,000	CNP Assurances 7.375% 2041	997	0.57
	500,000	QBE Insurance 6.115% 2042	547	0.31
greater than 25 years to maturity				
	1,100,000	America Movil 6.375% fixed to floating 2073	1,154	0.66
	1,200,000	BHP Billiton 6.5% 2077	1,363	0.78
	733,000	Castell 2017-1 1.75869% Variable 2044	227	0.13
	665,000	Feldspar 2016-1 FRN 2045	336	0.19
	824,000	Koninklijke KPN 6.875% 2073	847	0.49
	1,317,000	Paragon FRN 2050	1,302	0.75
	232,000	Precise Mortgage Funding 2018-1B FRN 2054	187	0.11
	1,000,000	Precise Mortgage Funding 2018-2B FRN 2055	792	0.46
	700,000	RMAC FRN 2046	597	0.34
	821,000	Tolkien Funding Sukuk FRN 2052	657	0.38
	1,200,000	Yorkshire Water FRN 2046	1,255	0.72
Perpetual				
	800,000	Aviva 6.125% fixed to floating Perpetual	865	0.50
	910,000	Barclays 9% Perpetual	1,103	0.63
	1,700,000	HSBC 5.862% Perpetual	1,739	1.00
	200,000	HSBC 5.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	210	0.12
	600,000	Orange 5.75% fixed to floating Perpetual	667	0.38
	1,300,000	Orange 5.875% Perpetual	1,417	0.81
	1,000,000	Rabobank 5.556% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,015	0.58
	1,200,000	SSE 3.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,213	0.70

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
	849,000	Standard Chartered fixed to floating 5.375% Perpetual	866	0.50
	1,200,000	Zurich FRN Perpetual	1,348	0.77
Government Bonds (0.61%)			1,010	0.58
less than 5 years to maturity				
	1,000,000	Council of Europe Development Bank 1.125% 2021	1,010	0.58
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (9.97%)			13,666	7.84
Corporate Bonds (9.73%)			13,666	7.84
less than 5 years to maturity				
	399,000	Anadarko Petroleum 4.85% 2021	336	0.19
	527,000	AutoNation 3.35% 2021	434	0.25
	522,000	AXA Equitable Holdings 3.9% 2023	443	0.25
	1,000,000	BP Capital Markets 2.315% 2020	816	0.47
	1,300,000	Canadian Natural Resources 2.95% 2023	1,073	0.62
	780,000	CVS Health 3.35% 2021	645	0.37
	227,000	Danske Bank 5.375% 2024	202	0.12
	750,000	Edison International 2.125% 2020	610	0.35
	400,000	Exelon 3.497% 2022	334	0.19
	650,000	JM Smucker 2.5% 2020	532	0.31
	1,000,000	Marathon Petroleum 3.4% 2020	826	0.47
	1,200,000	Microsoft 2.4% 2022	988	0.57
	1,000,000	Mizuho Financial 2.953% 2022	825	0.47
	1,000,000	Morgan Stanley FRN 2022	824	0.47
	1,208,000	Penske Truck Leasing 2.7% 2023	985	0.56
	1,000,000	Philip Morris International 2% 2020	816	0.47
	1,100,000	Toyota Motor Credit 2.6% 2022	906	0.52
	886,000	UBS 2.45% 2020	724	0.42
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
	1,600,000	ABN Amro FRN 2028	1,347	0.77
Government Bonds (0.24%)			-	-
Derivatives (-0.18%)			(619)	(0.36)
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.19%)			(571)	(0.33)
	Buy GBP 2,152,777 Sell EUR 2,421,000 12/09/2019		(52)	(0.03)
	Buy GBP 1,318,119 Sell USD 1,672,000 12/09/2019		(45)	(0.03)

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy GBP 12,176,263 Sell USD 15,543,000 12/09/2019	(491)	(0.28)
	Buy USD 525,000 Sell GBP 410,950 12/09/2019	17	0.01
Futures (0.01%)		(48)	(0.03)
(64)	Short US 5 Year Note Future 30/09/2019	(48)	(0.03)
Total investment assets and liabilities		169,030	97.08
Net other assets		5,078	2.92
Total Net Assets		174,108	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.
The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

* A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains/(losses)	1	2,414	(2,047)
Revenue	3	3,512	2,858
Expenses	4	(471)	(445)
Interest payable and similar charges*	5	-	(1)
Net revenue before taxation		3,041	2,412
Taxation	6	(60)	-
Net revenue after taxation		2,981	2,412
Total return before distributions		5,395	365
Distributions	7	(2,981)	(2,412)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		2,414	(2,047)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	162,116	113,858
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	21,853	59,771
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(13,205)	(10,232)
	8,648	49,539
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	2,414	(2,047)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	930	766
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	174,108	162,116

* For presentation purposes this line is now shown separately from expenses.

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		169,665	158,778
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	2,894	4,029
Cash and bank balances	9	3,299	1,301
		6,193	5,330
Total assets		175,858	164,108
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities		(636)	(310)
Creditors	10	(512)	(1,158)
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers		-	(12)
Distribution payable		(602)	(512)
		(1,114)	(1,682)
Total liabilities		(1,750)	(1,992)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		174,108	162,116

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	3,840	(2,011)
Derivative contracts	(273)	317
Forward currency contracts	(510)	(320)
Other losses	(643)	(33)
Net capital gains/(losses)	2,414	(2,047)

2. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

Trades in the year	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bonds	77,866	94,480	66,972	37,901
Corporate actions	1,033	-	2,414	-
Total trades in the year	78,899	94,480	69,386	37,901

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.32% (2018: 0.33%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest on debt securities	3,509	2,857
Bank interest	2	1
Stocklending income	1	-
Total revenue	3,512	2,858

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	387	340
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	84	105
Total expenses	471	445

5. Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	-	1
Total interest payable and similar charges	-	1

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	60	-
Total current tax	60	-
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	3,041	2,412
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	608	482
Effects of:		
Overseas taxes	60	-
Overseas tax expensed	(12)	-
Distributions treated as tax deductible	(596)	(482)
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	60	-

7. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
First interim distribution	758	532
Second interim distribution	636	619
Third interim distribution	732	638
Final distribution	876	732
	3,002	2,521
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	29	26
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(50)	(135)
Net distribution for the year	2,981	2,412

Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	349	264
Sales awaiting settlement	-	1,114
Accrued revenue	2,545	2,623
Foreign withholding tax recoverable	-	28
Total debtors	2,894	4,029

9. Cash and Bank Balances

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers	99	82
Cash and bank balances	3,200	1,219
Total cash and bank balances	3,299	1,301

10. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	471	121
Purchases awaiting settlement	-	998
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	41	39
Total creditors	512	1,158

11. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £843,000 (2018: £nil). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £889,000 (2018: £nil).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Citigroup	843	-
Total securities on loan	843	-

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Government Bond	889	-
Total collateral held	889	-

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £8,000 (2018: £nil) and £2,000 (2018: £nil).

12. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 10.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 10.

13. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	23,100	37,299	(38,097)	-	22,302
A Income shares	6,000	-	(1,000)	-	5,000
I Accumulation shares	26,461,490	4,342,722	(2,919,394)	(70,030)	27,814,788
I Income shares	24,483,373	2,724,766	(2,894,434)	(79,936)	24,233,769
K Accumulation shares	22,298,789	3,573,340	(1,133,647)	69,870	24,808,352
K Income shares	89,663,973	11,022,537	(6,095,032)	79,920	94,671,398
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	6,000	-	(999)	-	5,001

14. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000 Level 1	2019 £'000 Level 2	2019 £'000 Level 3	2018 £'000 Level 1	2018 £'000 Level 2	2018 £'000 Level 3
Fair value of investment assets						
Bonds	-	169,649	-	12	158,766	-
Derivatives	-	17	-	-	-	-
Total investment assets	-	169,665	-	12	158,766	-
Derivatives	(48)	(588)	-	-	(310)	-
Total investment liabilities	(48)	(588)	-	-	(310)	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

15. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market Price Risk

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Manager using VaR analysis. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VaR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

The table below indicated the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 5 day loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99 percent confidence level. Calculated on this basis, the table indicates that the net value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities could be expected to change by more than the stated amount on only two days out of 200, in response to either price, interest rate, inflation or foreign currency exchange rate changes.

The VaR measures of the Fund are detailed below.

	2019	2018
Minimum VaR	0.49%	0.62%
Maximum VaR	0.71%	0.72%
Average VaR	0.62%	0.66%

VaR table

	FX risk	Interest rate risk	Inflation risk	Contribution from credit risk	Overall VaR
31 July 2019	(0.04%)	0.35%	-	0.19%	0.49%
31 July 2018	(0.07%)	0.47%	-	0.24%	0.64%

The ACD must calculate the global exposure of any Fund it manages either as:

- 1) the incremental exposure and leverage generated through the use of derivatives and forward transactions, which may not exceed 100% of the net value of the scheme property. This is known as the Commitment Approach and is a measure of leverage or;
- 2) The market risk of the scheme property by way of the value at risk (VaR) approach. Although, the sensitivity analysis of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions described above uses VaR analysis, the global exposure calculations for Funds may be calculated on the Commitment Basis. The Prospectus provides further details on which method is used to calculate Global Exposure for each Fund.

(b) Foreign currency risk

The income and capital value of the Fund's investments are mainly denominated in sterling, the Fund's functional currency; therefore, the financial statements are not subject to any significant risk of currency movements. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(c) Interest rate risk

Interest receivable on bank deposits or payable on bank overdrafts will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates. The Fund Manager continuously reviews interest rates and inflation expectations. The assessment of this may result in a change in investment strategy.

Bond yields are affected by market and economic conditions, including inflation rates and government policy. An analysis of the interest rates and maturity of bond listings is detailed below.

In addition, changes to prevailing rates or changes in expectations of future rates may result in an increase or decrease in the value of the securities held. In general, if interest rates rise, the income potential of the Fund also rises but the value of fixed rate securities will decline (along with certain expenses calculated by reference to the assets of the Fund). A decline in interest rates will, in general, have the opposite effect.

The interest rate risk profile of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities is:

	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets/ (liabilities) not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
2019				
Currency				
UK Sterling	41,477	115,364	16,886	173,727
Euro	993	1,322	(2,182)	133
US Dollar	2,297	11,494	(13,543)	248
2018				
Currency				
UK Sterling	28,294	112,959	1,897	143,150
Euro	-	2,774	37	2,811
US Dollar	852	15,171	132	16,155

(d) **Credit risk**

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

	Market value 2019 £'000	Market value 2018 £'000
Credit Rating Analysis		
Investment Grade	160,049	153,931
Below Investment Grade	9,599	1,518
Unrated Securities	-	3,312
Derivatives	(619)	(293)
Other net assets	5,068	3,648
Net assets	174,097	162,116

(e) **Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk***

At the year end the Fund held derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management or to meet the Fund's investment objectives. These types of transaction can introduce market exposure greater than the market value of the instrument. These transactions exchange benefits with a third party at a future date creating both counterparty and concentration risk. The Investment Adviser's policies for managing these risks are outline.

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Market Exposure		
Forward Currency Contracts	16,663	19,064
Futures	6,144	-
Total Market Exposure	22,807	19,064

The total market exposure is the sum of the notional derivative contracts on a gross basis with no offsetting.

Counterparty Exposure

Derivative instruments involve an agreement to exchange a benefit at a future date. This introduces counterparty risk where an agreement is bilateral (between two parties) and concentration risk where a clearing broker operates on an exchange. Where the counterparty or clearing broker is not solvent the market exposure obtained would be lost.

Exposure is reduced by the exchange of margin on a daily basis for cleared derivatives and by the collateral held/pledged on a bilateral transaction.

At 31 July 2019 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

Counterparty or clearer	Futures £'000	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	(48)	-	(48)
Barclays	-	(45)	(45)
Goldman Sachs	-	(491)	(491)
HSBC	-	(52)	(52)
Morgan Stanley	-	17	17
Total	(48)	(571)	(619)

At 31 July 2018 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

Counterparty or clearer	Futures £'000	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	12	(25)	(13)
HSBC	-	3	3
Morgan Stanley	-	(285)	(285)
Royal Bank of Canada	-	2	2
Total	12	(305)	(293)

* Following the change in administrators the methodology used for compiling this note has changed.

(f) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the three months ended 31 October 2018**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 October 2018

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3676	-	0.3676*	0.3034
Group 2	-	0.3676	0.3676*	0.3034
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3600	-	0.3600**	0.3010
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4468	-	0.4468*	0.3800
Group 2	0.2050	0.2418	0.4468*	0.3800
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4352	-	0.4352**	0.3760
Group 2	0.1385	0.2966	0.4352**	0.3760
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4733	-	0.4733*	0.4058
Group 2	0.1856	0.2877	0.4733*	0.4058
K Income shares				
Group 1	0.4601	-	0.4601**	0.4012
Group 2	0.2399	0.2202	0.4601**	0.4012
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5237	-	0.5237*	0.4545
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2018.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2019.

For the three months ended 31 January 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.2897	-	0.2897*	0.3241
Group 2	-	-	-	0.3241
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.2818	-	0.2818**	0.3206
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3694	-	0.3694*	0.4030
Group 2	0.2127	0.1567	0.3694*	0.4030
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3582	-	0.3582**	0.3973
Group 2	0.1911	0.1671	0.3582**	0.3973
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3958	-	0.3958*	0.4291
Group 2	0.2168	0.1790	0.3958*	0.4291
K Income shares				
Group 1	0.3830	-	0.3830**	0.4226
Group 2	0.1879	0.1951	0.3830**	0.4226
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.3700	-	0.3700*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.3700	-	0.3700**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4454	-	0.4454*	0.4763
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 29 November 2018.^B shares purchased between 29 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the three months ended 30 April 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 30 April 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3476	-	0.3476*	0.3129
Group 2	0.0596	0.2880	0.3476*	0.3129
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3376	-	0.3376**	0.3084
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4251	-	0.4251*	0.3907
Group 2	0.1419	0.2832	0.4251*	0.3907
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4108	-	0.4108**	0.3837
Group 2	0.1494	0.2614	0.4108**	0.3837
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4513	-	0.4513*	0.4158
Group 2	0.1983	0.2530	0.4513*	0.4158
K Income shares				
Group 1	0.4350	-	0.4350**	0.4078
Group 2	0.1853	0.2497	0.4350**	0.4078
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7200	-	0.7200*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.7200	-	0.7200**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5000	-	0.5000*	0.4642
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 30 April 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 July 2019.

For the three months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 May 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 May 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4236	-	0.4236*	0.3600
Group 2	-	-	-	0.3600
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4096	-	0.4096**	0.3538
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5052	-	0.5052*	0.4385
Group 2	0.3060	0.1992	0.5052*	0.4385
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4861	-	0.4861**	0.4289
Group 2	0.2012	0.2849	0.4861**	0.4289
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5328	-	0.5328*	0.4648
Group 2	0.3098	0.2230	0.5328*	0.4648
K Income shares				
Group 1	0.5112	-	0.5112**	0.4540
Group 2	0.2832	0.2280	0.5112**	0.4540
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7500	-	0.7500*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.7500	-	0.7500**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5848	-	0.5848*	0.5153
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

ASI (AAM) UK Smaller Companies Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy:

The investment objective of ASI (AAM) UK Smaller Companies Equity Fund is to provide capital growth, whilst not excluding the occurrence of income, from investment in smaller UK companies being companies which are not included within the 200 largest UK companies at the time of purchase, in terms of market capitalisation.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI (AAM) UK Smaller Companies Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares decreased by 7.69% compared to a decrease of 9.31% in the benchmark, the FTSE Small Cap ex Investment Trusts Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

UK smaller companies were down for the last 12 months and trailed their larger peers. Trading was volatile as investors faced political upheaval, Brexit-related uncertainty and concerns about the economy. The ongoing US-China trade war also weighed on sentiment. On the political front, Prime Minister Theresa May announced her resignation after MPs rejected her EU Withdrawal Agreement on three occasions. She was replaced by Boris Johnson. He quickly set out his stall, making the prospect of a 'no-deal' more likely. This caused investors to sell stocks with a more domestic focus, which included a number of smaller companies. Meanwhile, the pound weakened as uncertainty built. This benefited a number of FTSE 100 companies that make a sizeable portion of their profits overseas. Despite all this, the UK economy held up relatively well for much of the period. However, the strain eventually showed, with gross domestic product contracting 0.2% in the second quarter.

Portfolio review

A position in Patisserie Holdings was the largest negative. Its shares slumped after the company went into administration following an alleged accounting scandal. We are currently pricing the holding at zero. Also costing the Fund was flooring supplier Victoria. Investors offloaded their shares on concerns over a possible highly-priced bond issue, combined with a weaker margin forecast. Engineering contractor Keller also disappointed. It posted a 32% drop in first-half 2019 profits due to increasing costs in its North American operations. However, it stuck to its full-year guidance, with management expecting that improved margins will lead to higher profits.

Games Workshop, the maker of the board-game Warhammer, performed well. The group continues to expand, with 27% of sales generated online. This has lifted margins and revenues. The future also looks promising. We believe the US market should grow quickly, while the company has a toe-hold in the Far East. Future, the global platform for specialist media, was another standout. The company continues to go from strength to strength, thanks to the scalability of its business and diversification of its brands. Meanwhile, a position in Gamma Communications boosted Fund returns. The company, which provides voice, data and mobile services to businesses across the UK, continues to benefit from an improved pipeline and new contract wins.

Elsewhere, we took part in Trainline's initial public offering. The company has a dominant platform business for rail and coach travel in the UK, with an impressive CEO at the helm and many avenues for growth. Importantly, the company is replicating its successful UK model in Europe. This should drive future returns. Trainline was also trading at an attractive valuation. We bought shares in AJ Bell. It is an innovative, online investment platform and stockbroker service. The company has grown rapidly, thanks to its low-cost, easy-to-use approach to investing. Its tech platform is also strong.

Outlook

We will be increasingly risk-aware as the 31 October Brexit date approaches. The threat of the UK crashing out without a deal has grown now that Boris Johnson is in Number 10. Such an outcome would probably see UK equity markets and sterling fall sharply. Smaller companies, which tend to have a more domestic focus, could feel the brunt of this selling. However, we maintain our focus on high-quality companies that have predictable business models, good management teams and strong balance sheets. These companies are usually more resilient in times of upheaval. Additionally, a number of our companies have good international exposure. As such, they would probably benefit from a fall in sterling. Overall, we believe our new quality-focused approach should position the Fund well for what promises to be a bumpy few months.

Small Cap Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The Fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The shares of small and mid-cap companies may be less liquid and more volatile than those of larger companies.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	408.17	362.57	288.14
Return before operating charges*	(26.03)	51.79	79.52
Operating charges	(5.17)	(6.19)	(5.09)
Return after operating charges*	(31.20)	45.60	74.43
Distributions	(4.21)	(4.16)	(3.08)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	4.21	4.16	3.08
Closing net asset value per share	376.97	408.17	362.57
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.81	-	0.09
Performance			
Return after charges	(7.64%)	12.58%	25.83%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	48,951	64,695	105,934
Closing number of shares	12,985,385	15,849,870	29,217,880
Operating charges	1.41%	1.60%	1.60%
Direct transaction costs	0.22%	-	0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	407.8	421.1	362.5
Lowest share price	326.1	361.7	284.7

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	214.93	189.48	149.45
Return before operating charges*	(13.68)	27.19	41.45
Operating charges	(1.65)	(1.74)	(1.42)
Return after operating charges*	(15.33)	25.45	40.03
Distributions	(3.31)	(3.73)	(2.87)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.31	3.73	2.87
Closing net asset value per share	199.60	214.93	189.48
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.43	-	0.05
Performance			
Return after charges	(7.13%)	13.43%	26.78%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	20,540	23,378	18,088
Closing number of shares	10,290,720	10,877,142	9,546,438
Operating charges	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%
Direct transaction costs	0.22%	-	0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	214.8	221.5	189.4
Lowest share price	172.2	189.1	147.7

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K Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	147.68	130.08	102.53
Return before operating charges*	(9.41)	18.71	28.45
Operating charges	(1.06)	(1.11)	(0.90)
Return after operating charges*	(10.47)	17.60	27.55
Distributions	(2.37)	(2.68)	(2.05)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.37	2.68	2.05
Closing net asset value per share	137.21	147.68	130.08
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.30	-	0.03
Performance			
Return after charges	(7.09%)	13.53%	26.87%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	76	601	10
Closing number of shares	55,360	406,762	7,600
Operating charges	0.78%	0.78%	0.78%
Direct transaction costs	0.22%	-	0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	147.6	152.2	130.1
Lowest share price	118.3	129.8	101.3

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M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	11.62
Operating charges	(0.63)
Return after operating charges*	10.99
Distributions	(1.52)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.52
Closing net asset value per share	110.99
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.15
Performance	
Return after charges	10.99%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.90%
Direct transaction costs	0.22%
Prices	
Highest share price	116.1
Lowest share price	95.58

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 3 December 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	490.69	429.36	336.12
Return before operating charges*	(31.19)	61.79	93.61
Operating charges	(0.44)	(0.46)	(0.37)
Return after operating charges*	(31.63)	61.33	93.24
Distributions	(11.14)	(11.97)	(9.31)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	11.14	11.97	9.31
Closing net asset value per share	459.06	490.69	429.36
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.96	-	0.11
Performance			
Return after charges	(6.45%)	14.28%	27.74%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,092	17,380	25,767
Closing number of shares	455,615	3,542,069	6,001,269
Operating charges	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%
Direct transaction costs	0.22%	-	0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	490.3	505.3	429.3
Lowest share price	394.4	428.5	332.2

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The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (99.08%)		68,506	95.60
Basic Materials (5.02%)		-	-
Consumer Goods (16.13%)		7,606	10.61
141,863	Barr (AG)	972	1.36
67,392	Games Workshop	3,056	4.26
382,692	Hilton Food	3,578	4.99
Consumer Services (11.60%)		9,698	13.53
88,059	4Imprint	2,448	3.42
159,200	Dart Group	1,208	1.68
231,343	Future	2,609	3.64
217,100	Hollywood Bowl	465	0.65
388,400	Next Fifteen Communications	2,315	3.23
687,400	Patisserie	-	-
152,746	Trainline	653	0.91
Financials (16.62%)		4,809	6.71
311,123	AJ Bell	1,294	1.81
18,769	HIE Ventures	-	-
340,300	JTC	1,200	1.67
315,800	Paragon	1,316	1.84
160,000	Safestore	999	1.39
Health care (10.63%)		7,201	10.05
166,233	Abcam	2,173	3.03
128,700	Dechra Pharmaceuticals	3,789	5.29
46,983	Genus	1,239	1.73
Industrials (31.77%)		22,837	31.87
546,783	DiscoverIE	2,411	3.36
170,056	Fisher (J) & Sons	3,682	5.14
114,700	Hill & Smith	1,294	1.81
343,140	Marshalls	2,181	3.04
447,275	Midwich	2,406	3.36

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
148,324	Morgan Sindall		1,664	2.32
185,072	PayPoint		1,753	2.45
325,395	Robert Walters		1,725	2.41
350,000	RWS		2,271	3.17
266,900	Sanne		1,465	2.04
97,800	XP Power		1,985	2.77
Technology (4.04%)			11,356	15.85
115,500	AVEVA		4,608	6.43
146,700	FDM		1,202	1.68
48,553	First Derivatives		1,430	2.00
400,000	GB		2,396	3.34
307,157	Kainos		1,720	2.40
Telecommunications (3.27%)			4,999	6.98
251,870	Gamma Communication		2,746	3.83
169,418	Telecom Plus		2,253	3.15
Collective Investment schemes (0.00%)			25	0.03
25	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund ⁺		25	0.03
Total investment assets			68,531	95.63
Net other assets			3,128	4.37
Total Net Assets			71,659	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

⁺ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital (losses)/gains	1	(9,386)	13,276
Revenue	3	2,137	3,197
Expenses	4	(943)	(1,513)
Net revenue before taxation		1,194	1,684
Taxation	5	-	-
Net revenue after taxation		1,194	1,684
Total return before distributions		(8,192)	14,960
Distributions	6	(1,194)	(1,690)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(9,386)	13,270

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	106,054	149,799
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	7,136	7,571
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(33,374)	(66,349)
	(26,238)	(58,778)
Dilution adjustment	120	211
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	(9,386)	13,270
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	1,109	1,552
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	71,659	106,054

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		68,531	105,079
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	2,064	128
Cash and bank balances		1,218	1,157
		3,282	1,285
Total assets		71,813	106,364
Liabilities:			
Creditors	8	(154)	(310)
		(154)	(310)
Total liabilities		(154)	(310)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		71,659	106,054

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital (Losses)/Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	(9,382)	13,266
Other (losses)/gains	(4)	10
Net capital (losses)/gains	(9,386)	13,276

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	36,435	19,574	61,578	67,662
Collective investment schemes	35,549	30,332	35,524	32,349
Corporate Actions	-	-	2,236	-
Trades in the year before transaction costs	71,985	49,906	99,338	100,011
Commissions				
Equities	22	12	(64)	(41)
Total commissions	22	12	(64)	(41)
Taxes				
Equities	102	72	-	-
Total taxes	102	72	-	-
Total transaction costs	124	84	(64)	(41)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	71,984	49,990	99,274	99,970

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.06	0.06	0.10	0.06
Taxes				
Equities	0.28	0.37	-	-

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.10	0.04
Taxes	0.12	0.06

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.37% (2018: 0.50%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue*

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK dividends	1,913	2,909
Overseas dividends	198	269
Taxable distributions on offshore funds	15	4
Bank interest	2	2
Stocklending income	9	13
Total revenue	2,137	3,197

* Prior year numbers have been reclassified.

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	857	1,388
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	86	125
Total expenses	943	1,513

5. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Total current tax	-	-
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	1,194	1,684
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	239	337
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(403)	(606)
Excess allowable expenses	164	269
Total tax charge for year (note 5a)	-	-

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

(c) Factors that may affect future tax charge

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £6,321,000 (2018: £6,157,000) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

6. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interim distribution	485	341
Final distribution	624	1,211
	1,109	1,552
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	135	179
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(50)	(41)
Net distribution for the year	1,194	1,690
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	1,194	1,684
Equalisation on conversion	-	6
Total distributions	1,194	1,690

7. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	1,964	23
Accrued revenue	100	105
Total debtors	2,064	128

8. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	84	202
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	70	108
Total creditors	154	310

9. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £2,333,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £4,018,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Morgan Stanley	-	2,245
Societe Generale	-	88
Total securities on loan	-	2,333

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Collateral held		
Equities	-	820
Government Bond	-	3,198
Total collateral held	-	4,018

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £11,000 (2018: £16,000) and £2,000 (2018: £3,000).

10. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 7 and 8.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 8.

11. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	15,849,870	167,913	(2,859,982)	(172,416)	12,985,385
I Accumulation shares	10,877,142	1,923,000	(2,835,686)	326,264	10,290,720
K Accumulation shares	406,762	20,361	(371,763)	-	55,360
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	3,542,069	455,615	(3,542,069)	-	455,615

12. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	68,506	-	-	105,078	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	25	-	-	1	-
Total investment assets	68,506	25	-	105,078	1	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

13. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £3,427,000 (2018: £5,254,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

The income and capital value of the Fund's investments are mainly denominated in sterling, the Fund's functional currency; therefore, the financial statements are not subject to any significant risk of currency movements. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(c) Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(d) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018 - nil).

(f) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2436	-	1.2436*	0.3194
Group 2	0.8635	0.3801	1.2436*	0.3194
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2890	-	1.2890*	0.9264
Group 2	0.6974	0.5916	1.2890*	0.9264
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9294	-	0.9294*	0.6957
Group 2	0.5704	0.3590	0.9294*	0.6957
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.2300	-	0.2300*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	4.6019	-	4.6019*	3.8088
Group 2	-	-	-	3.8088

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the shareclass on 30 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 30 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the six months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.9693	-	2.9693*	3.8411
Group 2	1.0821	1.8872	2.9693*	3.8411
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.0212	-	2.0212*	2.8028
Group 2	1.0714	0.9498	2.0212*	2.8028
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.4390	-	1.4390*	1.9794
Group 2	1.0074	0.4316	1.4390*	1.9794
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2900	-	1.2900*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	6.5426	-	6.5426*	8.1619
Group 2	0.0060	6.5366	6.5426*	8.1619

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Interim Dividend	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%	100.00%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%	0.00%

ASI American Equity Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth from a portfolio of North American securities.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI American Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 18.69% compared to an increase of 17.53% in the benchmark, the S&P 500 (lagged by one day).

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP. The Fund returns to the reporting date are based on dealing net asset values (NAVs) using a 13:00 Central European Time (CET) valuation point. For US equity funds, this means the dealing NAV uses security prices at close of the previous working day. The benchmark index, if unadjusted, would use the closing prices of the reporting date. When a US equity benchmark is compared against a US equity fund, this valuation point difference may produce a significant distortion in benchmark-relative performance. In order to neutralise this distortion, the benchmark returns shown are to the day previous to the reporting date.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

Despite several periods of uncertainty amid the ongoing US-China trade dispute and US Federal Reserve (Fed) monetary policy, major North American equity indices moved sharply higher over the 12-month period ended 31 July 2019. The US broader-market S&P 500 Index rose 15.68% in sterling terms during the period. Nine of the eleven sectors within the index garnered double-digit returns for the review period. The top market performers were the generally higher dividend-paying real estate and utilities sectors, which benefited from the decline in US Treasury yields. The more cyclical information technology sector also performed well. In contrast, energy was the lone sector to record a negative return as West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil price fell nearly 15% during the 12-month period. Additionally, the materials sector posted a more modest positive return and significantly lagged the overall market for the period.

Regarding monetary policy, the US Federal Reserve raised its benchmark interest rate in two 25-basis point (bps) increments to a range of 2.25% to 2.50% in September and December 2018, and subsequently left the rate unchanged through June 2019. In a policy turn, the Fed cut the federal funds rate by 25 basis points to a range of 2.00% to 2.25% following its meeting at the end of the review period on 30-31 July. However, the decision was not unanimous, as two Federal Open market Committee (FOMC) members voted to keep the benchmark interest rate unchanged. During a news conference following the meeting, Fed Chair Jerome Powell characterized the rate reduction as a “mid-cycle adjustment to policy,” and expressed his view that the Fed’s action does not signal the beginning of a significant round of rate cuts.

On the economic front, US GDP grew at annualised rates of between 2.1% and 3.5% over the 12-month review period. The economy expanded by 2.1% in the second quarter of 2019—down from the 3.1% increase in the first quarter of the year. The deceleration in the growth rate was attributable mainly to downturns in inventory investment and exports, offsetting a rise in consumer spending.

Portfolio review

The Fund outperformed the benchmark S&P 500 Index for the 12-month period ended July 31, 2019. Strong stock selection in the information technology and financials sectors, as well as an overweight position in consumer staples, had a positive impact on Fund performance. The largest individual stock contributors included specialty coffee retailer Starbucks Corp.; IT services provider CDW Corp., and electronic payment-processing services provider Visa.

Starbucks posted strong revenue and earnings growth that generally exceeded the market’s expectations. The company benefited primarily from a notable upturn same-store sales in the US and China, along with as a significant increase in net new stores. Early in the review period, Starbucks had announced a plan to address its stagnating sales in the US via leadership and organisational restructuring, and the strong execution of this plan has been encouraging. CDW Corp. saw healthy year-over-year revenue and EPS growth for the full 2018 fiscal year and the first quarter of 2019. The company benefited from strength in all three of its business segments: Total Corporate, Total Small Business and Total Public (particularly healthcare and education).

Fund performance was hampered mainly by stock selection in the energy sector and an overweight allocation to financials. The most notable detractors among individual holdings were oil and gas company EOG Resources, energy services provider Schlumberger Ltd., and diversified financial services company Charles Schwab Corp.

Shares of both EOG Resources and Schlumberger declined along with the WTI oil price during the review period. However, EOG Resources posted generally positive earnings results over the period attributable primarily to its best-in-class operational execution and advantaged assets. In the same vein, Schlumberger reported generally positive quarterly results over the year, benefiting mainly from strength in its Drilling unit and its International business segment. However, the company’s business was hampered by transitory issues, with pipelines needed in the Permian Basin in western Texas and southeastern New Mexico. The Fund’s holding in Charles Schwab Corp. weighed on performance as investors’ concerns around monetary policy pressured the stock price. Nonetheless, the company saw healthy year-over-year growth in net interest income over the period, offsetting the negative impact of relatively lower trading revenue.

Outlook

Following its rate-cut announcement at the end of July, the Fed highlighted the downside risk from weaker global economic growth and trade tensions. Nonetheless, the Fed would not commit to further rate cuts, which frustrated investors. We take comfort that domestic economic data points remain reasonable and corporate earnings have been well received by the market and are still decent, especially at this point in the cycle. The Fed highlighted the weakness in business-driven fixed investment, but emphasized that consumer spending remains robust. This has been demonstrated by weakening Purchasing Managers indices (PMI) of manufacturing activity domestically, and China's PMI remaining below 50 (signaling a contraction in manufacturing activity) since earlier this year. Many industrial-exposed companies posting results in July reported revenue weakness that coincides with this softening economic data, but also margin issues in many cases due to tariffs. We remain very conscious and attentive regarding the mixed macroeconomic data points and continue to emphasize investments in high-quality franchise companies which we believe will outperform through the cycle.

North American Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The Fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	2,597.62	2,273.82	1,972.97
Return before operating charges*	442.23	362.08	335.90
Operating charges	(37.48)	(38.28)	(35.05)
Return after operating charges*	404.75	323.80	300.85
Distributions	-	-	(0.31)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	-	0.31
Closing net asset value per share	3,002.37	2,597.62	2,273.82
* after direct transaction costs of:	1.22	1.17	0.69
Performance			
Return after charges	15.58%	14.24%	15.25%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	79,995	64,365	103,277
Closing number of shares	2,664,410	2,477,832	4,541,987
Operating charges	1.42%	1.62%	1.62%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.05%	0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	3,060	2,622	2,318
Lowest share price	2,306	2,196	1,947

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	2,857.23	2,482.31	2,137.77
Return before operating charges*	488.78	397.55	365.00
Operating charges	(25.40)	(22.63)	(20.46)
Return after operating charges*	463.38	374.92	344.54
Distributions	(14.96)	(15.32)	(18.17)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	14.96	15.32	18.17
Closing net asset value per share	3,320.61	2,857.23	2,482.31
* after direct transaction costs of:	1.35	1.28	0.75
Performance			
Return after charges	16.22%	15.10%	16.12%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	52,892	46,094	40,206
Closing number of shares	1,592,846	1,613,246	1,619,700
Operating charges	0.87%	0.87%	0.87%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.05%	0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	3,384	2,884	2,527
Lowest share price	2,544	2,409	2,110

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M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	18.62
Operating charges	(0.64)
Return after operating charges*	17.98
Distributions	(0.74)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.74
Closing net asset value per share	117.98
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03
Performance	
Return after charges	17.98%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.92%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%
Prices	
Highest share price	120.2
Lowest share price	90.11

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 28 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	162.19	139.85	119.54
Return before operating charges*	27.92	22.52	20.47
Operating charges	(0.20)	(0.18)	(0.16)
Return after operating charges*	27.72	22.34	20.31
Distributions	(2.11)	(1.97)	(2.01)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.11	1.97	2.01
Closing net asset value per share	189.91	162.19	139.85
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.08	0.07	0.04
Performance			
Return after charges	17.09%	15.97%	16.99%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,315	6,833	7,460
Closing number of shares	3,325,193	4,213,000	5,334,400
Operating charges	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.05%	0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	193.6	163.7	142.3
Lowest share price	144.8	136.4	118.0

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
North American Equities (98.51%)		136,408	98.01
Communication Services (1.65%)		10,010	7.19
Media & Entertainment (0.00%)		8,051	5.78
	4,495 Alphabet 'A'	4,470	3.21
	101,608 Comcast 'A'	3,581	2.57
Telecommunication Services (1.65%)		1,959	1.41
	66,437 TELUS*	1,959	1.41
Consumer Discretionary (14.46%)		18,334	13.17
Automobiles & Components (2.07%)		-	-
Consumer Durables & Apparel (1.97%)		-	-
Consumer Services (1.68%)		5,315	3.82
	83,051 Service Corporation International	3,126	2.25
	28,316 Starbucks	2,189	1.57
Media (2.19%)		-	-
Retailing (6.55%)		13,019	9.35
	4,424 Amazon.com	6,743	4.84
	36,611 Tiffany	2,808	2.02
	77,813 TJX	3,468	2.49
Consumer Staples (10.52%)		13,897	9.98
Food & Staples Retailing (2.82%)		7,321	5.26
	68,283 Alimentation Couche-Tard 'B'	3,434	2.47
	17,272 Costco Wholesale	3,887	2.79
Food Beverage & Tobacco (5.87%)		2,840	2.04
	41,605 Philip Morris	2,840	2.04

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Household & Personal Products (1.83%)		3,736	2.68
24,848	Estee Lauder	3,736	2.68
Energy (6.17%)		6,358	4.57
40,472	ConocoPhillips	1,952	1.40
35,681	EOG Resources	2,502	1.80
58,353	Schlumberger	1,904	1.37
Financials (15.53%)		20,492	14.73
Banks (6.54%)		9,008	6.47
39,529	First Republic Bank	3,206	2.30
21,659	M&T Bank	2,906	2.09
44,713	Royal Bank of Canada	2,896	2.08
Diversified Financials (7.34%)		11,484	8.26
34,471	American Express	3,501	2.52
59,911	Intercontinental Exchange	4,299	3.09
104,421	Schwab (Charles)	3,684	2.65
Insurance (1.65%)		-	-
Health Care (14.79%)		18,648	13.40
Health Care Equipment and Services (9.02%)		12,495	8.98
68,545	Baxter International	4,701	3.38
101,951	Boston Scientific	3,534	2.54
20,954	United Health	4,260	3.06
Pharmaceuticals Biotechnology & Life Sciences (5.77%)		6,153	4.42
23,973	Johnson & Johnson	2,549	1.83
44,306	PRA Health Sciences	3,604	2.59
Industrials (7.62%)		9,286	6.67
Capital Goods (2.18%)		2,812	2.02
18,889	Raytheon	2,812	2.02

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Commercial & Professional Services (3.68%)		3,050	2.19
24,614	Verisk Analytics	3,050	2.19
Transportation (1.76%)		3,424	2.46
33,884	Kansas City Southern	3,424	2.46
Information Technology (19.62%)		26,960	19.37
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment (2.50%)		2,852	2.05
27,940	Texas Instruments	2,852	2.05
Software & Services (14.92%)		21,087	15.15
11,745	Adobe	2,867	2.06
72,697	Microsoft	8,088	5.81
25,398	Nice	3,167	2.28
47,925	Visa 'A'	6,965	5.00
Technology Hardware & Equipment (2.20%)		3,021	2.17
31,343	CDW	3,021	2.17
Materials(6.63%)		5,638	4.05
17,097	Ecolab	2,816	2.02
63,043	Nutrien	2,822	2.03
Real Estate (0.00%)		2,470	1.78
6,028	Equinix	2,470	1.78
Utilities (1.52%)		4,315	3.10
25,508	NextEra Energy	4,315	3.10
Collective Investment Schemes (2.43%)		3,971	2.84
3,971	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund*	3,971	2.84

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Total investment assets		140,379	100.85
Net other assets		(1,177)	(0.85)
Total Net Assets		139,202	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

* A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains	1	19,034	17,495
Revenue	3	1,949	2,131
Expenses	4	(1,395)	(1,611)
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(3)	-
Net revenue before taxation		551	520
Taxation	6	(252)	(287)
Net revenue after taxation		299	233
Total return before distributions		19,333	17,728
Distributions	7	(320)	(358)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		19,013	17,370

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	117,292	150,943
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	78,999	38,845
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(76,413)	(90,213)
	2,586	(51,368)
Dilution adjustment	3	17
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	19,013	17,370
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	308	330
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	139,202	117,292

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		140,379	118,390
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	92	58
Cash and bank balances		472	495
		564	553
Total assets		140,943	118,943
Liabilities:			
Creditors	9	(1,741)	(1,651)
		(1,741)	(1,651)
Total liabilities		(1,741)	(1,651)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		139,202	117,292

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	19,046	17,360
Forward currency contracts	(5)	-
ACD fee rebate on collective investment scheme holdings	4	-
Other (losses)/gains	(11)	135
Net capital gains	19,034	17,495

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	75,515	51,091	73,748	102,722
Collective investment schemes	75,233	74,894	74,106	72,049
Trades in the year before transaction costs	150,748	125,985	147,854	174,771
Commissions				
Equities	27	30	(28)	(50)
Total commissions	27	30	(21)	(50)
Taxes				
Equities	-	-	(1)	-
Total taxes	-	-	(1)	-
Total transaction costs	27	30	(29)	(50)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	150,775	126,015	147,825	174,721

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.04	0.06	0.04	0.05
Taxes				
Equities	-	-	-	-

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.03	0.06

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.03% (2018: 0.02%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Overseas dividends	1,928	2,112
Taxable distributions on offshore funds	17	11
Bank interest	1	1
Stocklending income	3	7
Total revenue	1,949	2,131

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	1,249	1,459
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	146	152
Total expenses	1,395	1,611

5. Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	3	-
Total interest payable & similar charges	3	-

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	252	287
Total current tax	252	287

(b)

Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is the greater than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Net revenue before taxation	551	520
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	110	104
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(383)	(422)
Overseas taxes	252	287
Excess allowable expenses	272	318
Capitalised revenue subject to taxation	1	-
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	252	287

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

(c)

Factors that may affect future tax charge

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £7,039,000 (2018: £6,767,000) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

7.

Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Distribution	308	330
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	48	36
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(36)	(8)
Net distribution for the year	320	358
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	299	233
Shortfall transfer from capital to revenue	21	120
Movement between share classes due to conversions	-	5
Total distributions	320	358

8.

Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	12	-
Accrued revenue	80	58
Total debtors	92	58

9. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	1,613	1,524
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	128	127
Total creditors	1,741	1,651

10. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £1,912,000 (2018: £8,157,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £2,067,000 (2018: £9,063,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
BNP Paribas	-	2,414
Citigroup	1,912	-
NATIXIS	-	5,743
Total securities on loan	1,912	8,157

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	2,067	9,063
Total collateral held	2,067	9,063

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £4,000 (2018: £9,000) and £1,000 (2018: £2,000).

11. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 9.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 9.

12. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	2,477,832	2,523,434	(2,291,863)	(44,993)	2,664,410
I Accumulation shares	1,613,246	384,289	(445,437)	40,748	1,592,846
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	4,213,000	58,678	(946,485)	-	3,325,193

13. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	136,408	-	-	115,545	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	3,971	-	-	2,845	-
Total investment assets	136,408	3,971	-	115,545	2,845	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

14. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £7,019,000 (2018: £5,920,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £6,825,000 (2018: £5,781,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Currency exposure

The net foreign currency exposure comprises:

	Net foreign currency assets	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Canadian Dollar	8,317	6,456
US Dollar	128,176	109,172

(c) **Interest rate risk**

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(d) **Credit risk**

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) **Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk**

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018 - nil).

(f) **Liquidity risk**

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the year ended 31 July 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	14.9479	-	14.9479*	15.3170
Group 2	6.7425	8.2054	14.9479*	15.3170
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.7400	-	0.7400*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.1049	-	2.1049*	1.9695
Group 2	0.5026	1.6023	2.1049*	1.9695

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 28 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 28 November 2018 and 31 July 2019.**Equalisation**

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Interim Dividend	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%	100.00%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%	0.00%

ASI Asia Pacific and Japan Equity Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy:

The objective of the Fund is to achieve capital growth by investing in countries of the Asia Pacific region, including Japan.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Asia Pacific and Japan Equity Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 9.49% compared to an increase of 4.62% in the benchmark, the MSCI AC Asia Pacific Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

Asia Pacific equities posted solid returns over the year under review. But it was a volatile period, with markets often buffeted by the recurring themes of monetary policy and trade. Through end-2018, worsening US-China trade tensions and the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) policy tightening sparked a broad-based sell-off. But optimism returned in the new year. Faced with a weakening global economy, major central banks turned dovish. The Fed eventually delivered its first rate cut since 2008, while European and Japanese policymakers signalled more stimulus. Investors also cheered a truce in the US-China conflict, which fuelled a rebound in previously-battered Chinese and technology stocks. However, regional shares gave back some gains after talks stalled and the spectre of a full-blown trade war resurfaced. In politics, major elections in Australia, India, Indonesia and Thailand all saw incumbents prevail. The outcomes in India and Indonesia should bode well for reforms in both markets. Across the region, Southeast Asia led gains thanks to rallies in Indonesia and the Philippines. Japan stocks rose more modestly, hindered by growth concerns and a strengthening yen. But an increasing number of share buybacks from Japanese corporates lent some support. In contrast, Korean stocks languished on subdued growth and earnings outlooks.

Portfolio review

The Fund outperformed the benchmark, chiefly due to impressive contributions from our holdings in China. Though they ended in positive territory, persistent trade war and growth concerns capped gains for Chinese equities. Pleasingly, most of our holdings, which are oriented to the domestic economy, outpaced the domestic benchmark. Notably, the Aberdeen Standard SICAV I – China A Share Fund was one of the top performers. Its core underlying holdings, including those in travel, liquor and food flavouring, continued to thrive, driven by good results.

Some of our direct mainland exposures also fared well. Developer China Resources Land rose on better profits from both its property development and investment properties businesses. Financial group Ping An Insurance continued to re-rate on increased market share in the relatively nascent Chinese insurance market.

By sector, our choice of holdings in financials proved rewarding. Indonesia's Bank Central Asia (BCA) was the single biggest contributor at the stock level. Expectations that its margins would expand due to rising credit demand and lower funding costs drove its shares higher. The lender benefits from a stable low-cost deposit base that funds its lending, while asset quality remains sound. BCA remains among our core holdings, but we took advantage of sustained share price strength to take some profits. With the proceeds, we introduced Bank Rakyat Indonesia (BRI). We see significant potential as it re-focuses on the high-yielding micro-lending segment, where it is the market leader. In addition, BRI is improving its funding mix and fee income, widening its business moat and lifting shareholder returns by paying out excess capital.

The Fund's performance in Japan was mixed. On the whole, it contributed positively, thanks to our light exposure. The position in Chugai Pharmaceutical also added value. The drugmaker posted consistent results, driven by robust sales of its rheumatoid arthritis and haemophilia drugs and improved showings for its oncology treatments.

However, several of our Japanese holdings were key detractors. Chipmaker Renesas Electronics corrected as ongoing inventory adjustments clouded its short-term outlook. But we think its medium-term prospects are firm, given its wide business moat and technological leadership. Power tools maker Makita fell on weakness in its core European market and rising promotional costs. That said, we retain confidence in the company's product quality and marketing strength, and are upbeat about its expansion into outdoor power equipment. Medical diagnostics company Sysmex was another laggard, owing to poor results in the second half of 2018. The stock has since rebounded as its mid-term targets were well-received.

Portfolio activity was brisk over the year. In the first-half review, we reported the initiations of Stanley Electric, Shimano and Tokio Marine in Japan, along with Australian names, Cochlear and Woodside Petroleum. Both markets remained a focus of our portfolio activity in the latter half.

We introduced another five Japanese holdings that we felt were attractively-valued, relative to their growth potential. In the consumer sector, we initiated Toyota Motors and Pigeon. Toyota has continued to gain market share, while cost efficiencies from its global platform structure protect its margins. It also leads in investing to future-proof its business amid the growing trend of vehicle electrification. Baby-goods maker Pigeon enjoys substantial brand loyalty and customer trust due to its superior product quality. An improved digital strategy in China is also becoming a key driver of growth.

We also established a position in Kansai Paints, the market leader in automotive paints. It offers exposure to India's structural growth where it is the third-largest in the decorative paints segment.

The other two additions were in the tech sector. Systems integrator SCSK Corp has a major presence in the financial, manufacturing and distribution sectors. Its longer-term potential is promising as it shifts towards more fee-generating projects. Net One Systems, meanwhile, specialises in building network infrastructure, and has nimbly adapted to include cloud and security systems. Its focus on higher-margin services should also be beneficial as networks become more complex.

We introduced one other Australian holding in private health-insurer Medibank. Its core business is stabilising while its technology platform outstrips its peers. We think it is poised to grow its policyholder pool as its main rival grapples with internal challenges.

Outside of these markets, we initiated two other stocks: BRI, as noted above, and semiconductor-equipment maker ASML Holdings. The Netherlands-based company is the sole global supplier of extreme ultraviolet (EUV) lithography machines. EUV imprints circuit designs onto chips, cutting costs and enabling greater miniaturisation. ASML generates the bulk of sales in Asia, which supports trends such as electrification, automation and machine learning. It counts tech giants Samsung Electronics and TSMC among its key customers.

Against this, we exited Korean cosmetics group AmorePacific. Its revenues and margins remained soft, despite better tourism numbers and improving sales from travel-retail channels. Its business in China also seemed to be stalling, reflecting its limited exposure to the luxury segment. We felt its outlook appeared difficult, given its eroding competitive advantage in Korea and intensifying competition in the mainland.

Outlook

The outlook for Asia Pacific equities remains cloudy in the near term. Trade friction is a key risk amid still-fraught US-China talks, while the Japan-Korea dispute may further disrupt global supply chains, especially in the tech sector. Moreover, there is increasing evidence that trade tensions are hampering regional economies, with exports and manufacturing bearing the brunt. Sagging business confidence and consumer spending may also impede corporate profits. As a result, we are seeing governments and central banks increasingly move to support growth through targeted stimulus and interest rate cuts. While these macro uncertainties could continue to trigger sudden, sentiment-driven swings, we are unfazed given our investment horizon. Asia's longer-term prospects are bright, underpinned by the expansion of promising structural trends. Meanwhile, our holdings' quality, in terms of their wide moats and clear earnings levers, gives us cause for optimism. Their prudent capital management supports better shareholder returns and buffers their share prices too. We remain focused on assessing companies at a fundamental level. Thus, we are not averse to taking contrarian stances amid the volatility. This means selling positions where our conviction has declined, while adding to favoured picks on weakness. We continue to believe that our quality-focused approach positions the portfolio to deliver sustainable returns over time.

Asia Pacific Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including without limitation greater price volatility, less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/ controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The Fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	240.18	230.82	194.91
Return before operating charges*	24.48	13.97	40.10
Operating charges	(3.98)	(4.61)	(4.91)
Return after operating charges*	20.50	9.36	35.91
Distributions	(1.36)	(0.51)	(0.20)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.36	0.51	0.20
Closing net asset value per share	260.68	240.18	230.82
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.09	0.10	0.11
Performance			
Return after charges	8.54%	4.06%	18.42%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	32,389	40,153	45,158
Closing number of shares	12,425,032	16,718,059	19,563,631
Operating charges	1.69%	1.93%	1.95%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.04%	0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	264.6	252.5	234.8
Lowest share price	212.5	224.8	193.1

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	160.08	152.69	127.97
Return before operating charges*	16.39	9.26	26.42
Operating charges	(1.77)	(1.87)	(1.70)
Return after operating charges*	14.62	7.39	24.72
Distributions	(1.77)	(1.54)	(1.20)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.77	1.54	1.20
Closing net asset value per share	174.70	160.08	152.69
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.06	0.07	0.07
Performance			
Return after charges	9.13%	4.84%	19.32%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	95,009	88,615	96,091
Closing number of shares	54,383,792	55,357,612	62,931,565
Operating charges	1.13%	1.18%	1.20%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.04%	0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	177.3	167.7	155.2
Lowest share price	141.9	148.9	126.8

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	18.35
Operating charges	(0.85)
Return after operating charges*	17.50
Distributions	(1.38)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.38
Closing net asset value per share	117.50
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03
Performance	
Return after charges	17.50%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	1.18%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%
Prices	
Highest share price	119.2
Lowest share price	98.75

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV. Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 26 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (89.84%)		117,228	92.02
European Equities (0.00%)		706	0.55
Netherlands (0.00%)		706	0.55
3,828	ASML	706	0.55
Japanese Equities (23.76%)		32,226	25.30
144,900	Amada	1,317	1.03
34,900	Chugai Pharmaceutical	2,045	1.61
12,900	Daikin Industries	1,317	1.03
35,200	Denso Corporation	1,228	0.96
11,700	Fanuc corp	1,719	1.35
224,500	Japan Exchange Group	2,704	2.12
79,200	Japan Tobacco	1,441	1.13
38,800	Kansai Paint	629	0.49
5,800	Keyence	2,754	2.16
53,600	Makita	1,449	1.14
29,400	NET One Systems	641	0.50
32,300	Nippon Paint	1,153	0.91
18,300	Pigeon*	553	0.43
140,600	Renesas Electronics	685	0.54
16,900	SCSK	660	0.52
56,700	Seven & I	1,589	1.25
4,900	Shimano	569	0.45
37,000	Shin-Etsu Chemical	3,103	2.44
26,000	Shionogi	1,184	0.93
21,500	Stanley Electric	437	0.34
31,300	Sysmex	1,870	1.47
29,900	Tokio Marine	1,304	1.02
17,000	Toyota Motor	898	0.71
405,800	Yahoo Japan	977	0.77
North America Equities (1.68%)		1,881	1.48
United States (1.68%)		1,881	1.48
39,726	Huazhu Group	1,063	0.84
22,028	Yum China	818	0.64

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Pacific Basin Equities (51.96%)		69,215	54.33
Australia (1.71%)		7,631	5.99
61,663	Aristocrat Leisure	1,063	0.83
91,044	BHP	1,806	1.42
11,078	Cochlear	1,374	1.08
15,455	CSL	1,994	1.57
400,000	Medibank Private	808	0.63
30,000	Woodside Petroleum	586	0.46
China (7.47%)		12,152	9.54
129,000	Anhui Conch Cement	616	0.48
14,196	Autohome (ADR)	986	0.78
152,500	China Conch Venture	430	0.34
339,000	Ping An Insurance	3,300	2.59
67,200	Sunny Optical Technology	648	0.51
125,400	Tencent	4,817	3.78
154,000	Wuxi Biologics	1,355	1.06
Hong Kong (11.54%)		11,459	8.99
381,400	AIA	3,215	2.52
62,000	ASM Pacific Technology	597	0.47
90,000	China Mobile	627	0.49
652,000	China Resources Land	2,289	1.80
361,000	Hang Lung Properties	697	0.55
44,343	Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing	1,227	0.96
56,139	Jardine Strategic	1,582	1.24
452,500	Swire Pacific 'B'	661	0.52
190,100	Swire Properties	564	0.44
India (5.87%)		11,157	8.76
77,690	Grasim Industries	723	0.57
24,000	HDFC Bank	641	0.50
41,100	Hindustan Unilever	839	0.66
96,041	Housing Development Finance	2,419	1.90
603,496	ITC	1,939	1.52
91,690	Kotak Mahindra Bank	1,651	1.30
87,690	Tata Consultancy Services	2,291	1.80
12,714	UltraTech Cement	654	0.51

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Indonesia (3.79%)		5,127	4.03
2,361,600	Astra International	963	0.76
1,717,500	Bank Central Asia	3,097	2.43
2,600,000	Bank Rakyat Indonesia	677	0.53
153,500	Unilever Indonesia	390	0.31
Malaysia (0.80%)		787	0.62
182,047	Public Bank	787	0.62
Philippines (2.30%)		1,857	1.46
41,960	Ayala	645	0.51
499,300	Ayala Land	399	0.31
563,151	Bank of the Philippine Islands	813	0.64
Singapore (6.86%)		7,209	5.66
179,200	City Developments	1,034	0.81
107,133	DBS	1,688	1.33
321,200	Keppel	1,225	0.96
252,503	Oversea-Chinese Banking*	1,739	1.37
304,300	Singapore Telecommunications	603	0.47
58,370	United Overseas Bank	920	0.72
South Korea (6.12%)		5,601	4.39
4,119	AmorePacific (Pref)	221	0.17
7,271	LG Chemical	1,694	1.33
144,312	Samsung Electronics (Pref)	3,686	2.89
Taiwan (4.37%)		5,317	4.17
445,107	Taiwan Mobile	1,280	1.00
593,504	Taiwan Semiconductors Manufacturing	4,037	3.17
Thailand (1.13%)		918	0.72
693,000	Bangkok Dusit Medical Services (Alien)	458	0.36
39,900	Siam Cement (Alien)	460	0.36

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (12.44%)		13,200	10.36
Basic Materials (2.82%)		1,106	0.87
23,553	Rio Tinto	1,106	0.87
Financials (9.62%)		12,094	9.49
686,036	Aberdeen New Thai Investment Trust*	4,425	3.47
480,000	Aberdeen Standard Asia Focus*	5,496	4.31
178,681	HSBC	1,181	0.93
146,584	Standard Chartered	992	0.78
Collective Investment Schemes (8.95%)		7,541	5.92
562,089	Aberdeen Standard SICAV I - China A Share Equity Fund*	7,541	5.92
Total investment assets		124,769	97.94
Net other assets		2,629	2.06
Total Net Assets		127,398	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

* A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains	1	8,930	5,322
Revenue	3	2,778	3,071
Expenses	4	(1,471)	(1,902)
Net revenue before taxation		1,307	1,169
Taxation	5	(177)	(182)
Net revenue after taxation		1,130	987
Total return before distributions		10,060	6,309
Distributions	6	(1,130)	(990)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		8,930	5,319

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	128,768	141,249
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	9,512	2,736
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(20,945)	(21,471)
	(11,433)	(18,735)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	8,930	5,319
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	1,133	935
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	127,398	128,768

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		124,769	127,205
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	1,167	1,452
Cash and bank balances		3,160	1,278
		4,327	2,730
Total assets		129,096	129,935
Liabilities:			
Creditors	8	(1,698)	(1,167)
		(1,698)	(1,167)
Total liabilities		(1,698)	(1,167)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		127,398	128,768

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	8,946	5,341
Forward currency contracts	3	-
Other losses	(19)	(19)
Net capital gains	8,930	5,322

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	18,919	24,629	25,560	40,385
Collective investment schemes	-	1,965	4,946	4,370
Corporate actions	30	-	-	-
Trades in the year before transaction costs	18,949	26,594	30,506	44,755
Commissions				
Equities	9	12	(14)	(21)
Total commissions	9	12	(14)	(21)
Taxes				
Equities	5	12	(15)	(14)
Total taxes	5	12	(15)	(14)
Total transaction costs	14	24	(29)	(35)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	18,963	26,618	30,477	44,720

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.06
Taxes				
Equities	0.03	0.05	0.06	0.03

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.02	0.03
Taxes	0.02	0.02

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.27% (2018: 0.24%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK dividends	455	528
Overseas dividends	2,153	2,325
Franked dividend distributions	165	158
Bank interest	2	2
Stocklending income	3	12
Stock dividends	-	46
Total revenue	2,778	3,071

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	1,332	1,689
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	139	213
Total expenses	1,471	1,902

5. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	177	182
Total current tax	177	182

(b)

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	1,307	1,169
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	261	234
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(554)	(611)
Overseas taxes	177	182
Excess allowable expenses	293	377
Total tax charge for year (note 5a)	177	182

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

(c)

Factors that may affect future tax charge

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £6,065,000 (2018: £5,772,000) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

6.

Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Distribution	1,133	935
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	49	58
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(52)	(3)
Net distribution for the year	1,130	990
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	1,130	987
Movement between share classes due to conversions	-	3
Total distributions	1,130	990

7.

Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	38	16
Sales awaiting settlement	973	1,195
Accrued revenue	139	206
Foreign withholding tax recoverable	17	15
Other debtor	-	20
Total debtors	1,167	1,452

8. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	52	365
Purchases awaiting settlement	1,296	567
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	133	146
Capital gains tax payable	217	89
Total creditors	1,698	1,167

9. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £587,000 (2018: £2,207,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £649,000 (2018: £2,440,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
BNP Paribas	-	637
Citigroup	-	1,470
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	587	-
Societe Genrale	-	100
Total securities on loan	587	2,207

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	649	2,361
Government Bond	-	79
Total collateral held	649	2,440

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £4,000 (2018: £15,000) and £1,000 (2018: £3,000).

10. Related party transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Manager Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Manager Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 7 and 8.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Manager Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 8.

11. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	16,718,059	195,650	(4,206,919)	(281,758)	12,425,032
I Accumulation shares	55,357,612	5,303,581	(6,698,517)	421,116	54,383,792
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100

12. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	117,228	-	-	115,683	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	7,541	-	-	11,522	-
Total investment assets	117,228	7,541	-	115,683	11,522	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

13. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at 31 July 2019 by £6,238,000 (2018: £6,360,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £5,566,000 (2018: £5,690,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Currency exposure

An increase or decrease in a particular foreign currency exchange rate will have a proportionate affect on the value of the Fund.

The net foreign currency exposure comprises:

	Net foreign currency assets	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Australian Dollar	5,824	2,199
Euro	706	-
Hong Kong Dollar	22,208	22,335
Indian Rupee	10,376	7,712
Indonesian Rupiah	5,127	4,881
Japanese Yen	32,290	30,652
Malaysian Ringgit	787	1,025
Philippines Peso	1,859	2,955
Singapore Dollar	7,244	8,897
South Korean Won	5,631	7,912
Taiwan Dollar	5,386	5,700
Thai Baht	918	1,949
US Dollar	12,960	17,578

(c) **Interest rate risk**

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(d) **Credit risk**

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) **Financial Derivative Instrument Risk**

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018: nil).

(f) **Liquidity risk**

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the year ended 31 July 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.3578	-	1.3578*	0.5062
Group 2	1.0560	0.3018	1.3578*	0.5062
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.7738	-	1.7738*	1.5357
Group 2	0.8936	0.8802	1.7738*	1.5357
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	1.3800	-	1.3800*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 26 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 27 November 2018 and 31 July 2019.**Equalisation**

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00

ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy:

The objective of the Fund is to achieve capital growth by investing in the countries of the Asia Pacific region excluding Japan.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 11.06% compared to an increase of 5.73% in the benchmark, the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP

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Market review

Asia Pacific equities posted solid returns over the year under review. But it was a volatile period, with markets often buffeted by the recurring themes of monetary policy and trade. Through end-2018, worsening US-China trade tensions and the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) policy tightening sparked a broad-based sell-off. But optimism returned in the New Year. Faced with a weakening global economy, major central banks turned dovish. The Fed eventually delivered its first rate cut since 2008, while European policymakers signalled more stimulus. Investors also cheered a truce in the US-China conflict, which fuelled a rebound in previously-battered Chinese and technology stocks. However, regional shares gave back some gains after talks stalled and the spectre of a full-blown trade war resurfaced. In politics, major elections in Australia, India, Indonesia and Thailand all saw incumbents prevail. The outcomes in India and Indonesia should bode well for reforms in both markets. Across the region, Southeast Asia led gains thanks to rallies in Indonesia and the Philippines. In contrast, Korean stocks languished on subdued growth and earnings outlooks.

Portfolio review

The Fund outperformed the benchmark, chiefly due to impressive contributions from our holdings in China. Though they ended in positive territory, persistent trade war and growth concerns capped gains for Chinese equities. Pleasingly, most of our holdings, which are oriented to the domestic economy, outpaced the domestic benchmark. Notably, the Aberdeen Standard SICAV I – China A Share Fund was the top performer. Core underlying holdings, including those in travel, liquor and food flavouring, continued to thrive, driven by good results. Some of our direct mainland exposures also fared well. Developer China Resources Land rose on better profits from both its property development and investment properties businesses. Financial group Ping An Insurance continued to re-rate on increased market share in the relatively nascent Chinese insurance market.

By sector, our choice of holdings in financials proved rewarding, with Indonesia's Bank Central Asia (BCA) among the standouts. Expectations that margins would expand due to rising credit demand and lower funding costs drove its shares higher. The lender benefits from a stable low-cost deposit base that funds its lending, while asset quality remains sound. BCA remains among our core holdings, but we took advantage of sustained share price strength to take some profits. With the proceeds, we introduced Bank Rakyat Indonesia (BRI). We see significant potential as it re-focuses on the high-yielding micro-lending segment, where it is the market leader. In addition, BRI is improving its funding mix and fee income, widening its business moat and lifting shareholder returns by paying out excess capital.

Our financial positions in India added to returns as well. With the domestic financial sector under stress amid fears of a cash crunch, our bias towards higher-quality private-sector names was beneficial. Holdings, Housing Development Finance Corporation and Kotak Mahindra Bank, were resilient as investors flocked to quality. They are well-capitalised and managed professionally, supported by solid deposit bases and robust balance sheets. Consistent earnings from both banks was also helpful.

While our overall exposure to India was positive, several holdings were among the key laggards. Grasim Industries retreated on concerns that fundraising plans from its telco affiliate may strain its balance sheet. We also see subdued prospects for its viscose staple fibre business as prices are likely to be constrained by higher supply from China and moderating global demand. Motorcycle maker Hero Motocorp fell in tandem with the wider auto sector as it reported weaker volumes and margin compression.

Also detracting from performance was Hong Kong-listed diversified group Jardine Strategic. Disappointing showings from some of its units weighed on its shares. Separately, our lighter exposure to Australia proved costly. The market rallied on sustained strength in commodity prices as well as the central bank's rate cuts. But holding Rio Tinto limited our losses there. The miner gained as iron ore prices remained elevated, while its ongoing focus on enhancing shareholder returns further bolstered the stock.

In portfolio activity, we reported in the first-half review the initiations of Thai mall operator Central Pattana, hearing implants maker Cochlear, and liquefied natural gas company Woodside Petroleum. In the latter half, we introduced another three holdings. In the financial sector, we established positions in BRI, as noted above, as well as SBI Life Insurance. SBI Life is India's largest private life insurer. It has a solid capital base, and sole access to its parent's widespread branch network. We think it is well-placed to grow market share as India's middle class shifts from public-sector insurers to private ones.

We also added to the Fund's technology exposures by initiating ASML Holdings. The Netherlands-based company is the sole global supplier of extreme ultraviolet (EUV) lithography machines. EUV imprints circuit designs onto chips, cutting costs and enabling greater miniaturisation. ASM generates the bulk of sales in Asia, which supports trends such as electrification, automation and machine learning. It counts tech giants Samsung Electronics and TSMC among its key customers.

Against this, we exited three Korean stocks given their deteriorating outlooks. The first was cosmetics group AmorePacific. Its revenues and margins remained soft, despite better tourism numbers and improving sales from travel-retail channels. Its business in China also appeared to be stalling, reflecting its limited exposure to the luxury segment. We still see significant execution risks, and felt that things could get worse, given its eroding competitive advantage in Korea and intensifying competition in the mainland. We also sold retailer E-mart, as we felt it faced tough competition in its domestic hypermarket business amid a weak macro backdrop. We also questioned its ability to generate value from its recent US acquisition. Lastly, we divested our stake in internet company Naver. Although its core search business remained cash-generative, it was taking longer than forecast to realise gains from its other investments.

Outlook

The outlook for Asia Pacific equities remains cloudy in the near term. Trade friction is a key risk amid still-fraught US-China talks, while the Japan-Korea dispute may further disrupt global supply chains, especially in the tech sector. Moreover, there is increasing evidence that trade tensions are hampering regional economies, with exports and manufacturing bearing the brunt. Sagging business confidence and consumer spending may also impede corporate profits. As a result, we are seeing governments and central banks increasingly move to support growth through targeted stimulus and interest rate cuts. While these macro uncertainties could continue to trigger sudden, sentiment-driven swings, we are unfazed given our investment horizon. Asia's longer-term prospects are bright, underpinned by the expansion of promising structural trends. Meanwhile, our holdings' quality, in terms of their wide moats and clear earnings levers, gives us cause for optimism. Their prudent capital management supports better shareholder returns and buffers their share prices too. We remain focused on assessing companies at a fundamental level. Thus, we are not averse to taking contrarian stances amid the volatility. This means selling positions where our conviction has declined, while adding to favoured picks on weakness. We continue to believe that our quality-focused approach positions the portfolio to deliver sustainable returns over time.

Asia Pacific Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including without limitation greater price volatility, less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/ controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The Fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	271.39	261.74	214.42
Return before operating charges*	31.95	14.91	51.96
Operating charges	(4.86)	(5.26)	(4.64)
Return after operating charges*	27.09	9.65	47.32
Distributions	(1.66)	(1.34)	(1.09)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.66	1.34	1.09
Closing net asset value per share	298.48	271.39	261.74
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.19	0.06	0.15
Performance			
Return after charges	9.98%	3.69%	22.07%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	259,027	295,801	322,674
Closing number of shares	86,782,562	108,993,397	123,279,877
Operating charges	1.77%	1.96%	1.95%
Direct transaction costs	0.07%	0.02%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	303.0	281.0	264.1
Lowest share price	236.9	253.6	213.6

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	243.93	236.42	194.49
Return before operating charges*	28.62	13.47	47.13
Operating charges	(4.27)	(4.75)	(4.22)
Return after operating charges*	24.35	8.72	42.91
Distributions	(1.53)	(1.21)	(0.98)
Closing net asset value per share	266.75	243.93	236.42
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.16	0.05	0.14
Performance			
Return after charges	9.98%	3.69%	22.06%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	22,955	21,970	23,477
Closing number of shares	8,605,338	9,006,661	9,930,082
Operating charges	1.77%	1.96%	1.95%
Direct transaction costs	0.07%	0.02%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	272.3	253.8	239.5
Lowest share price	212.9	229.0	193.7

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	294.49	281.89	229.21
Return before operating charges*	34.77	16.11	55.74
Operating charges	(3.59)	(3.51)	(3.06)
Return after operating charges*	31.18	12.60	52.68
Distributions	(3.43)	(3.62)	(3.09)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.43	3.62	3.09
Closing net asset value per share	325.67	294.49	281.89
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.20	0.06	0.17
Performance			
Return after charges	10.59%	4.47%	22.98%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	458,849	539,646	809,196
Closing number of shares	140,893,971	183,247,520	287,055,830
Operating charges	1.21%	1.21%	1.20%
Direct transaction costs	0.07%	0.02%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	330.6	303.8	284.3
Lowest share price	257.5	273.4	228.3

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	139.20	134.91	110.91
Return before operating charges*	16.42	7.70	26.98
Operating charges	(1.68)	(1.68)	(1.49)
Return after operating charges*	14.74	6.02	25.49
Distributions	(1.58)	(1.73)	(1.49)
Closing net asset value per share	152.36	139.20	134.91
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.09	0.03	0.08
Performance			
Return after charges	10.59%	4.46%	22.98%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	28,261	26,136	56,584
Closing number of shares	18,549,189	18,774,844	41,940,775
Operating charges	1.21%	1.21%	1.20%
Direct transaction costs	0.07%	0.02%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	156.2	145.4	137.6
Lowest share price	121.7	130.8	110.4

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	19.75
Operating charges	(0.93)
Return after operating charges*	18.82
Distributions	(1.54)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.54
Closing net asset value per share	118.82
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.05
Performance	
Return after charges	18.82%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	1.26%
Direct transaction costs	0.07%
Prices	
Highest share price	120.6
Lowest share price	100.2

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 26 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	19.75
Operating charges	(0.93)
Return after operating charges*	18.82
Distributions	(1.54)
Closing net asset value per share	117.28
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.05
Performance	
Return after charges	18.82%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	1.26%
Direct transaction costs	0.07%
Prices	
Highest share price	120.60
Lowest share price	100.20

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

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^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	328.15	310.99	250.35
Return before operating charges*	39.20	17.84	61.20
Operating charges	(0.80)	(0.68)	(0.56)
Return after operating charges*	38.40	17.16	60.64
Distributions	(8.70)	(7.24)	(6.19)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	8.70	7.24	6.19
Closing net asset value per share	366.55	328.15	310.99
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.25	0.07	0.18
Performance			
Return after charges	11.70%	5.52%	24.22%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,918	91,054	91,365
Closing number of shares	1,887,420	27,747,781	29,379,181
Operating charges	0.21%	0.21%	0.20%
Direct transaction costs	0.07%	0.02%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	372.1	337.3	313.6
Lowest share price	287.5	302.1	249.3

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Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (91.43%)		716,348	92.31
European Equities (0.00%)		4,431	0.57
Netherlands (0.00%)		4,431	0.57
24,027	ASML	4,431	0.57
North America Equities (1.85%)		-	-
United States (1.85%)		-	-
Pacific Basin Equities (81.26%)		660,865	85.16
Australia (1.98%)		54,095	6.97
559,480	Aristocrat Leisure	9,640	1.24
776,800	BHP	15,412	1.99
66,400	Cochlear	8,234	1.06
132,679	CSL	17,118	2.21
189,000	Woodside Petroleum	3,691	0.47
China (10.86%)		120,214	15.49
1,506,500	Anhui Conch Cement	7,191	0.93
104,044	Autohome (ADR)	7,222	0.93
250,050	Huazhu Group	6,688	0.86
2,577,000	Ping An Insurance	25,085	3.23
593,800	Sunny Optical Technology	5,724	0.74
1,379,700	Tencent	53,001	6.83
998,000	Wuxi Biologics	8,783	1.13
175,513	Yum China	6,520	0.84
Hong Kong (15.62%)		116,734	15.04
2,846,800	AIA	23,998	3.09
831,100	ASM Pacific Technology	7,999	1.03
1,539,100	China Mobile	10,718	1.38
5,622,000	China Resources Land	19,737	2.54
1,617,000	Hang Lung	3,391	0.44
1,523,220	Hang Lung Properties	2,943	0.38
551,422	Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing	15,257	1.97
708,352	Jardine Strategic	19,959	2.57
4,741,200	Swire Pacific 'B'	6,925	0.89
1,956,218	Swire Properties	5,807	0.75

	Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
India (12.04%)			110,254	14.21
	832,712	Grasim Industries	7,751	1.00
	310,000	HDFC Bank	8,280	1.07
	212,290	Hero MotoCorp	5,911	0.76
	392,374	Hindustan Unilever	8,014	1.03
	937,260	Housing Development Finance	23,607	3.04
	6,232,445	ITC	20,024	2.58
	605,263	Kotak Mahindra Bank	10,900	1.41
	488,000	SBI Life Insurance	4,595	0.59
	725,916	Tata Consultancy Services	18,961	2.44
	43,000	UltraTech Cement	2,211	0.29
Indonesia (3.84%)			39,716	5.12
	27,346,500	Astra	11,153	1.44
	10,872,900	Bank Central Asia	19,606	2.52
	16,000,000	Bank Rakyat Indonesia	4,167	0.54
	1,885,721	Unilever Indonesia	4,790	0.62
Malaysia (0.98%)			6,533	0.84
	1,511,495	Public Bank	6,533	0.84
Philippines (3.89%)			20,050	2.58
	16,736,770	Ayala Land	13,377	1.72
	4,620,282	Bank of the Philippine Islands	6,673	0.86
Singapore (10.98%)			67,318	8.68
	1,770,800	City Developments	10,219	1.32
	942,055	DBS	14,847	1.91
	2,761,300	Keppel	10,530	1.36
	2,579,166	Oversea-Chinese Banking*	17,762	2.29
	2,978,079	Singapore Telecommunications	5,900	0.76
	511,635	United Overseas Bank	8,060	1.04

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
South Korea (9.86%)		54,533	7.03
23,452	AmorePacific (Pref)	1,260	0.16
53,800	LG Chemical	12,534	1.62
1,595,041	Samsung Electronics (Pref)	40,739	5.25
Sri Lanka (1.08%)		9,543	1.23
7,604,284	DFCC Bank	3,314	0.43
8,932,929	John Keells	6,229	0.80
Taiwan (5.60%)		40,921	5.27
2,594,305	Taiwan Mobile	7,461	0.96
4,918,827	Taiwan Semiconductors Manufacturing	33,460	4.31
Thailand (2.51%)		20,954	2.70
9,261,900	Bangkok Dusit Medical Services (Alien)	6,124	0.79
2,161,000	Central Pattana (Alien)	4,203	0.54
922,100	Siam Cement (Alien)	10,627	1.37
UK Equities (10.34%)		51,052	6.58
Basic Materials (2.38%)		11,236	1.45
239,184	Rio Tinto	11,236	1.45
Financials (7.96%)		39,816	5.13
1,786,130	Aberdeen New Thai Investment Trust [†]	11,521	1.48
1,203,400	Aberdeen Standard Asia Focus [†]	13,779	1.78
1,122,110	HSBC	7,416	0.96
1,049,355	Standard Chartered	7,100	0.91
Collective Investment Schemes (6.96%)		50,370	6.49
3,754,690	Aberdeen Standard SICAV I-China A Share Equity Fund [†]	50,370	6.49
Total investment assets		766,718	98.80
Net other assets		9,292	1.20
Total Net Assets		776,010	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

* A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains	1	62,490	36,442
Revenue	3	18,831	31,937
Expenses	4	(10,055)	(16,494)
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(3)	-
Net revenue before taxation		8,773	15,443
Taxation	6	(1,169)	(1,648)
Net revenue after taxation		7,604	13,795
Total return before distributions		70,094	50,237
Distributions	7	(7,604)	(13,819)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		62,490	36,418

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	974,607	1,303,296
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	120,990	6,345
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(389,153)	(382,292)
	(268,163)	(375,947)
Dilution adjustment	642	731
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	62,490	36,418
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	6,434	10,109
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	776,010	974,607

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		766,718	958,897
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	8,559	9,284
Cash and bank balances		7,314	11,167
		15,873	20,451
Total assets		782,591	979,348
Liabilities:			
Creditors	9	(6,157)	(4,306)
Distribution payable		(424)	(435)
		(6,581)	(4,741)
Total liabilities		(6,581)	(4,741)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		776,010	974,607

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	62,998	37,214
Forward currency contracts	17	-
Other losses	(497)	(772)
Handling charges taken from the capital account	(28)	-
Net capital gains	62,490	36,442

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Trades in the year				
Equities	116,541	170,281	349,167	512,755
Collective investment schemes	1,378	19,711	26,372	45,193
Corporate actions	691	-	3	-
Trades in the year before transaction costs	118,610	189,992	375,542	557,948
Commissions				
Equities	73	67	(242)	(637)
Total commissions	73	67	(242)	(637)
Taxes				
Equities	63	121	(300)	(160)
Total taxes	63	121	(300)	(160)
Total transaction costs	136	188	(542)	(797)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	118,746	190,180	375,000	557,151

	Purchases		Sales	
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Commissions				
Equities	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.08
Taxes				
Equities	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.07

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.04	0.04
Taxes	0.05	0.04

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.24% (2018: 20.00%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK dividends	2,722	5,021
Overseas dividends	15,146	24,824
Stock dividends	-	909
Offshore distributions - non taxable	937	1,142
Bank interest	23	20
Stocklending income	3	21
Total revenue	18,831	31,937

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Manager, associates of the Manager and agents of either of them:		
Manager's periodic charge	8,546	14,087
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	1,509	2,407
Total expenses	10,055	16,494

5 Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	3	-
Total interest payable & similar charges	3	-

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	1,169	1,648
Total current tax	1,169	1,648
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	8,773	15,443
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	1,755	3,089
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(3,764)	(6,379)
Overseas taxes	1,169	1,648
Excess allowable expenses	2,009	3,290
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	1,169	1,648

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

(c) Factors that may affect future tax charge

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £48,799,000 (2018: £46,790,000) due to surplus Manager expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

7. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Distribution	6,858	10,544
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	1,174	3,303
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(428)	(28)
Net distribution for the year	7,604	13,819
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	7,604	13,795
Equalisation on conversion	-	24
Total distributions	7,604	13,819

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the Manager for the issue of shares	317	18
Sales awaiting settlement	4,300	3,919
Accrued revenue	3,654	1,753
Foreign withholding tax recoverable	288	273
Other debtor	-	3,321
Total debtors	8,559	9,284

9. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the Manager for cancellation of shares	349	1,897
Purchases awaiting settlement	2,398	-
Accrued expenses payable to the Manager	890	1,231
Capital gains tax payable	2,520	1,178
Total creditors	6,157	4,306

10. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £220,000 (2018: £9,231,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £325,000 (2018: £10,270,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
BNP Paribas	-	6,491
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	220	-
NATIXIS	-	2,740
Total securities on loan	220	9,231

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	325	10,270
Total collateral held	325	10,270

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £5,000 (2018: £26,000) and £1,000 (2018: £5,000).

11. Related party transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 9.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 9.

12. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	108,993,397	536,601	(22,747,436)	86,782,562
A Income shares	9,006,661	124,955	(526,278)	8,605,338
I Accumulation shares	183,247,520	38,768,944	(81,122,493)	140,893,971
I Income shares	18,774,844	2,173,339	(2,398,994)	18,549,189
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	27,747,781	105,090	(25,965,451)	1,887,420

13. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	716,348	-	-	891,017	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	50,370	-	-	67,880	-
Total investment assets	716,348	50,370	-	891,017	67,880	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3: Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

14. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £38,336,000 (2018: £47,945,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £35,579,000 (2018: £44,032,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Currency exposure

The net foreign currency exposure comprises:

	Net foreign currency assets	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Australian Dollar	38,683	19,292
Euro	4,431	-
Hong Kong Dollar	203,975	224,907
Indian Rupee	110,012	116,498
Indonesian Rupiah	39,717	37,456
Korean Won	-	96,573
Malaysian Ringgit	6,533	9,574
Philippines Peso	20,198	37,941
Singapore Dollar	68,817	107,826
South Korean Won	54,864	-
Sri Lankan Rupee	9,547	10,570
Taiwan Dollar	41,508	55,306
Thai Baht	20,955	24,451
US Dollar	92,338	140,233

(c) Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate rise is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(d) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018 - nil).

(f) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the year ended 31 July 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.6550	-	1.6550*	1.3381
Group 2	1.1676	0.4874	1.6550*	1.3381
A Income shares				
Group 1	1.5262	-	1.5262**	1.2086
Group 2	1.0970	0.4292	1.5262**	1.2086
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	3.4306	-	3.4306*	3.6247
Group 2	2.4483	0.9823	3.4306*	3.6247
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.5764	-	1.5764**	1.7347
Group 2	0.8934	0.6830	1.5764**	1.7347
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	1.5400	-	1.5400*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	1.5400	-	1.5400**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	8.6996	-	8.6996*	7.2413
Group 2	6.7606	1.9390	8.6996*	7.2413

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 26 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 26 November 2018 and 31 July 2019.**Equalisation**

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%

ASI Corporate Bond Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in Investment grade corporate Debt and debt-related securities denominated in (or hedged back to) Sterling.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Investment grade and sub-Investment grade Debt and debt-related securities denominated in any currency, including those issued by governments, public bodies and supra-national issuers, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Corporate Bond Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 7.32% compared to an increase of 8.68% in the benchmark, the Markit iBoxx Sterling Collateralized & Corporate Tracker Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

The 12 months under review have proven somewhat volatile in financial markets. Economic data, trade wars, Brexit and political uncertainty have all been cited as contributing factors.

After suffering some volatility earlier in the year, corporate bond markets were materially calmer over the summer of 2018. Spreads tightened modestly in both investment grade and high yield markets. These were supported by fundamental data and lower-than-expected levels of new issuance. Government bond yields were on a rising trend, however. This was led by US Treasuries as higher inflation and tighter monetary policy were priced in. Developed markets materially outperformed emerging markets, which were particularly affected by weakness in Turkey and Argentina. A more challenging environment for risk assets emerged in the following months as a deteriorating global economic outlook was priced into the market. Stocks and commodities fell sharply and credit spreads widened, resulting in some losses for corporate bond funds. Trade tensions between the US and China and the challenges of Brexit added to the worries for investors.

As we moved into 2019, financial markets stabilised, recovering as trade tensions eased and the US Federal Reserve (Fed) adopted a materially more dovish tone. By mid-January the Fed appeared to have paused its interest rate-hiking cycle, reflecting a full reversal from 2018 expectations. Headline data remained soft in many developed market economies. The technical backdrop also improved, as new bond supply failed to meet expectations. Lower quality credit, which had underperformed in late 2018, recovered in this environment. Returns from high yield corporates and emerging debt were very strong. In investment grade, sectors such as energy and financials more than recouped the losses they had suffered in the final months of 2018.

There was further volatility in May as economic data deteriorated and the trade conflict between the US and some of its trading partners rumbled on. Once again, however, more dovish tones from both US and European central banks provided some relief. Financial markets are fully expecting central banks to provide support if economies slow, with expectations of rate cuts and unconventional methods being priced in. Investors continue to hunt for yield but the environment remains somewhat febrile. In the UK, Brexit potentially provides some additional risks for credit markets.

Portfolio review

In what has been a very volatile period, the Fund has delivered a positive result. Higher risk areas of the portfolio – such as low quality investment grade, high yield and emerging markets – were damaging in times of market weakness, but overall delivered some strong benefits to the Fund.

Banks and insurers typically display more volatility than the market as a whole. As a result of an overweight position in these sectors, the Fund suffered underperformance in late 2018, before the sector recovered strongly after the turn of the year. The best performers were sectors such as utilities and telecoms, with longer-dated paper in both sectors delivering notably strong returns as yields fell and yield curves flattened.

An underweight position in US conglomerate GE was beneficial as the issuer announced a number of earnings disappointments and negative headlines. However, our holding in UK funeral home operator Dignity Finance delivered a more negative outcome. Dignity is suffering as a result of a highly competitive market place, leading to its bonds being downgraded. A long duration position relative to the benchmark boosted performance.

Outlook

The twin spectres of trade wars and Brexit are likely to dominate financial markets into the fourth quarter. More dovish central bank policies are widely anticipated and a lack of follow through from the European Central Bank and Fed will disappoint. The expectations for further quantitative easing have increased materially over recent weeks. More volatility is likely in the near term.

Sterling IG Aggregate Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 3 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The Fund invests in mortgage- and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The Fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The Fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	161.79	163.28	159.37
Return before operating charges*	13.67	0.31	5.92
Operating charges	(1.75)	(1.80)	(1.80)
Return after operating charges*	11.92	(1.49)	4.12
Distributions	(3.71)	(3.41)	(3.99)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.71	3.41	3.78
Closing net asset value per share	173.71	161.79	163.28
*after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.37%	(0.91%)	2.59%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,951	3,080	3,530
Closing number of shares	1,699,063	1,903,778	2,161,853
Operating charges	1.06%	1.10%	1.13%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	174.5	166.6	165.5
Lowest share price	158.6	161.2	154.3

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	113.13	116.58	116.52
Return before operating charges*	9.43	0.25	4.12
Operating charges	(1.21)	(1.28)	(1.32)
Return after operating charges*	8.22	(1.03)	2.80
Distributions	(2.57)	(2.42)	(2.74)
Closing net asset value per share	118.78	113.13	116.58
*after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.27%	0.88%	2.40%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	375,801	373,680	416,957
Closing number of shares	316,391,933	330,316,081	357,655,935
Operating charges	1.06%	1.10%	1.13%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	120.0	118.9	121.0
Lowest share price	110.3	113.5	112.2

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	187.08	187.86	182.51
Return before operating charges*	15.85	0.35	6.80
Operating charges	(1.13)	(1.13)	(1.16)
Return after operating charges*	14.72	(0.78)	5.64
Distributions	(5.19)	(4.88)	(5.49)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	5.19	4.88	5.20
Closing net asset value per share	201.80	187.08	187.86
*after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.87%	(0.42%)	3.09%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	12,835	12,385	16,336
Closing number of shares	6,359,940	6,619,886	8,695,942
Operating charges	0.59%	0.60%	0.63%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	202.7	192.0	190.1
Lowest share price	183.7	185.9	176.9

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	116.80	120.38	120.32
Return before operating charges*	9.75	0.24	4.21
Operating charges	(0.70)	(0.72)	(0.76)
Return after operating charges*	9.05	(0.48)	3.45
Distributions	(3.21)	(3.10)	(3.39)
Closing net asset value per share	122.64	116.80	120.38
*after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.75%	(0.40%)	2.87%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	12,654	12,588	14,053
Closing number of shares	10,317,633	10,776,801	11,674,462
Operating charges	0.59%	0.60%	0.63%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	124.1	122.9	124.9
Lowest share price	113.9	117.3	115.9

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I Gross Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	213.74	214.62	208.26
Return before operating charges*	18.11	0.41	7.70
Operating charges	(1.30)	(1.29)	(1.34)
Return after operating charges*	16.81	(0.88)	6.36
Distributions	(5.93)	(5.58)	(6.24)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	5.93	5.58	6.24
Closing net asset value per share	230.55	213.74	214.62
*after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.86%	(0.41%)	3.05%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	663	1,228	1,163
Closing number of shares	287,744	574,378	541,678
Operating charges	0.59%	0.60%	0.63%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	231.6	219.4	217.2
Lowest share price	209.9	212.4	202.2

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M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	9.78
Operating charges	(0.45)
Return after operating charges*	9.33
Distributions	(2.41)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.41
Closing net asset value per share	109.33
*after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	9.33%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.64%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	109.8
Lowest share price	99.35

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^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 26 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	9.70
Operating charges	(0.45)
Return after operating charges*	9.25
Distributions	(2.41)
Closing net asset value per share	106.84
*after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	9.25%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.64%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	108.3
Lowest share price	99.35

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^A M Income share class was launched on 26 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

P Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	110.19	113.55	113.50
Return before operating charges*	9.19	0.25	3.95
Operating charges	(0.38)	(0.40)	(0.43)
Return after operating charges*	8.81	(0.15)	3.52
Distributions	(3.30)	(3.21)	(3.47)
Closing net asset value per share	115.70	110.19	113.55
*after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	8.00%	(0.13%)	3.10%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	89,703	95,371	72,326
Closing number of shares	77,532,196	86,553,128	63,692,503
Operating charges	0.34%	0.35%	0.38%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	117.1	115.9	117.9
Lowest share price	107.5	110.6	109.3

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P Gross Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	113.53	117.00	116.95
Return before operating charges*	9.47	0.24	4.27
Operating charges	(0.39)	(0.41)	(0.44)
Return after operating charges*	9.08	(0.17)	3.83
Distributions	(3.40)	(3.30)	(3.78)
Closing net asset value per share	119.21	113.53	117.00
*after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	8.00%	(0.15%)	3.27%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,903	3,982	2,648
Closing number of shares	3,273,900	3,507,607	2,263,307
Operating charges	0.34%	0.35%	0.38%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	120.7	119.5	121.5
Lowest share price	110.7	114.0	112.6

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

Q Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	110.17	113.54	113.48
Return before operating charges*	9.20	0.22	3.96
Operating charges	(0.31)	(0.29)	(0.32)
Return after operating charges*	8.89	(0.07)	3.64
Distributions	(3.38)	(3.30)	(3.58)
Closing net asset value per share	115.68	110.17	113.54
*after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	8.07%	(0.06%)	3.21%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	463,453	806,074	922,233
Closing number of shares	400,623,726	731,639,990	812,251,213
Operating charges	0.27%	0.26%	0.28%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	117.1	115.9	117.9
Lowest share price	107.5	110.6	109.3

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

Q Gross Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	113.54	117.02	116.97
Return before operating charges*	9.49	0.23	4.28
Operating charges	(0.32)	(0.30)	(0.33)
Return after operating charges*	9.17	(0.07)	3.95
Distributions	(3.49)	(3.41)	(3.90)
Closing net asset value per share	119.22	113.54	117.02
*after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	8.08%	(0.06%)	3.38%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,969	37,922	48,965
Closing number of shares	1,651,239	33,399,891	41,845,091
Operating charges	0.27%	0.26%	0.28%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	120.7	119.5	121.5
Lowest share price	110.8	114.0	112.6

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Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	206.61	206.43	199.59
Return before operating charges*	17.56	0.39	7.47
Operating charges	(0.20)	(0.21)	(0.26)
Return after operating charges*	17.36	0.18	7.21
Distributions	(6.80)	(6.42)	(7.02)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	6.80	6.42	6.65
Closing net asset value per share	223.97	206.61	206.43
*after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	8.40%	0.09%	3.61%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	361,993	320,755	250,552
Closing number of shares	161,623,206	155,249,358	121,373,858
Operating charges	0.09%	0.10%	0.13%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	225.0	211.5	208.8
Lowest share price	203.2	204.8	193.7

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Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (94.18%)		1,265,852	95.47
Euro Denominated Bonds (1.90%)		41,207	3.11
Corporate Bonds (1.90%)		41,207	3.11
less than 5 years to maturity			
12,850,000	Lehman Brothers 4.625% 2019	-	-
6,700,000	UniCredit 9.25% Fixed to Floating 2022	6,921	0.52
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
1,641,000	American Tower 1.95% 2026	1,623	0.12
2,500,000	International Consolidated Airlines 1.5% 2027	2,293	0.17
8,200,000	Nationwide Building Society FRN 2029	7,462	0.56
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
5,000,000	AIG 4.875% 2067	3,664	0.28
Perpetual			
13,790,000	NatWest FRN Perpetual	12,378	0.94
7,200,000	Telefonica 3.875% Perpetual	6,866	0.52
Sterling Denominated Bonds (90.97%)		1,186,434	89.48
Corporate Bonds (89.39%)		1,157,268	87.28
less than 5 years to maturity			
5,200,000	Autolink Concessionaires M6 8.39% 2022	1,778	0.13
17,230,000	Barclays 2.375% 2023	17,357	1.31
2,180,000	City Greenwich Lewisham Rail Link 9.375% 2020	234	0.02
2,040,000	Fidelity National Information Services 1.7% 2022	2,075	0.16
5,952,000	FirstGroup 8.75% 2021	6,621	0.50
4,650,000	Heathrow Funding 9.2% 2021	5,267	0.40
6,000,000	HSBC 2.175% 2023	6,110	0.46
6,901,000	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (London) 1.5% 2022	6,920	0.52
6,610,000	Intu (SGS) Finance 4.125% 2023	6,292	0.48
4,000,000	Lloyds Bank 9.625% 2023	5,097	0.38
5,546,000	Lloyds Bank Corporate Markets 1.75% 2024	5,546	0.42

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
7,900,000	MetLife Global Funding I 1.125% 2021	7,909	0.60
11,126,000	Phoenix Group 4.125% 2022	11,605	0.88
2,798,000	Principality Building Society 2.375% 2023	2,855	0.22
2,889,000	Scottish Widows 5.5% 2023	3,226	0.24
4,540,000	Severn Trent 1.625% 2022	4,629	0.35
5,000,000	Severn Trent 6.125% 2024	6,040	0.46
3,500,000	Unite (USAF) II 3.374% 2023	3,761	0.28
4,700,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 2.125% 2024	4,771	0.36
6,300,000	Western Power 3.625% 2023	6,744	0.51
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
4,500,000	Abertis Infraestructuras 3.375% 2026	4,760	0.36
4,900,000	Banco Santander 1.375% 2024	4,883	0.37
5,000,000	Bank of America 2.3% 2025	5,232	0.39
4,000,000	Bank of America 7% 2028	5,708	0.43
10,095,000	Barclays 3% 2026	10,250	0.77
9,803,000	BP 2.03% 2025	10,223	0.77
5,175,000	BP 2.274% 2026	5,490	0.41
2,813,000	BP Capital Markets 1.827% 2025	2,910	0.22
4,430,000	British American Tobacco 4% 2026	4,942	0.37
6,140,000	CPUK 3.69% 2028	6,649	0.50
6,200,000	Credit Suisse FRN 2025	6,264	0.47
6,063,000	CYBG 4% 2026	6,162	0.46
9,234,000	CYBG 5% 2026	9,275	0.70
2,200,000	Daily Mail & General Trust 6.375% 2027	2,579	0.19
2,356,000	Fidelity National Information Services 2.602% 2025	2,479	0.19
1,603,000	Fiserv 2.25% 2025	1,652	0.12
4,936,000	Gatwick 6.125% 2026	6,267	0.47
6,632,000	General Motors Financial 2.25% 2024	6,655	0.50
2,500,000	Hammerson 3.5% 2025	2,573	0.19
1,390,000	Hammerson 6% fixed to floating 2026	1,605	0.12
5,000,000	Heathrow Finance 5.75% 2025	5,471	0.41
12,699,000	HSBC 2.256% 2026	12,917	0.97
2,000,000	InterContinental Hotels 2.125% 2026	2,017	0.15
6,093,000	InterContinental Hotels 3.75% 2025	6,728	0.51
1,089,000	Land Securities 2.375% 2029	1,148	0.09
5,000,000	LCR Finance 4.5% 2028	6,563	0.50
6,512,000	NewRiver REIT 3.5% 2028	6,604	0.50
7,000,000	NIE Finance 6.375% 2026	9,098	0.69
5,268,000	Northern Gas Networks 4.875% 2027	6,540	0.49
5,294,000	Northumbrian Water 2.375% 2027	5,539	0.42

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
1,930,000	Notting Hill Genesis 2.875% 2029	2,042	0.15
3,383,000	Orsted 2.125% 2027	3,558	0.27
8,237,000	Paragon FRN 2026*	8,747	0.66
2,500,000	Porterbrook Rail 4.625% 2029	2,926	0.22
10,000,000	Prudential 5.875% 2029	13,658	1.03
2,700,000	Saint-Gobain 5.625% 2024	3,286	0.25
4,752,000	Severn Trent 6.25% 2029	6,666	0.50
9,280,000	Smith (DS) 2.875% 2029	9,578	0.72
3,225,000	Southern Gas Networks 4.875% 2029*	4,118	0.31
4,000,000	Stagecoach Group 4% 2025	4,296	0.32
3,640,000	Thames Water 2.875% 2027	3,671	0.28
5,200,000	Thames Water 6.75% 2028	7,210	0.54
7,100,000	Total Capital 1.66% 2026	7,307	0.55
7,000,000	Total Capital International 1.25% 2024	7,104	0.54
2,720,000	Trafford Centre 7.03%% 2029	1,802	0.14
3,659,000	Tritax Big Box REIT 2.625% 2026	3,790	0.29
6,066,000	Unite Group 3.5% 2028	6,518	0.50
2,992,000	Vicinity Centres 3.375% 2026	3,229	0.24
5,010,000	Virgin Media 5% 2027	5,183	0.39
6,000,000	Virgin Money 3.375 Fixed to Floating 2025	6,169	0.47
5,000,000	Volkswagen International Finance 3.375% 2026	5,341	0.40
4,830,000	Welltower 4.8% 2028	5,828	0.44
1,988,000	Western Power 6% 2025	2,469	0.19
4,803,000	Westfield Stratford City Finance 1.642% 2026	4,874	0.37
2,800,000	Yorkshire Building Society 3% 2025	2,873	0.22
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
4,985,000	America Movil 4.948% 2033	6,640	0.50
5,000,000	Annington Funding 3.685% 2034*	5,494	0.41
3,316,000	Apple 3.05% 2029	3,864	0.29
3,315,000	APT Pipelines 3.125% 2031	3,581	0.27
8,756,000	APT Pipelines 3.5% 2030	9,741	0.73
3,000,000	AT&T 4.375% 2029	3,555	0.27
4,000,000	AT&T 5.2% 2033	5,161	0.39
3,480,000	Barclays 3.25% 2033	3,414	0.26
5,179,000	British Land 2.375% 2029	5,291	0.40
8,120,000	Broadgate Financing 5.098% 2035	9,094	0.69
10,340,000	Canary Wharf Finance 6.455% 2033	2,700	0.20
3,344,000	CRH 4.125% 2029	3,997	0.30
6,212,000	Digital Stout 3.75% 2030	6,925	0.52
2,000,000	EDF 5.875% fixed to floating 2031	2,820	0.21

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
5,000,000	EDF 6.125% 2034	7,339	0.55
5,189,000	Fidelity National Information Services 3.36% 2031	5,707	0.43
6,218,000	Fiserv 3% 2031	6,614	0.50
10,200,000	Great Rolling Stock 6.5% 2031	11,254	0.85
2,678,000	Greene King FRN 2033	1,953	0.15
6,500,000	Innogy 4.75% 2034	8,360	0.63
7,450,000	Innogy Finance 6.25% 2030	10,422	0.79
1,955,000	Longstone Finance 4.896% 2031	2,308	0.17
12,380,000	Meadowhall Finance 4.986% 2032	10,990	0.83
5,050,000	Meadowhall Finance 4.988% 2032	4,461	0.34
3,500,000	Orange 3.25% 2032	3,934	0.30
4,251,000	Pension Insurance 5.625% 2030	4,369	0.33
7,220,000	Premiertel 6.175% 2032	7,800	0.59
9,473,000	Quadgas Finance 3.375% 2029	9,825	0.74
3,500,000	Standard Chartered 5.125% 2034	4,045	0.31
4,688,000	Telereal Securitisation 5.3887% 2031	3,296	0.25
5,800,000	Thames Water 4.375% 2034	7,130	0.54
4,840,000	Thames Water 5.75% 2030	5,325	0.40
1,000,000	Time Warner Cable 5.75% 2031	1,236	0.09
4,640,000	Tritax Big Box REIT 3.125% 2031	4,938	0.37
1,817,000	Verizon Communications 2.5% 2031	1,908	0.14
7,950,000	Western Power 5.75% 2032	11,095	0.84
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
5,111,000	America Movil 4.375% 2041	6,644	0.50
10,353,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 2.85% 2037	10,842	0.82
5,328,000	Aspire Defence 4.674% 2040 'A'	6,280	0.47
4,023,000	Aspire Defence 4.674% 2040 'B'	4,742	0.36
4,000,000	AT&T 7% 2040	6,294	0.47
11,000,000	Aviva 6.125% 2036	12,882	0.97
13,012,000	Aviva 6.625% fixed to floating 2041	14,141	1.07
2,789,000	Berkshire Hathaway Finance 2.375% 2039	2,922	0.22
3,000,000	British American Tobacco 5.75% 2040	3,969	0.30
1,500,000	Cadent Finance 2.625% 2038	1,541	0.12
4,248,000	Circle Anglia 5.2% 2044	6,259	0.47
1,788,000	Community Finance Company I 5.017% 2034	2,464	0.19
5,242,000	Connect Plus 2.607% 2039	5,691	0.43
9,050,000	E.ON Finance 6.75% 2039	14,742	1.11
3,475,000	Eastern Power Networks 6.25% 2036	5,406	0.41
4,000,000	EDF 5.5% 2037	5,694	0.43
7,800,000	EDF 5.5% 2041	11,500	0.87

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
4,000,000	Enel 5.75% 2037	5,590	0.42
4,000,000	Enel 5.75% 2040*	5,744	0.43
3,450,000	Eversholt 3.529% 2042	3,557	0.27
5,000,000	Gatwick 3.125% 2039	5,356	0.40
800,000	GE Capital 6.25% 2038	1,082	0.08
1,320,000	GE Capital 8% 2039	2,045	0.15
4,000,000	GlaxoSmithKline 5.25% 2042	6,023	0.45
1,105,000	Greene King 5.702% fixed to floating 2034	893	0.07
7,000,000	HSBC 6% 2040	9,372	0.71
4,400,000	HSBC 7% 2038	6,422	0.48
2,450,000	innogy Finance 6.125% 2039	3,776	0.28
6,000,000	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 5.5% 2040	8,516	0.64
5,500,000	Morhomes 3.4% 2038	5,942	0.45
2,000,000	Peabody Capital 5.25% 2043	2,867	0.22
9,000,000	RMPA Services 5.337% 2038	9,048	0.68
4,680,000	Segro 2.875% 2037	4,921	0.37
3,760,000	SLM Student Loan Trust fixed to floating 2038	3,054	0.23
2,500,000	Southern Gas Networks 3.1% 2036	2,791	0.21
400,000	Tesco 5.6611% 2041	507	0.04
8,864,000	Tesco 5.744% 2040	11,212	0.85
1,000,000	Tesco 5.8006% 2040	1,288	0.10
1,706,000	Tesco 7.6227% 2039	2,188	0.17
4,037,000	THFC Funding No 1 5.125% 2035	5,540	0.42
2,917,000	Time Warner Cable 5.25% 2042	3,415	0.26
6,043,000	Verizon Communications 3.375% 2036	6,884	0.52
2,000,000	Vinci 2.75% 2034	2,218	0.17
greater than 25 years to maturity			
1,648,000	Accent Capital 2.625% 2049	1,677	0.13
4,050,000	American International FRN 2067	3,313	0.25
5,220,000	Annington Funding 3.935% 2047	5,827	0.44
3,950,000	Aviva 5.125% 2050	4,397	0.33
2,185,000	Berkshire Hathaway Finance 2.625% 2059	2,399	0.18
7,669,000	BHP Billiton 6.5% 2077	8,711	0.66
1,500,000	Blend Funding 3.459% 2047	1,738	0.13
3,647,000	British American Tobacco 2.25% 2052	2,698	0.20
8,320,000	Cadent Finance 2.75% 2046	8,529	0.64
3,000,000	Catalyst Housing 3.125% 2047	3,263	0.25
3,870,000	Channel Link 3.043% 2050	4,040	0.30
4,000,000	Clarion Housing 3.125% 2048	4,408	0.33
8,928,000	Dignity 4.6956% Perpetual	7,299	0.55

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
3,650,000	EDF 5.125% 2050	5,371	0.41
4,000,000	EDF 6% 2114	6,420	0.48
4,200,000	Engie 5% 2060	7,006	0.53
4,200,000	Heathrow Funding 2.75% 2049	4,294	0.32
6,980,000	Income Contingent Student Loans 2 2007-2009 2.5% 2058	6,282	0.47
1,185,000	Incommunities Treasury 3.25% 2049	1,336	0.10
6,264,000	Koninklijke KPN 6.875% 2073	6,439	0.49
2,000,000	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 2.75% 2057	1,895	0.14
3,000,000	Midland Heart Capital 5.087% 2044	4,309	0.32
9,800,000	NGG 5.625% fixed to floating 2073	10,719	0.81
3,000,000	Notting Hill Housing Trust 3.25% 2048*	3,133	0.24
2,500,000	Notting Hill Housing Trust 4.375% 2054	3,234	0.24
2,850,000	Orange 5.375% 2050*	4,459	0.34
4,000,000	Orbit Capital 3.5% 2045	4,514	0.34
3,000,000	Paragon 3.625% 2047	3,443	0.26
10,000,000	Paragon FRN 2050	9,889	0.75
7,000,000	Precise Mortgage Funding 2018-2B FRN 2055	5,546	0.42
5,440,000	Prudential 5.625% FRN 2051	6,031	0.45
5,279,000	Prudential 5.7% fixed to floating 2063	6,019	0.45
5,005,000	RMAC FRN 2046	4,270	0.32
1,640,000	Swan Housing Capital 3.625% 2048	1,829	0.14
2,510,000	Thames Water 7.738% 2058	5,015	0.38
450,000	United Parcel Service 5.125% 2050	731	0.06
2,130,000	University of Cambridge 2.35% 2078	2,379	0.18
2,500,000	University of Oxford 2.544% 2117	2,760	0.21
4,148,000	Vodafone 3% 2056	3,890	0.29
3,850,000	Wellcome Trust 2.517% 2118	4,172	0.31
3,215,000	Wheatley 4.375% 2044	4,040	0.30
3,800,000	WM Treasury 2 3.25% 2048	4,215	0.32
Perpetual			
3,200,000	Aviva 6.125% fixed to floating Perpetual	3,459	0.26
10,000,000	AXA 5.453% fixed to floating Perpetual	11,219	0.85
5,109,000	AXA 6.6862% fixed to floating Perpetual	6,043	0.46
6,500,000	Barclays 7% Perpetual	6,511	0.49
4,800,000	Cheltenham & Gloucester 11.75% Perpetual	9,766	0.74
2,190,000	CYBG 8% Perpetual	2,104	0.16
6,000,000	Direct Line 4.75% Perpetual	4,972	0.37
3,589,000	Heathrow Funding 6.45% fixed to floating 2033	5,322	0.40
6,804,000	HSBC 5.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	7,144	0.54

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
4,400,000	Lloyds Bank 13% fixed to floating Perpetual	7,593	0.57
11,803,000	National Westminster Bank FRN Perpetual	13,117	0.99
3,422,000	Orange 5.75% fixed to floating Perpetual	3,803	0.29
2,500,000	Santander UK 10.0625% Perpetual	3,994	0.30
15,000,000	SSE 3.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	15,169	1.14
Government Bonds (1.58%)		29,166	2.20
less than 5 years to maturity			
10,000,000	UK (Govt of) 2.25% 2023	10,766	0.81
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
1,182,000	Transport for London 4.5% 2031	1,478	0.11
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
11,410,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2036	16,922	1.28
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (1.31%)		38,211	2.88
Corporate Bonds (1.31%)		38,211	2.88
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
2,200,000	Commerzbank 7% Fixed to Floating 2025	1,855	0.14
5,000,000	Energy Transfer Partners 4.2% 2027	4,259	0.32
5,348,000	Energy Transfer Partners 4.95% 2028	4,765	0.36
greater than 25 years to maturity			
5,063,000	BHP Billiton Finance FRN 2075	4,807	0.36
7,800,000	NatWest Markets 7.125% 2093	8,791	0.66
Perpetual			
6,400,000	Australia & New Zealand Banking FRN Perpetual	3,404	0.26
7,286,000	HBOS Capital Funding 6.85% Perpetual	6,077	0.46
5,000,000	Societe Generale FRN Perpetual	4,253	0.32

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (0.34%)		5,218	0.39
UK Equities (0.34%)		5,218	0.39
Financials (0.34%)		5,218	0.39
3,350,000	National Westminster Bank	5,218	0.39
Collective Investment Schemes (3.22%)		43,636	3.29
15,731,721	Aberdeen European High Yield Bond Fund ⁺	19,073	1.44
14,500,650	Aberdeen Strategic Bond Fund ⁺	24,563	1.85
Derivatives (-0.05%)		(3,045)	(0.23)
Credit Default Swaps (0.00%)		(319)	(0.02)
EUR 10,000,000	Sell Heathrow Funding 20/06/2029 1%	(319)	(0.02)
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.05%)		(2,487)	(0.19)
	Buy EUR 4,483,000 Sell GBP 4,054,105 12/09/2019	28	-
	Buy GBP 2,220,944 Sell EUR 2,470,000 12/09/2019	(28)	-
	Buy GBP 5,808,006 Sell EUR 6,520,000 12/09/2019	(129)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 36,629,227 Sell EUR 41,193,000 12/09/2019	(879)	(0.07)
	Buy GBP 767,643 Sell USD 976,000 12/09/2019	(28)	-
	Buy GBP 851,317 Sell USD 1,087,000 12/09/2019	(35)	-
	Buy GBP 1,556,051 Sell USD 1,965,000 12/09/2019	(46)	-
	Buy GBP 2,082,429 Sell USD 2,612,000 12/09/2019	(46)	-
	Buy GBP 34,296,122 Sell USD 43,779,000 12/09/2019	(1,384)	(0.11)
	Buy USD 2,394,000 Sell GBP 1,891,224 12/09/2019	60	-
Futures (0.00%)		(239)	(0.02)
294	Long Gilt Future 26/09/2019	230	0.02
321	Long US 10 Year Note Future 19/09/2019	(164)	(0.01)
(63)	Short Euro Bond Future 06/09/2019	(246)	(0.02)
(21)	Short US 10 Year Ultra Future 19/09/2019	(59)	(0.01)
Total investment assets and liabilities		1,311,661	98.92
Net other assets		14,264	1.08
Total Net Assets		1,325,925	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

⁺ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

* A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2018.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains/(losses)	1	61,794	(53,566)
Revenue	3	49,041	57,270
Expenses	4	(6,508)	(7,846)
Interest payable and similar charges*	5	(4)	(4)
Net revenue before taxation		42,529	49,420
Taxation	6	-	-
Net revenue after taxation		42,529	49,420
Total return before distributions		104,323	(4,146)
Distributions	7	(42,529)	(49,419)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		61,794	(53,565)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	1,667,065	1,748,781
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	70,370	251,520
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(485,326)	(289,809)
	(414,956)	(38,289)
Dilution adjustment	802	291
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	61,794	(53,565)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	11,211	9,838
Unclaimed distributions	9	9
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	1,325,925	1,667,065

* For presentation purposes this line is now shown separately from expenses.

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		1,315,023	1,629,536
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	41,331	35,078
Cash and bank balances	9	2,302	56,053
		43,633	91,131
Total assets		1,358,656	1,720,667
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities		(3,362)	(1,048)
Creditors	10	(19,059)	(43,427)
Bank overdrafts		(3,827)	-
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers		-	(44)
Distribution payable		(6,483)	(9,083)
		(29,369)	(52,554)
Total liabilities		(32,731)	(53,602)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		1,325,925	1,667,065

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1. Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	65,928	(52,325)
Derivative contracts	(306)	(491)
Forward currency contracts	(3,429)	(824)
Other (losses)/gains	(399)	74
Net capital gains/(losses)	61,794	(53,566)

2. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bonds	593,767	804,255	950,944	777,434
Collective investment schemes	-	-	11,675	15,001
Corporate Actions	986	-	5,808	-
Trades in the year before transaction costs	594,753	804,255	968,427	792,435
Commissions				
Bonds	24	-	-	-
Total commissions	24	-	-	-
Taxes				
Bonds	1	-	-	-
Total taxes	1	-	-	-
Total transaction costs	25	-	-	-
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	594,778	804,255	968,427	792,435

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Bonds	0.49	-	-	-
Taxes				
Bonds	0.01	-	-	-

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	-	-
Taxes	-	-

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.87% (2018: 0.79%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK dividends	234	360
Interest distributions	2,261	2,606
Interest on debt securities	46,332	54,028
Derivative revenue	61	14
Bank interest	79	80
Stocklending income	74	182
Total revenue	49,041	57,270

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	5,629	6,882
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	879	964
	6,508	7,846
Total expenses	6,508	7,846

5. Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	4	4
Total interest payable & similar charges	4	4

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Total current tax	-	-

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	42,529	49,420
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	8,506	9,884
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(47)	(72)
Distributions treated as tax deductible	(8,459)	(9,812)
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	-	-

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

(c) Factors that may affect future tax charge

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £nil (2018: £nil) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

7. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
First interim distribution	11,719	12,568
Second interim distribution	11,306	12,308
Third interim distribution	9,241	12,466
Final distribution	9,494	11,703
	41,760	49,045
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	1,047	1,197
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(278)	(823)
Net distribution for the year	42,529	49,419

Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	327	270
Tax recoverable	-	703
Sales awaiting settlement	23,812	10,699
Accrued revenue	17,192	23,406
Total debtors	41,331	35,078

9. Cash and Bank Balances

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers	2,165	599
Cash and bank balances	137	55,454
Total cash and bank balances	2,302	56,053

10. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	2,336	38,249
Purchases awaiting settlement	16,211	4,542
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	512	636
Total creditors	19,059	43,427

11. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £15,302,000 (2018: £206,406,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £16,170,000 (2018: £219,820,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Barclays	15,302	48,640
BNP Paribas	-	6,744
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	-	2,068
JPM Chase	-	146,438
Nomura	-	2,516
Total securities on loan	15,302	206,406

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Government Bond	16,170	219,820
Total collateral held	16,170	219,820

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £93,000 (2018: £227,000) and £19,000 (2018: £45,000).

12. Related party transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 10.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 10.

13. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	1,903,778	148,862	(230,945)	(122,632)	1,699,063
A Income shares	330,316,081	7,028,555	(20,893,676)	(59,027)	316,391,933
I Accumulation shares	6,619,886	661,886	(1,027,578)	105,746	6,359,940
I Income shares	10,776,801	621,338	(2,040,589)	960,083	10,317,633
I Gross Accumulation shares	574,378	67,938	(354,572)	-	287,744
P Income shares	86,553,128	8,959,659	(17,808,493)	(172,098)	77,532,196
P Gross Income shares	3,507,607	222,104	(455,811)	-	3,273,900
Q Income shares	731,639,990	19,649,581	(350,076,419)	(589,426)	400,623,726
Q Gross Income shares	33,399,891	814,443	(32,373,457)	(189,638)	1,651,239
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	155,249,358	12,289,346	(5,915,498)	-	161,623,206

14. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Bonds	34,384	1,236,685	-	25,276	1,604,260	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	43,636	-	-	-	-
Derivatives	-	318	-	-	-	-
Total investment assets	34,384	1,280,639	-	25,276	1,604,260	-
Derivatives	-	(3,363)	-	(35)	(1,013)	-
Total investment liabilities	-	(3,363)	-	(35)	(1,013)	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

15. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Manager using VaR analysis. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VAR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

The table below indicated the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 5 day loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99 percent confidence level. Calculated on this basis, the table indicates that the net value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities could be expected to change by more than the stated amount on only two days out of 200, in response to either price, interest rate, inflation or foreign currency exchange rate changes.

The VaR measures of the Fund are detailed below.

	2019	2018
Minimum VaR	1.82%	2.58%
Maximum VaR	2.68%	2.75%
Average VaR	2.42%	2.67%

VaR table

	FX risk	Interest rate risk	Inflation risk	Contribution from credit risk	Overall VaR
31 July 2019	0.01%	1.42%	-	0.44%	1.86%
31 July 2018	(0.01%)	2.14%	-	0.50%	2.63%

The ACD must calculate the global exposure of any Fund it manages either as:

- 1) The incremental exposure and leverage generated through the use of derivatives and forward transactions, which may not exceed 100% of the net value of the scheme property. This is known as the Commitment Approach and is a measure of leverage or;
- 2) The market risk of the scheme property by way of the value at risk (VaR) approach. Although, the sensitivity analysis of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions described above uses VaR analysis, the global exposure calculations for Funds may be calculated on the Commitment Basis. The Prospectus provides further details on which method is used to calculate Global Exposure for each Fund.

(b) Foreign currency risk

The income and capital value of the Fund's investments are mainly denominated in sterling, the Fund's functional currency; therefore, the financial statements are not subject to any significant risk of currency movements. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(c) Interest rate risk

Interest receivable on bank deposits or payable on bank overdrafts will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates. The Fund Manager continuously reviews interest rates and inflation expectations. The assessment of this may result in a change in investment strategy.

Bond yields are affected by market and economic conditions, including inflation rates and government policy. An analysis of the interest rates and maturity of bond listings is detailed below.

In addition, changes to prevailing rates or changes in expectations of future rates may result in an increase or decrease in the value of the securities held. In general, if interest rates rise, the income potential of the Fund also rises but the value of fixed rate securities will decline (along with certain expenses calculated by reference to the assets of the Fund). A decline in interest rates will, in general, have the opposite effect.

The interest rate risk profile of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities is:

	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets/ (liabilities) not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
2019				
Currency				
UK Sterling	261,008	927,916	137,109	1,326,033
Euro	37,829	3,916	(41,837)	(92)
US Dollar	14,985	23,891	(38,892)	(16)
2018				
Currency				
UK Sterling	277,857	1,298,158	39,065	1,615,080
Euro	20,832	7,556	1,695	30,083
US Dollar	3,592	18,050	260	21,902

(d) **Credit risk**

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

	Market Value 2019 £'000	Market Value 2018 £'000
Credit Rating Analysis		
Investment grade securities	1,124,281	1,388,157
Below investment grade	141,570	95,441
Unrated Securities	-	86,440
Equities	5,218	5,731
Collective Investment Schemes	43,636	53,630
Derivatives	(2,725)	(911)
Other Net Assets	13,945	38,577
Net Assets	1,325,925	1,667,065

(e) **Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk***

At the year end the Fund held derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management or to meet the Fund's investment objectives. These types of transaction can introduce market exposure greater than the market value of the instrument. These transactions exchange benefits with a third party at a future date creating both counterparty and concentration risk. The Investment Adviser's policies for managing these risks are outlined in the Fund's prospectus.

At the balance sheet date the Fund had the following exposures:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Market Exposure		
Credit Default Swaps	9,093	-
Forward Currency Contracts	90,157	75,311
Futures	60,064	170
Total Market Exposure	159,314	75,481

The total market exposure is the sum of the notional derivative contracts on a gross basis with no offsetting.

Counterparty Exposure

Derivative instruments involve an agreement to exchange a benefit at a future date. This introduces counterparty risk where an agreement is bilateral (between two parties) and concentration risk where a clearing broker operates on an exchange. Where the counterparty or clearing broker is not solvent the market exposure obtained would be lost.

Exposure is reduced by the exchange of margin on a daily basis for cleared derivatives and by the collateral held/pledged on a bilateral transaction.

At 31 July 2019 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

Counterparty or clearer	Credit Default Swap £'000	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	-	(239)	(239)
Barclays	-	(129)	(129)
Citigroup	-	28	28
Goldman Sachs	-	(1,384)	(1,384)
HSBC	-	(879)	(879)
JP Morgan	(319)	-	(319)
Morgan Stanley	-	(45)	(45)
Royal Bank of Canada	-	(28)	(28)
StateStreet	-	25	25
UBS	-	(75)	(75)
Total	(319)	(2,726)	(3,045)

At 31 July 2018 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

Counterparty or clearer	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	(772)	(772)
Barclays	82	82
Citigroup	10	10
Morgan Stanley	(460)	(460)
Royal Bank of Canada	(110)	(110)
Total	(920)	(920)

Margin exchanged or collateral held or pledged is in the form of high quality liquid assets e.g. cash/gilts. Positions are fully collateralised at all times. Restrictions are placed on the right of either party to reuse collateral assets.

* Following the change in administrators the methodology used for compiling this note has changed.

(f)

Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table

For the three months ended 31 October 2018

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 October 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8892	-	0.8892*	0.8559
Group 2	0.5033	0.3858	0.8892*	0.8559
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.6217	-	0.6217**	0.6258
Group 2	0.2354	0.3863	0.6217**	0.6258
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2646	-	1.2646*	1.1649
Group 2	0.4796	0.7850	1.2646*	1.1649
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.7895	-	0.7895**	0.7679
Group 2	0.2721	0.5174	0.7895**	0.7679
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.4441	-	1.4441*	1.7243
Group 2	0.8412	0.6029	1.4441*	1.7243
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.8151	-	0.8151**	0.7798
Group 2	0.2720	0.5431	0.8151**	0.7798
P Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.8400	-	0.8400**	1.0026
Group 2	0.2322	0.6078	0.8400**	1.0026
Q Income shares				
Group 1	0.8345	-	0.8345**	0.8012
Group 2	0.3288	0.5057	0.8345**	0.8012
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.8600	-	0.8600**	1.0375
Group 2	0.5969	0.2632	0.8600**	1.0375
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.6588	-	1.6588*	1.4651
Group 2	-	-	-	1.4651

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2018.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2019.

For the three months ended 31 January 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8781	-	0.8781*	0.8121
Group 2	0.4322	0.4459	0.8781*	0.8121
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.6106	-	0.6106**	0.5766
Group 2	0.4222	0.1884	0.6106**	0.5766
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2355	-	1.2355*	1.1757
Group 2	0.6238	0.6117	1.2355*	1.1757
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.7661	-	0.7661**	0.7482
Group 2	0.5333	0.2328	0.7661**	0.7482
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.4113	-	1.4113*	1.3434
Group 2	0.2443	1.1670	1.4113*	1.3434
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.5600	-	0.5600*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.5600	-	0.5600**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.7916	-	0.7916**	0.7783
Group 2	0.5537	0.2379	0.7916**	0.7783
P Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.8156	-	0.8156**	0.8018
Group 2	0.5388	0.2768	0.8156**	0.8018
Q Income shares				
Group 1	0.8108	-	0.8108**	0.8071
Group 2	0.4465	0.3643	0.8108**	0.8071

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.8355	-	0.8355**	0.8318
Group 2	0.3161	0.5194	0.8355**	0.8318
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.6258	-	1.6258*	1.5598
Group 2	0.1804	1.4454	1.6258*	1.5598

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

[^] Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 26 November 2018.

[^] Shares purchased between 27 November 2018 and 30 November 2018.

For the three months ended 30 April 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 30 April 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9550	-	0.9550*	0.8301
Group 2	0.4255	0.5295	0.9550*	0.8301
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.6605	-	0.6605**	0.5865
Group 2	0.1600	0.5005	0.6605**	0.5865
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.3177	-	1.3177*	1.1867
Group 2	0.6077	0.7100	1.3177*	1.1867
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.8118	-	0.8118**	0.7505
Group 2	0.3747	0.4371	0.8118**	0.7505
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5054	-	1.5054*	1.3556
Group 2	0.6915	0.8139	1.5054*	1.3556
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9200	-	0.9200*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.9200	-	0.9200**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.8339	-	0.8339**	0.7768
Group 2	0.3972	0.4367	0.8339**	0.7768
P Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.8592	-	0.8592**	0.8003
Group 2	0.0347	0.8245	0.8592**	0.8003
Q Income shares				
Group 1	0.8529	-	0.8529**	0.7984
Group 2	0.1829	0.6700	0.8529**	0.7984

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.8791	-	0.8791**	0.8229
Group 2	0.0888	0.7903	0.8791**	0.8229
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.7183	-	1.7183*	1.5604
Group 2	1.0082	0.7101	1.7183*	1.5604

* Distribution accumulated on 30 April 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 July 2019.

For the three months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 May 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 May 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9866	-	0.9866*	0.8602
Group 2	0.5303	0.4563	0.9866*	0.8602
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.6784	-	0.6784**	0.6047
Group 2	0.3595	0.3189	0.6784**	0.6047
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.3697	-	1.3697*	1.2308
Group 2	0.4387	0.9310	1.3697*	1.2308
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.8381	-	0.8381**	0.7735
Group 2	0.4118	0.4263	0.8381**	0.7735
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5653	-	1.5653*	1.4065
Group 2	1.1651	0.4002	1.5653*	1.4065
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9300	-	0.9300*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.9300	-	0.9300**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.8628	-	0.8628**	0.8006
Group 2	0.3286	0.5342	0.8628**	0.8006
P Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.8890	-	0.8890**	0.8250
Group 2	0.7013	0.1877	0.8890**	0.8250
Q Income shares				
Group 1	0.8829	-	0.8829**	0.8198
Group 2	0.5339	0.3490	0.8829**	0.8198

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.9145	-	0.9145**	0.8454
Group 2	0.7151	0.1994	0.9145**	0.8454
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.7956	-	1.7956*	1.6197
Group 2	0.1502	1.6454	1.7956*	1.6197

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

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For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The Fund's investment objective is to provide income combined with long term capital growth. It will aim to achieve this by investing in a globally diversified portfolio of assets. The majority of the Fund will be exposed to Equity and Equity-Related securities, Investment grade and sub-Investment grade Debt and debt-related securities issued by governments, government related bodies, and corporations. The remainder of the Fund may be exposed to cash, cash equivalents, deposits, money market instruments and alternative assets including property and infrastructure. The Fund's holdings may include exposure to emerging markets. The Fund may not include exposure to all of the stated asset classes at any point in time.

The Fund is multi-asset in nature and the Investment Adviser has the flexibility to amend the allocation between different asset classes in line with its view on markets in order to achieve the Fund's objective.

The Fund will mainly gain exposure to the asset classes through direct investment, although exposure to alternative asset classes will be obtained indirectly. When investing indirectly the Fund will gain exposure through investment in collective investment schemes, exchange traded funds (ETFs) and derivatives. When investing indirectly through collective investment schemes, the Fund will mainly invest in products managed by the Investment Adviser and/or its associated group companies where such products are available. The Fund may also invest in collective investment schemes managed by third party managers.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and/or efficient portfolio management (including hedging) The Fund may use derivative instruments to create short and/or long positions in currencies other than the base currency.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 January 2019, the value of ASI Diversified Income Fund – A Accumulation Shares decreased by 0.12%.

Source: Lipper, Basis: Total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

Global equity markets rose despite the volatility. Fears of further increases in US interest rates, a global growth slowdown and ongoing US-China trade tensions dominated investor sentiment in late 2018, with equity markets experiencing losses. However, the asset class rebounded in the first half of 2019 as expectations of US interest rates changes reversed, more dovish global central banks and healthy corporate earnings supported stock prices.

Despite broader markets experiencing heightened volatility, local currency emerging-market bonds delivered a more resilient performance. It did experience some losses at start of the period as idiosyncratic risk events in a number of high yielding countries hampered performance. However, a series of constructive

developments in several emerging economies led to more positive performance. The strong performance continued into the second half of the period as more dovish comments from global central banks were viewed as positives, especially for those with US dollar funding requirements.

In insurance linked securities, CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities Fund experienced significant losses due to a series of natural catastrophes, including Californian wildfires, US hurricanes and a typhoon in Japan. In addition they announced increases to loss reserves for 2017 events.

Portfolio review

We initiated a position in Eurostoxx 50 Dividend Futures at attractive valuations at the start of the period. A sell-off in equity markets led to significant falls in dividend futures.

We have been working closely with our Global Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) team to identify suitable global property investments to add to the portfolio. This resulted in the addition of Alstria, a German REIT specialised in the office sector, and Kojamo, a Finnish residential landlord primarily focusing on the Helsinki Metropolitan Area. We also reintroduced Tritax Big Box REIT, which invests in large-scale logistics assets in the UK.

Our allocation to asset backed securities increased throughout the period. We initiated a new position in the Neuberger Berman CLO Income Fund, which invests in sub-investment grade tranches of collateralised loan obligations. We also reinitiated a position in Twenty Four Income Fund, which follows a similar strategy to that of Twenty Four Asset Backed Opportunities Fund.

In absolute return, we sold our position in the Alternative Risk Premia strategy (ARP). The volatile market conditions during 2018 at times resulted in increased correlations between the strategies within ARP and other asset classes in our portfolio. From a portfolio perspective we therefore felt it was prudent to sell the position size.

In private equity, we initiated a position in Onex, a large and well established Canadian private equity/debt investment company. Towards the end of 2018 Onex was impacted by the broader equity market sell-off with shares moving to a discount to NAV. This provided an opportunity to invest in a good quality private equity/debt portfolio at an attractive valuation with positive fee income.

Our allocation to infrastructure declined during the period. We took profits on a number of holdings were trading on significant premiums to NAV and recycled the money into better-value opportunities. These included taking part in two IPOs and a capital raise. US Solar Fund was launched in April and will invest in large solar assets in North America. Aquila European Renewables was launched in June and will invest in renewable energy assets across Continental Europe and the Republic of Ireland. Lastly, we took part in the Gresham House Energy Storage (GRID) capital raise. GRID seeks to capitalise on the growing supply and demand imbalances caused by the UK's increasing reliance on renewable energy by investing in battery storage assets.

Our exposure to insurance-linked securities declined over the period due to the market moves discussed above.

Outlook

We believe that the outlook for global growth has deteriorated. This reflects subdued activity data and rising political uncertainty. Even this gloomier outlook is dependent on several major central banks easing monetary policy this year, and the trade war between the US and China not escalating further. However, whilst the balance of risks is to the downside, we believe there is a relatively low chance of a US recession over the next two years.

Against this backdrop, we continue to expect low returns from equity markets over the next three to five years given its recent rally supported by looser monetary policy. Similarly, lower bond yields and credit spreads mean lower expected returns from bonds. We believe that it is important to look further afield when building a portfolio that is set to perform well over the coming years.

Local-currency emerging market bonds have delivered good performance during the review period, both in the equity market sell-off in fourth-quarter of 2018 and the rally earlier this year. Yields, and consequently expected returns, are lower but we still see the asset class as attractive, especially relative to the low returns available on cash and developed-market bonds.

Asset backed securities continue to offer significant attractions both in absolute and relative terms to corporate bonds with significantly higher-return prospects for similar levels of risk. It is an asset class that many investors remain wary of given the US sub-prime mortgage crisis just over ten years ago. However the fundamentals of the asset class are completely different and far stronger now. It is arguably that these behavioural biases and scars give rise to the attractive risk premium we are currently seeing.

We continue to have exposure to a broader range of attractive diversifiers such as healthcare royalties, litigation finance, aircraft leasing and shipping. We are also researching a healthy pipeline of new opportunities in areas such as music royalties, oil/gas royalties and renewable energy.

Diversified Multi-Assets Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 4 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The Fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The Fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.
- Commercial property is less liquid than other asset classes such as bonds or equities. Selling property can be a lengthy process so investors in the Fund should be aware that they may not be able to sell their investment when they want to.
- Commercial property transaction charges are higher than those which apply in other asset classes. Investors should be aware that a high volume of transactions would have a material impact on Fund returns.
- Property valuation is a matter of judgment by an independent valuer and is therefore a matter of the valuer's opinion rather than fact.
- The Fund employs a single swinging pricing methodology to protect against the dilution impact of transaction costs. Due to the high transaction charges associated with the Fund's assets, a change in the pricing basis will result in a significant movement in the Fund's published price.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	220.59	218.27	200.41
Return before operating charges*	2.04	5.45	20.77
Operating charges	(2.84)	(3.13)	(2.91)
Return after operating charges*	(0.80)	2.32	17.86
Distributions	(11.39)	(11.33)	(10.05)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	11.39	11.33	10.05
Closing net asset value per share	219.79	220.59	218.27
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.32	0.17	0.20
Performance			
Return after charges	(0.36%)	1.06%	8.91%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	27,219	32,553	35,918
Closing number of shares	12,383,990	14,757,240	16,455,806
Operating charges	1.33%	1.43%	1.39%
Direct transaction costs	0.15%	0.08%	0.09%
Prices			
Highest share price	221.1	223.4	220.0
Lowest share price	206.8	215.1	198.5

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	127.56	132.93	128.03
Return before operating charges*	1.13	3.23	13.02
Operating charges	(1.61)	(1.86)	(1.83)
Return after operating charges*	(0.48)	1.37	11.19
Distributions	(6.45)	(6.74)	(6.29)
Closing net asset value per share	120.54	127.56	132.93
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.18	0.10	0.12
Performance			
Return after charges	(0.38%)	1.03%	8.74%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,133	1,412	1,422
Closing number of shares	939,673	1,107,277	1,069,386
Operating charges	1.33%	1.43%	1.39%
Direct transaction costs	0.15%	0.08%	0.09%
Prices			
Highest share price	127.8	133.9	135.4
Lowest share price	117.8	125.9	126.5

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	139.54	137.36	125.47
Return before operating charges*	1.14	3.26	12.86
Operating charges	(1.06)	(1.08)	(0.97)
Return after operating charges*	0.08	2.18	11.89
Distributions	(6.54)	(6.98)	(6.14)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	6.54	6.98	6.14
Closing net asset value per share	139.62	139.54	137.36
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.20	0.10	0.12
Performance			
Return after charges	0.06%	1.59%	9.48%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	35,104	38,504	39,039
Closing number of shares	25,143,222	27,592,838	28,421,025
Operating charges	0.78%	0.78%	0.74%
Direct transaction costs	0.15%	0.08%	0.09%
Prices			
Highest share price	140.0	140.9	138.3
Lowest share price	131.0	135.9	124.3

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	112.14	116.12	111.11
Return before operating charges*	0.77	2.67	11.18
Operating charges	(0.72)	(0.89)	(0.85)
Return after operating charges*	0.05	1.78	10.33
Distributions	(5.65)	(5.76)	(5.32)
Closing net asset value per share	106.54	112.14	116.12
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.14	0.09	0.11
Performance			
Return after charges	0.04%	1.53%	9.30%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	150,645	33,239	25,039
Closing number of shares	141,395,812	29,639,530	21,563,241
Operating charges	0.78%	0.78%	0.74%
Direct transaction costs	0.15%	0.08%	0.09%
Prices			
Highest share price	112.4	116.9	118.0
Lowest share price	103.7	110.5	109.9

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M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	3.84
Operating charges	(0.56)
Return after operating charges*	3.28
Distributions	(1.89)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.89
Closing net asset value per share	103.28
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.10
Performance	
Return after charges	3.28%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.83%
Direct transaction costs	0.15%
Prices	
Highest share price	103.6
Lowest share price	97.38

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 27 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	3.81
Operating charges	(0.56)
Return after operating charges*	3.25
Distributions	(2.86)
Closing net asset value per share	100.39
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.10
Performance	
Return after charges	3.25%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.83%
Direct transaction costs	0.15%
Prices	
Highest share price	101.0
Lowest share price	96.98

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^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	231.46	226.75	206.12
Return before operating charges*	1.58	5.12	20.93
Operating charges	(0.41)	(0.41)	(0.30)
Return after operating charges*	1.17	4.71	20.63
Distributions	(10.57)	(11.25)	(9.83)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	10.57	11.25	9.83
Closing net asset value per share	232.63	231.46	226.75
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.34	0.17	0.20
Performance			
Return after charges	0.51%	2.08%	10.01%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,742	6,795	6,863
Closing number of shares	2,468,012	2,935,857	3,026,857
Operating charges	0.18%	0.18%	0.14%
Direct transaction costs	0.15%	0.08%	0.09%
Prices			
Highest share price	233.4	233.1	228.2
Lowest share price	217.7	225.0	204.1

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (24.98%)		64,318	29.23
Argentine Peso Denominated Bonds (0.70%)		248	0.11
Government Bonds (0.70%)		248	0.11
less than 5 years to maturity			
12,800,000	Argentina (Republic of) FRN 2020	248	0.11
Brazilian Real Denominated Bonds (2.77%)		8,262	3.76
Government Bonds (2.77%)		8,262	3.76
less than 5 years to maturity			
1,874,000	Letra Tesouro 0% 2020	388	0.18
1,330,000	Nota Do Tesouro 6% 2023	1,057	0.48
9,700,000	Nota Do Tesouro 10% 2021	2,245	1.02
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
13,600,000	Nota Do Tesouro 10% 2025	3,390	1.54
4,650,000	Nota Do Tesouro 10% 2027	1,182	0.54
Chilean Peso Denominated Bonds (0.58%)		1,208	0.55
Government Bonds (0.58%)		1,208	0.55
less than 5 years to maturity			
470,000,000	Chile (Republic of) 6% 2022	595	0.27
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
475,000,000	Chile (Republic of) 4.5% 2026	613	0.28
Colombian Peso Denominated Bonds (1.38%)		4,563	2.08
Government Bonds (1.38%)		4,563	2.08
less than 5 years to maturity			
4,700,000,000	Colombia (Republic of) 10% 2024	1,407	0.64
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
2,850,000,000	Colombia (Republic of) 6% 2028	714	0.33
6,500,000,000	Colombia (Republic of) 7.5% 2026	1,787	0.81
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
2,460,000,000	Colombia (Republic of) 7% 2032	655	0.30

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Czech Koruna Denominated Bonds (0.00%)		1,201	0.55
Government Bonds (0.00%)		1,201	0.55
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
17,110,000	Czech Republic (Govt of) 2% 2033	639	0.29
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
11,500,000	Czech Republic (Govt of) 4.2% 2036	562	0.26
Dominican Peso Denominated Bonds (0.50%)		1,100	0.50
Government Bonds (0.50%)		1,100	0.50
less than 5 years to maturity			
25,750,000	Dominican (Republic of) 8.9% 2023	413	0.19
31,200,000	Dominican (Republic of) 11.5% 2024	555	0.25
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
8,000,000	Dominican (Republic of) 9.75% 2026	132	0.06
Egyptian Pound Denominated Bonds (0.56%)		1,206	0.53
Government Bonds (0.56%)		1,206	0.53
less than 5 years to maturity			
11,525,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 0% 2019	531	0.24
8,300,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 0% 2020	363	0.15
4,900,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 16.3% 2023	242	0.11
1,400,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 16.3% 2024	70	0.03
Ghanaian Cedi Denominated Bonds (0.51%)		-	-
Government bonds (0.51%)		-	-
Euro Denominated Bonds (0.00%)		165	0.08
Corporate Bonds (0.00%)		165	0.08
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
181,000	Taurus 2019-1 FR DAC FRN 2031	165	0.08
Indian Rupee Denominated Bonds (2.00%)		1,901	0.86
Government Bonds (2.00%)		1,901	0.86
less than 5 years to maturity			
10,000,000	Housing Development Finance 8.75% 2023	118	0.05

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
99,200,000	Gujarat (State of) 7.2% 2027	1,189	0.54
50,000,000	HDFC Bank 8.1% 2025	594	0.27
Indonesian Rupiah Denominated Bonds (2.57%)		7,420	3.38
Government Bonds (2.57%)		7,420	3.38
less than 5 years to maturity			
3,100,000,000	Indonesia (Govt of) 5.625% 2023	175	0.08
13,713,000,000	Indonesia (Govt of) 7% 2022	809	0.37
1,670,000,000	Indonesia (Govt of) 8.25% 2021	100	0.04
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
25,100,000,000	Indonesia (Govt of) 6.125% 2028	1,349	0.61
28,600,000,000	Indonesia (Govt of) 7% 2027	1,642	0.75
22,100,000,000	Indonesia (Govt of) 9% 2029	1,423	0.65
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
23,673,000,000	Indonesia (Govt of) 8.375% 2034	1,463	0.67
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
1,759,000,000	Indonesia (Govt of) 8.25% 2036	107	0.05
5,750,000,000	Indonesia (Govt of) 8.375% 2039	352	0.16
Malaysian Ringgit Denominated Bonds (1.45%)		2,703	1.22
Government Bonds (1.45%)		2,703	1.22
less than 5 years to maturity			
5,808,000	Malaysia (Govt of) 4.048% 2021	1,168	0.53
1,400,000	Malaysian (Govt of) 4.378% 2019	278	0.13
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
500,000	Malaysia (Govt of) 4.232% 2031	103	0.05
5,470,000	Malaysia (Govt of) 4.498% 2030	1,154	0.51
Mexican Peso Denominated Bonds (2.97%)		8,301	3.78
Corporate Bonds (0.10%)		258	0.12
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
7,180,000	Petroleos Mexicanos 7.19% 2024	258	0.12

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Government Bonds (2.87%)		8,043	3.66
less than 5 years to maturity			
26,270,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 6.5% 2022	1,106	0.50
8,100,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 8% 2020	349	0.16
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
62,100,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 10% 2024	2,988	1.36
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
8,760,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 7.75% 2042	371	0.17
56,750,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 8.5% 2038	2,593	1.18
12,250,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 10% 2036	636	0.29
Peruvian Sol Denominated Bonds (1.04%)		2,981	1.36
Government Bonds (1.04%)		2,981	1.36
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
4,325,000	Peru (Republic of) 5.7% 2024	1,178	0.54
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
6,050,000	Peru (Republic of) 6.95% 2031	1,803	0.82
Philippine Peso Denominated Bonds (0.00%)		993	0.45
Government Bonds (0.00%)		993	0.45
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
58,790,000	Philippines (Republic of) 5.75% 2025	993	0.45
Polish Zloty Denominated Bonds (1.42%)		4,014	1.82
Government Bonds (1.42%)		4,014	1.82
less than 5 years to maturity			
3,140,000	Poland (Republic of) 1.5% 2020	668	0.30
11,500,000	Poland (Republic of) 5.75% 2021	2,664	1.21
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
2,430,000	Poland (Republic of) 5.75% 2029	682	0.31

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Russian Ruble Denominated Bonds (2.45%)		4,023	1.83
Government Bonds (2.45%)		4,023	1.83
less than 5 years to maturity			
64,200,000	Russia (Govt of) 6.4% 2020	825	0.38
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
235,600,000	Russia (Govt of) 6.9% 2029	2,975	1.35
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
16,840,000	Russian (Govt of) 7.7% 2033	223	0.10
South African Rand Denominated Bonds (2.62%)		3,961	1.80
Government Bonds (2.62%)		3,961	1.80
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
13,480,000	South Africa (Republic of) 10.5% 2026	869	0.40
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
17,300,000	South Africa (Republic of) 8% 2030	930	0.42
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
25,840,000	South Africa (Republic of) 6.25% 2036	1,074	0.49
21,210,000	South Africa (Republic of) 8.75% 2044	1,088	0.49
Sterling Denominated Bonds (0.00%)		4,048	1.82
Corporate Bonds (0.00%)		4,048	1.82
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
220,000	Newday Funding FRN 2025	220	0.10
155,000	Newday Funding FRN 2026	155	0.07
122,000	Newday Funding FRN 2027	122	0.06
100,000	Newday Partnership Funding FRN 2027	99	0.03
268,000	Ribbon Finance FRN 2028	260	0.12
311,000	Turbo Finance FRN 2026	312	0.14
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
648,000	Cold Finance FRN 2029	648	0.29
greater than 25 years to maturity			
190,000	Bowbell FRN 2056	186	0.08
137,000	Finsbury Square 2018-2 FRN 2068	136	0.06

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
379,000	Paragon FRN 2045	379	0.17
621,000	Paragon FRN 2050	614	0.28
421,000	Precise Mortgage Funding 2018-2B FRN 2055	334	0.15
100,000	Ripon Mortgages FRN 2056	99	0.05
183,000	RMAC No 2 FRN 2046	168	0.08
317,000	Stratton Mortgage Funding FRN 2050	316	0.14
Thai Baht Denominated Bonds (0.00%)		1,226	0.56
Government Bonds (0.00%)		1,226	0.56
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
38,297,000	Thailand (Kingdom of) 3.775% 2032	1,226	0.56
Turkish Lira Denominated Bonds (1.03%)		3,354	1.53
Government Bonds (1.03%)		3,354	1.53
less than 5 years to maturity			
7,370,000	Turkey (Republic of) 10.4% 2024	913	0.42
8,000,000	Turkey (Republic of) 10.7% 2021	1,094	0.50
2,505,000	Turkey (Republic of) 10.7% 2022	327	0.15
1,150,000	Turkey (Republic of) 12.2% 2023	155	0.07
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
7,200,000	Turkey (Republic of) 10.6% 2026	865	0.39
Uruguayan Peso Denominated Bonds (0.43%)		1,440	0.66
Government Bonds (0.43%)		1,440	0.66
less than 5 years to maturity			
9,850,000	Uruguay (Republic of) 9.875% 2022	238	0.11
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
25,400,000	Uruguay (Republic of) 4.375% 2028	1,202	0.55
Equities (61.15%)		116,249	52.91
Emerging Market Equities (0.42%)		1,397	0.64
Brazil (0.16%)		638	0.29
4,930	Cia de Gas de Sao Paulo 'A' (Pref)	85	0.04
10,000	Cia de Saneamento Basico do Estado de Sao Paulo	115	0.05
161,510	Itaúsa	437	0.20
2,133	PPLA Participations	1	-

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Israel (0.07%)		100	0.05
225,913	Oil Refineries	100	0.05
Russia (0.00%)		119	0.05
18,305	Evrz	119	0.05
Turkey (0.19%)		539	0.25
91,775	Enerjisa Enerji	81	0.04
78,768	Eregli Demir ve Celik Fabrikalari	86	0.04
12,384	Koza Altin	103	0.05
24,699	TAV Havalimanlari Holding	91	0.04
24,824	Tekfen Holding	86	0.04
31,690	Tofas Turk Otomobil Fabrikasi	92	0.04
European Equities (3.90%)		10,195	4.65
Austria (0.04%)		84	0.04
13,748	Telekom Austria	84	0.04
Belgium (0.04%)		93	0.04
1,451	UCB	93	0.04
Czech (0.07%)		158	0.07
30,967	Moneta Money Bank	87	0.04
9,191	O2 Telefonica	71	0.03
Denmark (0.06%)		80	0.04
2,505	Lundbeck	80	0.04
Finland (0.25%)		967	0.44
44,533	Kojamo	513	0.23
20,374	UPM-Kymmene	454	0.21

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France (0.09%)		541	0.25
3,087	Atos	205	0.09
2,169	Eiffage	176	0.08
845	Ipsen	80	0.04
4,138	Peugeot	80	0.04
Germany (0.48%)		1,882	0.86
89,000	Alstria Office REIT	1,182	0.54
6,151	Covestro	230	0.10
47,248	E.ON	388	0.18
6,441	METRO	82	0.04
Greece (0.04%)		-	-
Hungary (0.08%)		212	0.10
72,234	Magyar Telekom	87	0.04
14,981	MOL Hungarian Oil & Gas	125	0.06
Ireland (0.45%)		3,288	1.50
3,302,038	Greencoat Renewables	3,288	1.50
Italy (0.09%)		166	0.08
58,227	A2A	84	0.04
26,790	Hera	82	0.04
Luxembourg (1.01%)		-	-
Netherlands (0.47%)		671	0.30
31,040	Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize	578	0.26
4,176	Signify	93	0.04
Norway (0.10%)		-	-
Poland (0.11%)		-	-

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Spain (0.31%)		822	0.37
1,403	Amadeus	91	0.04
2,117	Corp Financiera Alba	90	0.04
8,625	Enagas	154	0.07
11,751	Endesa	239	0.11
15,988	Red Electrica	248	0.11
Sweden (0.00%)		114	0.05
6,050	Boliden	114	0.05
Switzerland (0.21%)		1,117	0.51
631	Partners	413	0.19
2,612	Roche	574	0.26
686	Sonova	130	0.06
Japanese Equities (3.08%)		10,217	4.65
6,900	Advantest	222	0.10
6,600	Alfresa	131	0.06
5,200	Aoyama Trading	79	0.04
51,900	Astellas Pharmaceuticals	606	0.27
6,500	Brother Industries	95	0.04
5,400	Capcom	93	0.04
25,900	Chubu Electric Power	299	0.14
2,100	Daiichikosho	71	0.03
5,300	Dainippon Sumitomo Pharma	80	0.04
1,300	Daito Trust Construction	138	0.06
1,700	Eisai	76	0.03
8,100	Familymart	142	0.06
3,000	Fujifilm	117	0.05
2,500	Fujitsu	161	0.07
8,900	Haseko	79	0.04
4,900	Heiwa	83	0.04
2,300	Hoya	145	0.07
37,700	ITOCHU	590	0.27
17,600	Kajima	186	0.08
2,400	Kaken Pharmaceutical	96	0.04
4,200	Kamigumi	79	0.04
25,200	Kansai Electric Power	255	0.12

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Holding	Investment			
3,900	KDDI		84	0.04
5,700	Kirin		102	0.05
11,300	K's Holdings		85	0.04
3,700	Kyudenko		94	0.04
59,700	Marubeni		319	0.14
5,400	MediPal		93	0.04
4,700	Megmilk Snow Brand		83	0.04
7,300	Mitsubishi Gas Chemical		80	0.04
3,900	Mitsubishi Shokuhin		80	0.04
44,100	Mitsui		590	0.27
2,100	Morinaga		81	0.04
7,300	Nikon		81	0.04
15,700	Nippon Telegraph & Telephone		581	0.26
3,400	NS Solutions		94	0.04
30,900	NTT DOCOMO		607	0.28
43,000	ORIX		505	0.23
1,900	Sankyu		83	0.04
1,900	Sawai Pharmaceutical		86	0.04
18,400	Seven & I		516	0.23
9,500	Shionogi		433	0.20
5,300	Showa Denko		117	0.05
51,000	SoftBank		563	0.26
45,900	Sojitz		118	0.05
43,100	Sumitomo		526	0.24
2,500	Suntory Beverage & Food		81	0.04
2,900	Suzuken		131	0.06
2,200	TIS		94	0.04
4,600	Tokuyama		87	0.04
North American Equities (17.16%)			22,812	10.38
Bermuda (1.11%)			1,402	0.64
1,289,440	Blue Capital Alternative Income Fund		221	0.10
49,901	Blue Capital Reinsurance		328	0.15
2,290,098	CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities		253	0.12
3,675,000	CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities 'C'		600	0.27
Canada (0.10%)			2,624	1.19
1,544	CGI		98	0.05
11,400	Hydro One		165	0.07
47,800	Onex		2,361	1.07

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Mexico (0.08%)		405	0.18
114,600	Alfa	82	0.04
81,800	Alpek	73	0.03
15,500	Coca-Cola Femsa	78	0.03
79,700	Concentradora Fibra Danhos	89	0.04
221,400	Nemak	83	0.04
United States (15.87%)		18,381	8.37
4,505	Allergan	590	0.27
1,606	Alliance Data Systems	206	0.09
6,052	Ally Financial	163	0.07
4,613	Amdocs	241	0.11
8,635	AT&T	240	0.11
8,742	Best Buy	546	0.25
1,663	Biogen	323	0.15
2,185	Bristol-Myers Squibb	79	0.04
376	Broadcom	89	0.04
240,700	Burford Capital	3,618	1.65
9,959	Cardinal Health	372	0.17
18,320	CenterPoint Energy	434	0.20
890	Chevron	89	0.04
2,289	Cincinnati Financial	201	0.09
8,265	Consolidated Edison	573	0.26
15,378	Corteva	371	0.17
9,523	Dominion Resources	578	0.26
7,916	DXC Technology	360	0.16
14,587	Exelon	537	0.24
4,459	Foot Locker	149	0.07
1,902	Gilead Sciences	102	0.05
7,625	H&R Block	172	0.08
5,979	HollyFrontier	243	0.11
34,722	HP	597	0.27
530	Intuit	120	0.05
12,041	Juniper Networks	266	0.12
6,184	Kohl's	272	0.12
28,845	Kroger	498	0.23
2,125	Lam Research	362	0.17
4,501	McKesson	511	0.23
5,486	Mylan	93	0.04
6,926	Netapp	331	0.15

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3,031	Nordstrom	82	0.04
10,354	NRG Energy	289	0.13
5,109	Old Republic International	95	0.04
1,859	Oracle	85	0.04
7,600	Park Hotels & Resorts	164	0.07
3,990	Pinnacle West Capital	297	0.14
3,366	PPL	81	0.04
1,773	Progressive	117	0.05
957	Ralph Lauren	81	0.04
4,446	Robert Half International	219	0.10
4,813	Santander Consumer USA	106	0.05
5,840	Seagate Technology	221	0.10
4,041	SEI Investments	197	0.09
2,020	Southwest Airlines	85	0.04
3,102	Steel Dynamics	80	0.04
19,758	Synchrony Financial	579	0.26
7,066	Sysco	396	0.18
6,777	T Rowe Price	627	0.29
13,393	Vistra Energy	235	0.11
373	W.W. Grainger	89	0.04
10,373	Walgreens Boots Alliance	461	0.21
1,949	Wal-Mart	176	0.08
2,588	Western Digital	114	0.05
6,815	Xerox	179	0.08
Pacific Basin Equities (2.69%)		5,532	2.52
Australia (0.26%)		1,251	0.57
23,977	AGL Energy	282	0.13
6,361	Ansell	96	0.04
27,449	IOOF	90	0.04
54,151	Medibank Private	109	0.05
52,944	Metcash	84	0.04
55,487	Mirvac	100	0.05
25,543	Qantas Airways	82	0.04
44,018	QBE Insurance	309	0.14
6,317	Sonic Healthcare	99	0.04
China (0.00%)		93	0.04
76,000	Tingyi	93	0.04

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Holding	Investment			
Hong Kong (0.80%)			1,626	0.74
97,000	CK Asset		599	0.27
63,000	CLP		560	0.26
434,900	Hutchison Port Holdings Trust		76	0.03
27,821	I-CABLE Communications		-	-
26,500	Kerry Properties		81	0.04
64,000	Lifestyle International		72	0.03
181,000	PCCW		85	0.04
8,000	Swire Pacific 'A'		75	0.03
15,000	Wharf Real Estate Investment		78	0.04
Malaysia (0.04%)			5	-
9,700	Berjaya Sports Toto		5	-
New Zealand (0.04%)			193	0.09
54,725	Air New Zealand		80	0.04
27,017	Contact Energy		113	0.05
Singapore (0.17%)			-	-
South Korea (0.41%)			1,529	0.70
4,635	Cheil Worldwide		86	0.04
1,205	Daelim Industrial		87	0.04
3,039	GS Engineering		71	0.03
3,247	HDC Hyundai Development Co-Engineering & Construction		84	0.04
530	Hyundai Mobis		88	0.04
3,536	KEPCO Plant Service & Engineering		78	0.03
10,009	Kia Motors		302	0.14
2,858	Korea Gas		84	0.04
7,988	LG Uplus		71	0.03
2,525	LOTTE Fine Chemical		85	0.04
491	NongShim		80	0.04
3,092	Samsung Card		77	0.04
3,581	Samsung Electronics		112	0.05
603	Samsung SDS		87	0.04
797	SK Telecom		137	0.06

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	Holding	Investment		
Taiwan (0.51%)			740	0.34
	85,000	Asia Cement	93	0.04
	133,000	China Motor	89	0.04
	54,000	Feng Hsin Steel	81	0.04
	10,000	Globalwafers	88	0.04
	125,000	Oriental Union Chemical	78	0.04
	351,000	United Microelectronics	127	0.06
	13,000	Yageo	91	0.04
	13,000	Yulon Nissan Motor	93	0.04
Thailand (0.46%)			95	0.04
	10,900	Electricity Generating	95	0.04
UK Equities (33.90%)			66,097	30.07
Basic Materials (0.29%)			-	-
Consumer Goods (0.26%)			643	0.29
	11,463	Persimmon	230	0.10
	17,379	Tate & Lyle	131	0.06
	119,985	Taylor Wimpey	194	0.09
	39,329	Tesco	88	0.04
Consumer services (0.12%)			237	0.11
	28,467	IAG	121	0.06
	59,359	Sainsbury (J)	116	0.05
Financials (31.62%)			62,977	28.66
	2,543,498	Aberdeen Diversified Income and Growth Trust ⁺	2,791	1.27
	1,119,000	Aberdeen Standard European Logistics Income ⁺	1,101	0.50
	979,398	Aquila European Renewables Income Fund	931	0.42
	5,298,923	BioPharma Credit	4,479	2.04
	737,000	Blackstone GSO Loan Financing	550	0.25
	4,184,969	Civitas Social Housing	3,474	1.58
	1,016,000	CVC Credit Partners European Opportunities	1,052	0.48
	53,235	Direct Line	172	0.08
	1,999,101	Fair Oaks Income	1,306	0.59
	662,696	Funding Circle SME Income Fund	560	0.25

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Holding	Investment			
1,047,524	GCP Asset Backed Income Fund		1,131	0.51
2,018,797	GCP Student Living		3,303	1.50
1,189,950	Greencoat UK Wind		1,649	0.75
535,000	Gresham House Energy Storage		559	0.25
3,433,814	Hicl Infrastructure		5,652	2.57
3,594,257	International Public Partnerships		5,758	2.62
7,506	Janus Henderson		123	0.06
1,006,825	John Laing Group		3,882	1.77
535,000	Marble Point Loan		354	0.16
465,000	NextEnergy Solar Fund		542	0.25
588,929	P2P Global Investments		4,982	2.27
2,947,156	PRS REIT		2,779	1.27
1,749,000	Residential Secure Income		1,606	0.73
584,281	Sequoia Economic Infrastructure Income		661	0.30
1,460,715	SQN Asset Finance Income Fund		1,250	0.57
1,034,582	SQN Asset Finance Income Fund 'C'		929	0.42
959,965	Target Healthcare REIT		1,067	0.49
2,013,130	Triple Point Social Housing REIT		1,582	0.72
1,020,078	Tritax Big Box REIT		1,560	0.71
1,347,360	Tufton Oceanic Assets		1,089	0.50
3,967,500	TwentyFour Income Fund		4,483	2.04
48,679	Unite		502	0.23
1,355,000	US Solar		1,118	0.51
Health Care (0.00%)			95	0.04
60,885	ConvaTec		95	0.04
Industrials (1.20%)			1,146	0.52
296,541	Doric Nimrod Air Three		248	0.11
319,403	Doric Nimrod Air Two		575	0.26
357,006	DP Aircraft I		249	0.11
35,080	Royal Mail		74	0.04
Technology (0.00%)			208	0.09
11,962	Micro Focus		208	0.09

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Telecommunications (0.27%)		627	0.28
417,533	Vodafone	627	0.28
Utilities (0.14%)		164	0.08
216,274	Centrica	164	0.08
Collective Investment Schemes (9.19%)		19,722	8.97
4,498	Alpha UCITS SICAV - Fair Oaks Dynamic Credit Fund	4,453	2.02
6,435,157	MI Twentyfour Asset Backed Opportunities Fund	6,617	3.01
221,836	Neuberger Berman CLO Income Fund	2,065	0.94
64,066	Prytania Diversified Asset-Backed Securities Fund	6,587	3.00
Derivatives (-0.46%)		(3,428)	(1.56)
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.50%)		(3,486)	(1.59)
	Buy AUD 656,000 Sell GBP 369,969 12/09/2019	(1)	-
	Buy EUR 134,000 Sell GBP 119,356 12/09/2019	3	-
	Buy EUR 140,000 Sell GBP 124,385 12/09/2019	3	-
	Buy EUR 191,000 Sell GBP 170,410 12/09/2019	4	-
	Buy EUR 194,000 Sell GBP 173,412 12/09/2019	3	-
	Buy GBP 102,140 Sell AUD 186,000 12/09/2019	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 369,182 Sell AUD 656,000 12/09/2019	-	-
	Buy GBP 369,480 Sell AUD 656,000 12/09/2019	-	-
	Buy GBP 633,838 Sell AUD 1,163,000 12/09/2019	(20)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 1,336,913 Sell AUD 2,416,000 12/09/2019	(22)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 11,673,701 Sell AUD 21,324,000 12/09/2019	(322)	(0.15)
	Buy GBP 519,880 Sell CAD 870,000 12/09/2019	(21)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 1,196,188 Sell CAD 1,984,000 12/09/2019	(36)	(0.02)
	Buy GBP 10,778,488 Sell CAD 18,332,000 12/09/2019	(609)	(0.28)
	Buy GBP 105,821 Sell EUR 118,000 12/09/2019	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 124,272 Sell EUR 138,000 12/09/2019	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 164,223 Sell EUR 183,000 12/09/2019	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 441,230 Sell EUR 491,000 12/09/2019	(6)	-
	Buy GBP 522,694 Sell EUR 583,000 12/09/2019	(8)	-
	Buy GBP 11,248,506 Sell EUR 12,650,000 12/09/2019	(270)	(0.12)
	Buy GBP 315,038 Sell JPY 42,420,000 12/09/2019	(4)	-
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	Buy GBP 1,194,535 Sell JPY 162,949,000 12/09/2019	(33)	(0.01)

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	Buy GBP 8,089,112 Sell JPY 1,112,346,000 12/09/2019	(287)	(0.13)
	Buy GBP 539,768 Sell NOK 5,856,000 12/09/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 1,264,508 Sell NOK 13,676,000 12/09/2019	(6)	-
	Buy GBP 10,733,562 Sell NOK 118,854,000 12/09/2019	(309)	(0.14)
	Buy GBP 671,086 Sell NZD 1,298,000 12/09/2019	(28)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 1,107,160 Sell NZD 2,100,000 12/09/2019	(23)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 10,819,307 Sell NZD 20,821,000 12/09/2019	(391)	(0.18)
	Buy GBP 561,426 Sell SEK 6,661,000 12/09/2019	(6)	-
	Buy GBP 1,200,421 Sell SEK 14,126,000 12/09/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 10,819,621 Sell SEK 129,693,000 12/09/2019	(234)	(0.11)
	Buy GBP 92,481 Sell USD 116,000 12/09/2019	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 102,504 Sell USD 125,000 12/09/2019	1	-
	Buy GBP 107,156 Sell USD 134,000 12/09/2019	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 121,874 Sell USD 155,000 12/09/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 191,172 Sell USD 239,000 12/09/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 209,935 Sell USD 267,000 12/09/2019	(8)	-
	Buy GBP 258,708 Sell USD 329,000 12/09/2019	(9)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 284,314 Sell USD 354,000 12/09/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 302,948 Sell USD 387,000 12/09/2019	(13)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 393,418 Sell USD 501,000 12/09/2019	(15)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 455,439 Sell USD 570,000 12/09/2019	(9)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 458,710 Sell USD 585,000 12/09/2019	(18)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 674,686 Sell USD 858,000 12/09/2019	(25)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 1,825,315 Sell USD 2,323,000 12/09/2019	(68)	(0.03)
	Buy GBP 21,221,229 Sell USD 27,075,000 12/09/2019	(845)	(0.39)
	Buy JPY 42,420,000 Sell GBP 315,443 12/09/2019	4	-
	Buy USD 261,000 Sell GBP 214,030 12/09/2019	(1)	-
	Buy USD 404,000 Sell GBP 316,674 12/09/2019	13	0.01
	Buy USD 493,000 Sell GBP 392,588 12/09/2019	9	-
	Buy USD 2,132,000 Sell GBP 1,684,216 12/09/2019	53	0.02
	Buy USD 4,577,000 Sell GBP 3,625,891 12/09/2019	104	0.05
Futures (0.04%)		58	0.03
312	Long Dividend Index Future 17/12/2021	5	-
302	Long Dividend Index Future 18/12/2020	20	0.01
37	Long FTSE 100 Future 20/09/2019	9	0.01
26	Long S&P 500 Index Emini Future 20/09/2019	(2)	-
23	Long Topix Index Future 12/09/2019	-	-
(65)	Short Emini Msci Emg Mkt Index Future 20/09/2019	42	0.02

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
(87)	Short Euro Stoxx 50 Future 20/09/2019	53	0.02
(29)	Short SPI 200 Future 19/09/2019	(69)	(0.03)
Total investment assets and liabilities		196,861	89.55
Net other assets		22,982	10.45
Total Net Assets		219,843	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital losses	1	(3,781)	(2,980)
Revenue	3	7,231	6,080
Expenses	4	(1,072)	(966)
Interest payable and similar charges*	5	(7)	(1)
Net revenue before taxation		6,152	5,113
Taxation	6	(848)	(521)
Net revenue after taxation		5,304	4,592
Total return before distributions		1,523	1,612
Distributions	7	(6,992)	(5,558)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(5,469)	(3,946)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	112,503	108,281
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	124,633	17,579
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(15,935)	(13,453)
	108,698	4,126
Dilution adjustment	409	11
Stamp duty reserve tax	3	-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	(5,469)	(3,946)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	3,699	4,031
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	219,843	112,503

* For presentation purposes this line is now shown separately from expenses.

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		200,615	107,475
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	2,643	2,443
Cash and bank balances	9	23,499	7,014
		26,142	9,457
Total assets		226,757	116,932
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities		(3,754)	(759)
Creditors	10	(1,294)	(3,301)
Bank overdrafts		(286)	(45)
Distribution payable		(1,580)	(324)
		(3,160)	(3,670)
Total liabilities		(6,914)	(4,429)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		219,843	112,503

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Losses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	1,857	(3,093)
Derivative contracts	(65)	11
Forward currency contracts	(4,913)	45
Other (losses)/gains	(660)	57
Net capital losses	(3,781)	(2,980)

2. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bonds	51,069	21,601	20,156	10,326
Equities	105,452	65,033	53,831	66,603
Collective investment schemes	11,427	6,618	2,923	6,502
Corporate actions	263	-	549	-
Trades in the year before transaction costs	168,211	93,252	77,459	83,431
Commissions				
Equities	51	23	(27)	(35)
Collective investment schemes	-	1	(3)	(1)
Total commissions	51	24	(30)	(36)
Taxes				
Bonds	4	-	(1)	-
Equities	110	16	(2)	(5)
Collective investment schemes	4	-	-	-
Total taxes	118	16	(3)	(5)
Total transaction costs	169	40	(33)	(41)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	168,211	93,292	77,426	83,390

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.06
Collective investment schemes	-	0.02	0.10	0.02
Taxes				
Bonds	0.01	-	-	-
Equities	0.10	0.02	-	0.01
Collective investment schemes	0.04	-	-	-

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.06	0.06
Taxes	0.09	0.02

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.55% (2018: 0.36%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue*

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK dividends	1,992	549
Overseas dividends	995	2,467
Taxable distributions on offshore funds	653	370
Interest distributions	3	116
Interest on debt securities	3,555	2,123
Derivative revenue	-	403
Bank interest	12	5
Underwriting commission	-	2
Stocklending income	10	32
ACD fee rebate on collective investment scheme holdings	11	13
Total revenue	7,231	6,080

* Prior year numbers have been reclassified.

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	937	851
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	135	115
Total expenses	1,072	966

5. Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	3	1
Derivative expense	4	-
Total interest payable & similar charges	7	1

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Corporation tax	719	448
Double taxation relief	(42)	(58)
Overseas taxes	171	133
Total current tax	848	523
Deferred tax (note 6c)	-	(2)
Total taxation (note 6b)	848	521
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	6,152	5,113
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	1,230	1,023
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(512)	(576)
Overseas taxes	171	133
Double taxation relief	(42)	(59)
Revenue taxable in other periods	1	-
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	848	521
(c) Deferred tax		
Deferred tax charge at the start of the year	-	2
Deferred tax charge in statement of total return for year (note 6a)	-	(2)
Provision at the end of the year	-	-

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

7. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
First Interim	419	407
Second Interim	419	406
Third Interim	409	403
Fourth Interim	405	403
Fifth Interim	396	407
Sixth Interim	433	405
Seventh Interim	432	410
Eighth Interim	514	408
Ninth Interim	611	416
Tenth Interim	712	414
Eleventh Interim	830	417
Final	2,300	1,073
	7,880	5,569
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	94	52
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(982)	(63)
Net distribution for the year	6,992	5,558
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	5,304	4,592
Capitalised fees	1,072	966
Shortfall transfer from capital to revenue	616	-
Total distributions	6,992	5,558

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	5	169
Sales awaiting settlement	1,428	1,499
Accrued revenue	1,158	734
Foreign withholding tax recoverable	51	39
Other debtor	1	2
Total debtors	2,643	2,443

9. Cash and Bank Balances

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers	1,660	515
Cash and bank balances	21,839	6,499
Total cash and bank balances	23,499	7,014

10. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	317	265
Purchases awaiting settlement	336	2,751
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	130	82
Corporation tax payable	341	203
Capital gains tax payable	170	-
Total creditors	1,294	3,301

11. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £5,285,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £6,006,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
ABN Amro	-	174
Bank of Nova Scotia	-	150
BNP Paribas	-	2,172
Citigroup	-	328
JPM Chase	-	1,963
Morgan Stanley	-	143
NATIXIS	-	102
Nomura	-	232
Societe Generale	-	21
Total securities on loan	-	5,285

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	-	5,283
Government Bond	-	723
Total collateral held	-	6,006

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £13,000 (2018: £40,300) and £3,000 (2018: £8,000).

12. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 10.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 10.

13. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	14,757,240	292,763	(2,455,218)	(210,795)	12,383,990
A Income shares	1,107,277	57,458	(220,700)	(4,362)	939,673
I Accumulation shares	27,592,838	1,481,609	(4,263,397)	332,172	25,143,222
I Income shares	29,639,530	114,125,076	(2,373,742)	4,948	141,395,812
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	2,935,857	234,517	(702,362)	-	2,468,012

14. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Bonds	-	64,318	-	-	27,773	-
Equities	116,249	-	-	69,122	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	19,722	-	-	10,343	-
Derivatives	129	197	-	46	191	-
Total investment assets	116,378	84,237	-	69,168	38,307	-
Derivatives	(71)	(3,683)	-	(5)	(754)	-
Total investment liabilities	(71)	(3,683)	-	(5)	(754)	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

15. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market Price Risk

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Manager using VaR analysis. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VaR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

The table below indicated the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 5 day loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99 percent confidence level.

Calculated on this basis, the table indicates that the net value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities could be expected to change by more than the stated amount on only two days out of 200, in response to either price, interest rate, inflation or foreign currency exchange rate changes.

The VaR measures of the Fund are detailed below.

	2019	2018
Minimum VaR	1.00%	1.16%
Maximum VaR	1.43%	1.57%
Average VaR	1.21%	1.40%

VaR table

	FX risk	Interest rate risk	Inflation risk	Contribution from credit risk	Overall VaR
31 July 2019	0.14%	0.51%	-	0.47%	1.12%
31 July 2018	0.17%	0.60%	-	0.43%	1.20%

The ACD must calculate the global exposure of any Fund it manages either as:

- 1) the incremental exposure and leverage generated through the use of derivatives and forward transactions, which may not exceed 100% of the net value of the scheme property. This is known as the Commitment Approach and is a measure of leverage or;
- 2) The market risk of the scheme property by way of the value at risk (VaR) approach. Although, the sensitivity analysis of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions described above uses VaR analysis, the global exposure calculations for Funds may be calculated on the Commitment Basis. The Prospectus provides further details on which method is used to calculate Global Exposure for each Fund.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

Currency exposure

An increase or decrease in a particular foreign currency exchange rate will have a proportionate affect on the value of the Fund.

The net foreign currency exposure comprises:

	Net foreign currency assets/(liabilities)	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Argentina Peso	821	605
Australian Dollar	(13,042)	(6,300)
Brazilian Real	8,900	3,434
Canadian Dollar	(10,533)	(6,309)
Chilean Peso	1,224	683
Colombian Peso	4,735	1,694
Czech Koruna	1,380	77
Danish Krone	81	70
Dominican Republic Peso	1,131	575
Egyptian Pound	1,685	630
Euro	(1,122)	(134)
Ghanaian Cedi	-	528
Hong Kong Dollar	1,648	901
Hungarian Forint	211	95
Indian Rupee	2,007	2,405
Indonesian Rupiah	8,092	2,813
Israeli Shekel	100	83
Japanese Yen	414	(292)
Korean Won	-	467
Malaysian Ringgit	2,845	1,733
Mexican Peso	8,801	3,924
New Zealand Dollar	(12,846)	(6,179)
Norwegian Krone	(12,856)	(6,154)
Peruvian New Sol	3,058	1,198
Philippines Peso	1,006	-
Polish Zloty	4,270	1,771
Russian Ruble	4,069	2,872
Singapore Dollar	-	153
South Africa Rand	4,094	3,045
South Korean Won	1,531	-
Swedish Krona	(12,711)	(6,352)
Swiss Franc	1,117	237
Taiwan Dollar	768	594
Thai Baht	1,391	523
Turkish Lira	4,466	1,445
Uruguay Peso	1,449	485
US Dollar	4,030	5,060

(c) Interest rate risk

Interest receivable on bank deposits or payable on bank overdrafts will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates. The Fund Manager continuously reviews interest rates and inflation expectations. The assessment of this may result in a change in investment strategy.

Bond yields are affected by market and economic conditions, including inflation rates and government policy. An analysis of the interest rates and maturity of bond listings is detailed below.

In addition, changes to prevailing rates or changes in expectations of future rates may result in an increase or decrease in the value of the securities held. In general, if interest rates rise, the income potential of the Fund also rises but the value of fixed rate securities will decline (along with certain expenses calculated by reference to the assets of the Fund). A decline in interest rates will, in general, have the opposite effect.

The interest rate risk profile of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities is:

	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets/ (liabilities) not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
2019				
Currency				
UK Sterling	24,054	-	183,575	207,629
Argentina Peso	821	-	-	821
Australian Dollar	255	-	(13,297)	(13,042)
Brazilian Real	-	8,262	638	8,900
Canadian Dollar	3	-	(10,536)	(10,533)
Chilean Peso	16	1,208	-	1,224
Colombian Peso	43	4,563	129	4,735
Czech Koruna	-	1,201	179	1,380
Danish Krone	-	-	81	81
Dominican Republic Peso	-	1,100	31	1,131
Egyptian Pound	443	1,206	36	1,685
Euro	1,051	-	(2,173)	(1,122)
Hong Kong Dollar	3	-	1,645	1,648
Hungarian Forint	-	-	211	211
Indian Rupee	83	1,901	23	2,007
Indonesian Rupiah	296	7,420	376	8,092
Israeli Shekel	-	-	100	100
Japanese Yen	116	-	298	414
Malaysian Ringgit	-	2,703	142	2,845
Mexican Peso	-	8,301	500	8,801
New Zealand Dollar	-	-	(12,846)	(12,846)
Norwegian Krone	-	-	(12,856)	(12,856)
Peruvian New Sol	-	2,981	77	3,058
Philippines Peso	-	993	13	1,006
Polish Zloty	-	4,014	256	4,270
Russian Ruble	-	4,023	46	4,069
South Africa Rand	93	3,961	40	4,094
South Korean Won	1	-	1,530	1,531
Swedish Krona	-	-	(12,711)	(12,711)
Swiss Franc	-	-	1,117	1,117
Taiwan Dollar	-	-	768	768

	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets/ (liabilities) not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
Thai Baht	-	1,226	165	1,391
Turkish Lira	-	3,354	1,112	4,466
Uruguay Peso	-	1,440	9	1,449
US Dollar	396	-	3,634	4,030
2018				
Currency				
UK Sterling	6,376	-	43,037	49,413
Argentina Peso	785	1	(180)	606
Australian Dollar	118	-	286	404
Brazilian Real	-	3,115	318	3,433
Canadian Dollar	-	-	112	112
Chilean Peso	-	653	30	683
Colombian Peso	-	1,554	140	1,694
Czech Koruna	-	-	77	77
Danish Krone	-	-	70	70
Dominican Republic Peso	-	561	14	575
Egyptian Pound	-	630	-	630
Euro	110	-	3,018	3,128
Ghanaian Cedi	-	573	(45)	528
Hong Kong Dollar	2	-	899	901
Hungarian Forint	-	-	95	95
Indian Rupee	128	2,254	22	2,404
Indonesian Rupiah	-	2,888	(75)	2,813
Israeli Shekel	-	-	83	83
Japanese Yen	42	-	3,471	3,513
Korean Won	-	-	467	467
Malaysian Ringgit	-	1,634	99	1,733
Mexican Peso	-	3,345	580	3,925
New Zealand Dollar	-	-	46	46
Norwegian Krone	-	-	112	112
Peruvian New Sol	-	1,165	33	1,198
Polish Zloty	-	1,594	176	1,770
Russian Ruble	-	2,755	117	2,872
Singapore Dollar	-	-	153	153
South Africa Rand	31	2,947	68	3,046
Swiss Franc	-	-	237	237
Taiwan Dollar	1	-	329	330
Thai Baht	-	-	523	523
Turkish Lira	-	1,162	283	1,445
Uruguay Peso	-	481	4	485
US Dollar	169	-	22,830	22,999

(d) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

	Market Value 2019 £'000	Market Value 2018 £'000
Credit Rating Analysis		
Investment Grade Bonds	45,687	13,824
Below Investment Grade Bonds	12,007	7,225
Unrated Bonds	6,624	7,047
Equities	116,249	68,799
Collective Investment Schemesw	19,722	10,343
Derivatives	(3,428)	(522)
Other net assets	22,982	5,787
Net Assets	219,843	112,503

(e) Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk*

At the year end the Fund held derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management or to meet the Fund's investment objectives. These types of transaction can introduce market exposure greater than the market value of the instrument. These transactions exchange benefits with a third party at a future date creating both counterparty and concentration risk. The Investment Adviser's policies for managing these risks are outlined in the Fund's prospectus.

At the balance sheet date the Fund had the following exposures:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Market Exposure		
Forward Currency Contracts	125,297	563
Futures	23,516	41
Total Market Exposure	148,813	604

The total market exposure is the sum of the notional derivative contracts on a gross basis with no offsetting.

Counterparty Exposure

Derivative instruments involve an agreement to exchange a benefit at a future date. This introduces counterparty risk where an agreement is bilateral (between two parties) and concentration risk where a clearing broker operates on an exchange. Where the counterparty or clearing broker is not solvent the market exposure obtained would be lost.

Exposure is reduced by the exchange of margin on a daily basis for cleared derivatives and by the collateral held/pledged on a bilateral transaction.

At 31 July 2019 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows:

Counterparty or clearer	Forward Currency Contracts £'000	Futures £'000	Total by Counterparty £'000
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	(287)	58	(229)
BNP Paribas	(2)	-	(2)
Citigroup	(28)	-	(28)
Deutsche Bank	(43)	-	(43)
Goldman Sachs	(106)	-	(106)
HSBC	(472)	-	(472)
Morgan Stanley	(401)	-	(401)
RBC Dominion Securities	(955)	-	(955)
StateStreet	(907)	-	(907)
UBS	(285)	-	(285)
Total	(3,486)	58	(3,428)

At 31 July 2018 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows:

Counterparty	Forward Currency Contracts £'000	Total by Counterparty £'000
Barclays	1	1
Citigroup	77	77
Deutsche Bank	8	8
Goldman Sachs	48	48
HSBC	41	41
JPM Chase	16	16
Total exposure	191	191

* Following the change in administrators the methodology used for compiling this note has changed.

(f)

Liquidity risk

The Fund assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the month ended 31 August 2018**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 August 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8210	-	0.8210*	0.8233
Group 2	0.4174	0.4036	0.8210*	0.8233
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4748	-	0.4748**	0.5014
Group 2	0.1726	0.3022	0.4748**	0.5014
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5196	-	0.5196*	0.5184
Group 2	0.2596	0.2601	0.5196*	0.5184
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4176	-	0.4176**	0.4382
Group 2	0.1860	0.2316	0.4176**	0.4382
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8622	-	0.8622*	0.8561
Group 2	0.4114	0.4508	0.8622*	0.8561

* Distribution accumulated on 31 August 2018.

** Distribution paid on 30 September 2018.

For the month ended 30 September 2018

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 September 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 September 2018 and 30 September 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8226	-	0.8226*	0.8209
Group 2	0.3178	0.5049	0.8226*	0.8209
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4739	-	0.4739**	0.4981
Group 2	0.3184	0.1555	0.4739**	0.4981
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5208	-	0.5208*	0.5170
Group 2	0.2014	0.3195	0.5208*	0.5170
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4170	-	0.4170**	0.4354
Group 2	0.1158	0.3012	0.4170**	0.4354
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8646	-	0.8646*	0.8542
Group 2	0.4956	0.3690	0.8646*	0.8542

* Distribution accumulated on 30 September 2018.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2018.

For the month ended 31 October 2018

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 October 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 October 2018 and 31 October 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8084	-	0.8084*	0.8198
Group 2	-	-	0.0000*	0.8198
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4639	-	0.4639**	0.4955
Group 2	0.1824	0.2815	0.4639**	0.4955
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5121	-	0.5121*	0.5166
Group 2	0.1278	0.3843	0.5121*	0.5166
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4084	-	0.4084**	0.4334
Group 2	0.1338	0.2746	0.4084**	0.4334
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8503	-	0.8503*	0.8538
Group 2	0.4434	0.4069	0.8503*	0.8538

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2018.

** Distribution paid on 30 November 2018.

For the month ended 30 November 2018

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2018 and 30 November 2018

	Net Income - pence per share	Equalisation - pence per share	Distribution paid - pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7994	-	0.7994*	0.8198
Group 2	0.2083	0.5911	0.7994*	0.8198
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4570	-	0.4570**	0.4937
Group 2	0.2285	0.2285	0.4570**	0.4937
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5066	-	0.5066*	0.5168
Group 2	0.2170	0.2896	0.5066*	0.5168
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4025	-	0.4025**	0.4320
Group 2	0.0785	0.3240	0.4025**	0.4320
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.3763	-	0.3763*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.3763	-	0.3763**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8414	-	0.8414*	0.8545
Group 2	0.5613	0.2801	0.8414*	0.8545

* Distribution accumulated on 30 November 2018.

** Distribution paid on 31 December 2018.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 27 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 27 November 2018 and 30 November 2018.

For the month ended 31 December 2018

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 December 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 December 2018 and 31 December 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7810	-	0.7810*	0.8286
Group 2	0.0170	0.7640	0.7810*	0.8286
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4448	-	0.4448**	0.4971
Group 2	0.0989	0.3459	0.4448**	0.4971
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5000	-	0.5000*	0.5226
Group 2	0.0781	0.4219	0.5000*	0.5226
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3919	-	0.3919**	0.4352
Group 2	0.1363	0.2556	0.3919**	0.4352
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3678	-	0.3678*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3662	-	0.3662**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8226	-	0.8226*	0.8644
Group 2	0.4147	0.4079	0.8226*	0.8644

* Distribution accumulated on 31 December 2018.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2019.

For the month ended 31 January 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 January 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 January 2019 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8038	-	0.8038*	0.8259
Group 2	-	0.8038	0.8038*	0.8259
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4561	-	0.4561**	0.4936
Group 2	-	0.4561	0.4561**	0.4936
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5097	-	0.5097*	0.5211
Group 2	-	0.5097	0.5097*	0.5211
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4019	-	0.4019**	0.4323
Group 2	-	0.4019	0.4019**	0.4323
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3787	-	0.3787*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3753	-	0.3753**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8472	-	0.8472*	0.8624
Group 2	-	0.8472	0.8472*	0.8624

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 28 February 2019.

For the month ended 28 February 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 28 February 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8072	-	0.8072*	0.8199
Group 2	0.0177	0.7895	0.8072*	0.8199
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4563	-	0.4563**	0.4882
Group 2	-	0.4563	0.4563**	0.4882
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5120	-	0.5120*	0.5175
Group 2	-	0.5120	0.5120*	0.5175
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4022	-	0.4022**	0.4277
Group 2	-	0.4022	0.4022**	0.4277
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3802	-	0.3802*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3756	-	0.3756**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8514	-	0.8514*	0.8567
Group 2	-	0.8514	0.8514*	0.8567

* Distribution accumulated on 28 February 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 March 2019.

For the month ended 31 March 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 March 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 March 2019 and 31 March 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8045	-	0.8045*	0.8120
Group 2	-	0.8045	0.8045*	0.8120
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4531	-	0.4531**	0.4817
Group 2	-	0.4531	0.4531**	0.4817
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5104	-	0.5104*	0.5128
Group 2	-	0.5104	0.5104*	0.5128
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3994	-	0.3994**	0.4222
Group 2	-	0.3994	0.3994**	0.4222
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3787	-	0.3787*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3729	-	0.3729**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8490	-	0.8490*	0.8491
Group 2	0.0456	0.8034	0.8490*	0.8491

* Distribution accumulated on 31 March 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

For the month ended 30 April 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 April 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 April 2019 and 30 April 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8123	-	0.8123*	0.8240
Group 2	-	0.8123	0.8123*	0.8240
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4558	-	0.4558**	0.4870
Group 2	-	0.4558	0.4558**	0.4870
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5155	-	0.5155*	0.5206
Group 2	-	0.5155	0.5155*	0.5206
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4020	-	0.4020**	0.4270
Group 2	-	0.4020	0.4020**	0.4270
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3822	-	0.3822*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3750	-	0.3750**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8580	-	0.8580*	0.8624
Group 2	-	0.8580	0.8580*	0.8624

* Distribution accumulated on 30 April 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 May 2019.

For the month ended 31 May 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 May 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 May 2019 and 31 May 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8070	-	0.8070*	0.8122
Group 2	-	0.8070	0.8070*	0.8122
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4511	-	0.4511**	0.4782
Group 2	-	0.4511	0.4511**	0.4782
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5123	-	0.5123*	0.5133
Group 2	-	0.5123	0.5123*	0.5133
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3980	-	0.3980**	0.4195
Group 2	-	0.3980	0.3980**	0.4195
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3794	-	0.3794*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3708	-	0.3708**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8530	-	0.8530*	0.8508
Group 2	-	0.8530	0.8530*	0.8508

* Distribution accumulated on 31 May 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 June 2019.

For the month ended 30 June 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 June 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 June 2019 and 30 June 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8146	-	0.8146*	0.8112
Group 2	-	0.8146	0.8146*	0.8112
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4537	-	0.4537**	0.4758
Group 2	-	0.4537	0.4537**	0.4758
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5173	-	0.5173*	0.5129
Group 2	-	0.5173	0.5173*	0.5129
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4003	-	0.4003**	0.4176
Group 2	-	0.4003	0.4003**	0.4176
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3828	-	0.3828*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3744	-	0.3744**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8616	-	0.8616*	0.8504
Group 2	-	0.8616	0.8616*	0.8504

* Distribution accumulated on 30 June 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 July 2019.

For the month ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 July 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 July 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.5078	-	2.5078*	2.3077
Group 2	0.3865	2.1213	2.5078*	2.3077
A Income shares				
Group 1	1.4056	-	1.4056**	1.3485
Group 2	0.2079	1.1977	1.4056**	1.3485
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.4291	-	1.4291*	1.2856
Group 2	0.1823	1.2468	1.4291*	1.2856
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.1072	-	1.1072**	1.0427
Group 2	0.2202	0.8870	1.1072**	1.0427
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.2500	-	0.2500**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.0913	-	2.0913*	1.8306
Group 2	0.5682	1.5231	2.0913*	1.8306

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 August 2019.

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Investment objective and policy

To achieve long term capital growth primarily in companies of developing European countries, although the Fund may also invest in companies of other European countries. The Fund may invest in investment trusts and collective investments schemes which themselves concentrate on investments in such countries, as well as securities of companies which, whilst listed on established stock exchanges worldwide, conduct a significant proportion of their business in these countries. The ACD's policy is not to generally employ derivatives in equity portfolios, although the Fund may use derivatives for efficient portfolio management and hedging.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Eastern European Equity Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 22.73% compared to an increase of 20.33% in the benchmark, the MSCI EM Europe 10/40 Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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Market review

Emerging European equities advanced in the year under review. Rising optimism, fuelled by the US Federal Reserve and regional central banks' looser monetary policy, spurred the gains. However, the ongoing trade friction between the US and its major partners dampened risk appetite. The tit-for-tat nature of the disputes led to downgrades in global growth forecasts.

The Russian market rose on an increasingly optimistic outlook for its economy, especially after the central bank cut interest rates in the second quarter. Government plans to stimulate growth via nationwide projects also helped boost equities. A hike in value-added tax earlier in the year however weighed on consumption, while US sanctions, and news of Poland, Slovakia and Hungary suspending oil imports hampered Russia's exports.

In Turkey, the market eked out some late gains. Sentiment improved after US President Donald Trump said his administration had no intention of punishing Turkey for its purchase of a Russian missile defense system. The lira also appreciated as a result. Through much of the period however, equities and the currency were pressured on news of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's political meddling during Istanbul's mayoral elections in March,

as well as a deteriorating economic outlook. In response, the Turkish government announced a US\$4.9 billion financing package to boost exports. Erdogan also sacked central bank governor Murat Cetinkaya, replacing him with Deputy Governor Murat Uysal, who subsequently slashed interest rates by 425 basis points to 19.75% to stimulate the economy.

Meanwhile, Polish stocks retreated against a backdrop of decelerating growth in the country, as well as in key trading partner Germany. But plans to exempt workers under the age of 26 from paying income tax, to halt the outflow of young people to Western Europe, helped limit losses.

Portfolio review

The Fund advanced over the review period, mainly on stock-specific reasons.

Our overweight position in Novatek benefited, as the Russian gas producer continued to make progress in securing partners to develop its Arctic LNG 2 (liquefied natural gas) project.

Exposure to Dino Polska lifted the Fund's performance as the Polish government announced fiscal stimulus to boost consumer spending. The Polish supermarket chain's shares also rose on robust top-line growth and margin improvement.

Elsewhere, our exposure to Belarusian firm EPAM Systems also helped the Fund, as the software provider posted solid results over the past two quarters.

Conversely, not holding Gazprom detracted from performance; the Russian state-owned gas firm's shares rallied during the second quarter on news it would lift dividends by 60%. It then reaffirmed its commitment to a sustainable dividend policy, and to raise the payout ratio to 50%, in line with other state-owned companies.

Our exposure to private healthcare operator MD Medical, spirits manufacturer Beluga, and Domino's Pizza franchisee DP Eurasia weighed on performance as investors turned cautious on their growth prospects amid a dismal consumer environment.

Meanwhile, exposure to Cimsa Cimento cost the Fund, as the Turkish cement firm was not spared from the country's worsening economic fundamentals and currency fluctuations.

In addition to the portfolio activity mentioned in the interim review, we exited Turkish lenders Akbank and Garanti in light of the deteriorating macroeconomic environment.

We also sold port operator Global Ports on concerns over intensifying competition and a bleaker market outlook, and AvivaSA, the Turkish life insurer, given the rise in policy surrenders and worsening lapse ratios in the current weak economic environment. Additionally, we exited beverage maker Anadolu Efes on concerns over a slowdown in domestic growth – we see better opportunities elsewhere.

Elsewhere, we divested Russian software developer Luxoft after its shares rose near to the buyout price, in light of a takeover bid from DXC Technology, and Orbis following the offer from Accor.

Against these, we introduced Turkish oil refiner Tupras, given its robust outlook for diesel demand and potential margin expansion among complex refiners. We also introduced Turkish insurer Aksigorta, as its business model provides compelling returns in a high interest-rate environment.

Elsewhere, we initiated a position in Fourlis, on its robust sales outlook and the increasing strength of its balance sheet. Being the franchisee for both IKEA and Intersport in Greece, it should benefit from the country's nascent recovery in consumer confidence.

In Russia, we introduced energy firm Rosneft on increased conviction in our investment case and its attractive valuation. Additionally, we initiated Detsky Mir, the country's leading children's goods retailer, which has a robust growth profile and attractive valuations, bolstered by a healthy dividend yield. We also added X5 to our portfolio as the preferred domestic food retailer.

Meanwhile, we initiated Headhunter, a highly profitable and cash generative job-recruitment platform with a dominant market position and good runway for growth. Headhunter became the first Russian company to IPO on a US stock exchange since 2013. The company matches employers and job seekers, as well as offering other support services.

Outlook

Markets are likely to remain volatile over the coming months as the constant flaring and receding of global trade tensions between China and the US keep investors on edge. However, the resulting slowdown in worldwide economic growth has led the US Federal Reserve to reverse its rate hike trajectory, cutting rates instead. As such, central banks in the region are following suit, maintaining loose monetary policy.

Additionally, emerging markets are now generally more resilient than before in the face of geopolitical uncertainties. Longer-term structural factors, such as an expanding middle class with rising income levels across developing economies, are providing a solid foundation for growth. As such, we are confident that our quality holdings will weather the short-term fluctuations, and benefit from the asset class' long-term potential.

Global Emerging Markets Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	282.16	294.41	251.88
Return before operating charges*	65.53	(6.90)	47.85
Operating charges	(4.21)	(5.35)	(5.32)
Return after operating charges*	61.32	(12.25)	42.53
Distributions	(8.16)	(3.26)	(2.58)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	8.16	3.26	2.58
Closing net asset value per share	343.48	282.16	294.41
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.14	0.06	0.08
Performance			
Return after charges	21.73%	(4.16%)	16.89%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,283	3,991	4,741
Closing number of shares	1,246,954	1,414,432	1,610,325
Operating charges	1.49%	1.80%	1.88%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.02%	0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	345.8	318.9	303.2
Lowest share price	253.8	270.5	248.0

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	300.42	311.13	264.19
Return before operating charges*	67.75	(7.40)	50.31
Operating charges	(2.84)	(3.31)	(3.37)
Return after operating charges*	64.91	(10.71)	46.94
Distributions	(8.18)	(5.91)	(5.15)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	8.18	5.91	5.15
Closing net asset value per share	365.33	300.42	311.13
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.14	0.06	0.08
Performance			
Return after charges	21.61%	(3.44%)	17.77%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	15,465	12,949	15,256
Closing number of shares	4,233,106	4,310,370	4,903,650
Operating charges	0.94%	1.05%	1.13%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.02%	0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	367.9	337.2	320.4
Lowest share price	270.5	287.3	260.1

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Accumulation shares [^]	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 [^]
Return before operating charges*	33.35
Operating charges	(0.76)
Return after operating charges*	32.59
Distributions	(3.26)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.26
Closing net asset value per share	132.59
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.04
Performance	
Return after charges	32.59%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.99%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%
Prices	
Highest share price	133.5
Lowest share price	98.70

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The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV. Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

[^] M Accumulation share class was launched on 26 November 2018.

[^] The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (97.44%)		19,130	96.87
Emerging Market Equities (46.92%)		9,716	49.20
Russia (46.92%)		9,716	49.20
33,729	Beluga	211	1.07
179,410	Detsky	206	1.04
22,237	HeadHunter	330	1.67
25,651	LUKOIL	1,724	8.73
3,970	Magnit	193	0.98
103,362	MD Medical	430	2.18
2,100	MMC Norilsk Nickel	397	2.01
105,530	Mobile TeleSystems	360	1.82
156,000	Moscow Exchange	188	0.95
102,780	Novatek	1,752	8.87
29,840	Novolipetsk Steel	575	2.91
88,600	Rosneft Oil	480	2.43
576,470	Sberbank of Russia	1,734	8.78
12,940	X5 Retail Group	353	1.79
24,448	Yandex	783	3.97
European Equities (31.19%)		5,882	29.79
Czech Republic (2.43%)		456	2.31
14,380	Komerční Banka	456	2.31
Greece (4.16%)		974	4.93
53,960	Fourlis	281	1.42
12,540	JUMBO	201	1.02
62,884	Sarantis	492	2.49
Hungary (2.27%)		241	1.22
16,680	Richter Gedeon	241	1.22
Netherlands (1.72%)		218	1.11
260,500	DP Eurasia	218	1.11

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Poland (9.44%)		2,147	10.87
17,023	Bank Polska Kasa Opieki	372	1.88
6,810	CD Projekt	332	1.68
26,155	Dino Polska	811	4.11
9,100	Santander Bank Polska	632	3.20
Portugal (2.66%)		492	2.49
37,060	Jeronimo Martins	492	2.49
Romania (3.35%)		386	1.96
149,967	BRD-Groupe Societe Generale	386	1.96
Slovenia (1.35%)		304	1.54
5,531	KRKA	304	1.54
Switzerland (3.81%)		664	3.36
23,420	Coca-Cola HBC	664	3.36
Middle East Equities (8.93%)		2,011	10.18
Turkey (8.93%)		2,011	10.18
276,319	Aksigorta	186	0.94
1	AvivaSA Emeklilik ve	-	-
46,642	BIM Birslesik Magazalar	321	1.62
115,469	Cimsa Cimento Sanayi VE Ticaret	115	0.58
47,271	Coca-Cola İçecek	231	1.17
179,210	Enerjisa Enerji	159	0.80
17,074	Logo Yazilim Sanayi Ve Ticaret	110	0.56
119,562	MLP Saglik Hizmetleri	211	1.07
165,519	Sok Marketler Ticaret	246	1.25
21,030	Tupras	432	2.19
North America Equities (5.84%)		465	2.35
United States (5.84%)		465	2.35
2,940	EPAM Systems	465	2.35

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (4.56%)		1,056	5.35
Financials (2.30%)		184	0.93
13,100	Bank of Georgia	184	0.93
Health care (0.00%)		50	0.25
22,542	Georgia Healthcare	50	0.25
Industrials (1.03%)		410	2.08
57,300	Globaltrans	410	2.08
Technology (1.23%)		412	2.09
19,780	Mail Ru	412	2.09
Total investment assets		19,130	96.87
Net other assets		618	3.13
Total Net Assets		19,748	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains/(losses)	1	2,859	(1,140)
Revenue	3	664	647
Expenses	4	(171)	(247)
Net revenue before taxation		493	400
Taxation	5	(67)	(77)
Net revenue after taxation		426	323
Total return before distributions		3,285	(817)
Distributions	6	(426)	(323)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		2,859	(1,140)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	16,940	19,997
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	2,478	2,462
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(2,977)	(4,686)
	(499)	(2,224)
Dilution adjustment	-	6
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	2,859	(1,140)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	448	301
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	19,748	16,940

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		19,130	16,506
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	119	79
Cash and bank balances		646	412
		765	491
Total assets		19,895	16,997
Liabilities:			
Creditors	8	(147)	(57)
		(147)	(57)
Total liabilities		(147)	(57)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		19,748	16,940

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	2,842	(1,149)
Forward currency contracts	1	-
Other gains	16	9
Net capital gains/(losses)	2,859	(1,140)

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	6,231	5,517	5,532	7,571
Corporate actions	-	-	45	-
Trades in the year before transaction costs	6,231	5,517	5,577	7,571
Commissions				
Equities	4	3	(3)	(5)
Total commissions	4	3	(3)	(5)
Taxes				
Equities	1	-	-	-
Total taxes	1	-	-	-
Total transaction costs	5	3	(3)	(5)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	6,236	5,520	5,574	7,566

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.07
Taxes				
Equities	0.01	-	-	-

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.14	0.04
Taxes	0.01	-

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.32% (2018: 0.35%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK dividends	9	8
Overseas dividends	653	634
Bank interest	1	1
Stocklending income	1	4
Total revenue	664	647

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	140	185
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	30	62
	170	247
Other:		
Professional fees	1	-
Total expenses	171	247

5. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	67	77
Total current tax	67	77
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	493	400
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	99	80
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(71)	(52)
Overseas taxes	67	77
Overseas tax expensed	(7)	(6)
Excess allowable expenses	(21)	(20)
UK dividends	-	(2)
Total tax charge for year (note 5a)	67	77

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

(c) **Factors that may affect future tax charge**

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £303,000 (2018: £317,000) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

6. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Distribution	448	301
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	14	24
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(36)	(2)
Net distribution for the year	426	323

Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.

7. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	86	14
Sales awaiting settlement	12	5
Accrued revenue	-	48
Foreign withholding tax recoverable	21	12
Total debtors	119	79

8. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	10	41
Purchases awaiting settlement	120	-
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	17	16
Total creditors	147	57

9. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £683,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £758,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
JPM Chase	-	495
Deutsche Bank	-	188
Total securities on loan	-	683

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	-	712
Government Bond	-	46
Total collateral held	-	758

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £1,000 (2018: £5,000) and £nil (2018: £1,000).

10. Related party transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 7 and 8.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 8.

11. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	1,414,432	212,001	(319,050)	(60,429)	1,246,954
I Accumulation shares	4,310,370	495,950	(629,740)	56,526	4,233,106
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100

12. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	19,130	-	-	16,506	-	-
Total investment assets	19,130	-	-	16,506	-	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

13. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £957,000 (2018: £825,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £903,000 (2018: £763,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Currency exposure

An increase or decrease in a particular foreign currency exchange rate will have a proportionate affect on the value of the Fund.

The net foreign currency monetary exposure comprises:

	Net foreign currency monetary assets	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Czech Koruna	456	411
Euro	1,839	1,388
Hungarian Forint	241	385
Polish Zloty	2,183	1,609
Romanian Leu	386	567
Russian Ruble	5,520	3,796
Turkish Lira	1,966	1,513
US Dollar	5,471	5,576

(c) Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(d) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) Financial Derivative Instrument Risk

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018: nil).

(f) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the year ended 31 July 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	8.1581	-	8.1581*	3.2627
Group 2	4.3084	3.8497	8.1581*	3.2627
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	8.1799	-	8.1799*	5.9124
Group 2	3.3866	4.7933	8.1799*	5.9124
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	3.2600	-	3.2600*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class prior on 26 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 26 November 2018 and 31 July 2019.**Equalisation**

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividend shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%

ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The investment objective is to provide an attractive level of income and long-term capital return.

The investment policy is to invest primarily in fixed interest securities which are issued by corporations with their registered office in, and/or government related bodies domiciled in an emerging market country.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money market instruments, cash, near cash, deposits, shares in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates) and derivatives.

The Fund may use financial derivatives instruments for investment purposes and/or efficient portfolio management. The Fund may use derivative instruments to create short and/or long positions in currencies other than the base currency.

Note: For the purposes of this Fund, emerging market means any country that is included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index or composite thereof (or any successor index or index substituted at the ACD's discretion,) or any country classified by the World Bank as a low to upper middle income country.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of the ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 7.22% compared to an increase of 8.82% in the benchmark, the JPM EMBI Global Diversified (Hedged GBP 100%) Index.

Source: Lipper, JP Morgan, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

Emerging market (EM) debt delivered positive performance for investors over the last 12 months. Initially, markets produced mixed performance, with gains in September and December 2018 offset by weakness in October and November. Markets then made a strong start to 2019. In January, the EM hard currency index recorded its largest return since 2009. A more dovish outlook from the US Federal Reserve (Fed), positive signaling in the US-China trade negotiations and an oil price rally converged into a perfect environment for EM debt.

Markets then delivered reasonable performance until concerns over the economic picture in Argentina and elections in Turkey and South Africa caused uncertainty. Escalating trade tensions between the US and China, and subsequently between the US and Mexico, also shook markets. However, a resumption of trade negotiations between the US and China in June provided welcome respite for EM assets. The dovish tilt from the Fed and European Central Bank also drove performance. Indeed, the Fed lowered interest rates by 0.25% at the end of July, its first cut in over a decade. In doing so, it cited risks from a weak global economy and muted inflation pressures at home.

Portfolio review

Our overweight position (versus the benchmark) in Indonesia added to performance, as did security selection and currency exposure. Brazil also made a key positive contribution, with local currency allocation and currency exposure adding to returns. Elsewhere, security selection in Venezuela, Egypt, the Dominican Republic, Turkey, Georgia and Saudi Arabia boosted returns. On the downside, security selection and currency exposure in Russia detracted from returns. Overweight positions in Venezuela and Argentina were also negative, although positive security selection in Venezuela and local currency allocation in Argentina offset this to an extent.

Recent activity within the Fund included participating in a new euro-denominated issue from Serbia and a US dollar ten-year bond from Sri Lanka. Meanwhile, we increased positions in Tunisia, the Bahamas, Jamaica, Qatar, El Salvador, Saudi Arabia and Uzbekistan. On the other side, we reduced holdings in Argentina, Mexico, Oman, Albania, Romania and Turkey. In corporate debt, we bought copper miner First Quantum Minerals and Colombian pipeline business Candelaria. We also added a position in Brazilian paper company Suzano and Singapore-based energy company Puma, while topping up our position in Bahraini quasi-sovereign, Oil & Gas Holdings. In local currency markets, we reduced our Brazil holdings in favour of adding to Mexico, and reduced our holdings in Argentina and Peru.

Outlook

We remain cautious in our outlook on emerging markets, as the Fed disappointed investors on forward guidance and given the lack of progress on the US-China trade talks. However, the weak economic environment and easing in global financial conditions should provide opportunities in the search for yield, supporting inflows into EM debt. The key risks to our view remain continued dollar strength, persistence of US exceptionalism, a deeper China slowdown and a further escalation in trade wars.

Global Emerging Market Debt Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 4 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The Fund invests in mortgage- and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The Fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The Fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The Fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	132.73	137.46	129.69
Return before operating charges*	11.82	(2.44)	10.96
Operating charges	(1.93)	(2.29)	(2.19)
Return after operating charges*	9.89	(4.73)	8.77
Distributions	(9.29)	(7.99)	(8.66)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	9.29	7.99	7.66
Closing net asset value per share	142.62	132.73	137.46
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.45%	(3.44%)	6.76%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,765	2,131	2,945
Closing number of shares	1,237,405	1,605,413	2,142,373
Operating charges	1.46%	1.66%	1.65%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	142.90	141.70	137.90
Lowest share price	126.00	128.60	124.70

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The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	90.57	99.43	99.38
Return before operating charges*	7.58	(1.57)	7.41
Operating charges	(1.26)	(1.66)	(1.64)
Return after operating charges*	6.32	(3.23)	5.77
Distributions	(6.14)	(5.63)	(5.72)
Closing net asset value per share	90.75	90.57	99.43
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	6.98%	(3.25%)	5.81%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,994	1,398	729
Closing number of shares	2,196,892	1,542,961	733,519
Operating charges	1.46%	1.66%	1.65%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	91.45	101.80	102.50
Lowest share price	84.58	88.71	93.82

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The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	114.34	117.60	110.39
Return before operating charges*	10.25	(2.10)	9.36
Operating charges	(1.05)	(1.16)	(1.30)
Return after operating charges*	9.20	(3.26)	8.06
Distributions	(8.03)	(6.85)	(7.39)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	8.03	6.85	6.54
Closing net asset value per share	123.54	114.34	117.60
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	8.05%	(2.77%)	7.30%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	33,168	37,222	46,499
Closing number of shares	26,849,067	32,555,263	39,541,223
Operating charges	0.91%	0.98%	1.15%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	123.80	121.60	118.00
Lowest share price	108.80	110.70	106.40

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The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	84.11	91.71	91.20
Return before operating charges*	7.10	(1.51)	6.82
Operating charges	(0.73)	(0.88)	(1.05)
Return after operating charges*	6.37	(2.39)	5.77
Distributions	(5.72)	(5.21)	(5.26)
Closing net asset value per share	84.76	84.11	91.71
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.57%	(2.61%)	6.33%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	21,127	7,318	7,509
Closing number of shares	24,926,973	8,700,773	8,188,073
Operating charges	0.91%	0.98%	1.15%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	85.40	93.90	94.05
Lowest share price	78.75	82.31	86.26

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M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	14.01
Operating charges	(0.69)
Return after operating charges*	13.32
Distributions	(4.97)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	4.97
Closing net asset value per share	113.32
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	13.32%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.96%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	113.50
Lowest share price	99.57

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 26 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	13.85
Operating charges	(0.68)
Return after operating charges*	13.17
Distributions	(4.95)
Closing net asset value per share	108.22
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	13.17%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.96%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	113.50
Lowest share price	99.57

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

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^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	142.10	144.97	134.73
Return before operating charges*	12.80	(2.64)	11.49
Operating charges	(0.22)	(0.23)	(0.21)
Return after operating charges*	12.58	(2.87)	11.28
Distributions	(10.02)	(8.49)	(9.05)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	10.02	8.49	8.01
Closing net asset value per share	154.68	142.10	144.97
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	8.85%	(1.98%)	8.37%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	68,857	63,949	28,328
Closing number of shares	44,514,386	45,002,909	19,541,162
Operating charges	0.16%	0.16%	0.15%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	155.00	150.50	145.40
Lowest share price	135.50	137.40	130.30

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (92.41%)		122,719	96.70
Argentine Peso Denominated Bonds (6.30%)		14	0.01
Government Bonds (6.30%)		14	0.01
less than 5 years to maturity			
1,130,005	Argentina (Republic of) 18.2% 2021	14	0.01
Brazilian Real Denominated Bonds (5.16%)		1,575	1.24
Government Bonds (5.16%)		1,575	1.24
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
1,200,000	Notas do Tesouro Nacional 6% 2024	985	0.78
greater than 25 years to maturity			
580,000	Brazil (Fed Rep of) 6% 2050	590	0.46
Euro Denominated Bonds (2.83%)		8,709	6.86
Government Bonds (2.83%)		8,709	6.86
less than 5 years to maturity			
1,527,000	Banque Centrale de Tunisie 6.75% 2023	1,431	1.13
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
1,298,000	Banque Centrale de Tunisie 6.375% 2026	1,182	0.93
1,260,000	Senegal (Republic of) 4.75% 2028	1,195	0.94
912,000	Serbia (Republic of) 1.5% 2029	833	0.66
1,000,000	Ukraine (Republic of) 6.75% 2026	988	0.78
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
370,000	Argentina (Republic of) 7.82% 2033	387	0.30
1,430,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 5.625% 2030	1,324	1.04
1,495,000	Ivory Coast (Govt of) 5.25% 2030	1,369	1.08
Indonesian Rupiah Denominated Bonds (3.66%)		2,915	2.30
Government Bonds (3.66%)		2,915	2.30
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
29,763,000,000	Indonesia (Govt of) 8.375% 2034	1,840	1.45

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
17,574,000,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 8.375% 2039	1,075	0.85
Mexican Peso Denominated Bonds (0.00%)		3,876	3.06
Government Bonds (0.00%)		3,876	3.06
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
26,000,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 10% 2024	1,251	0.99
33,700,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 5.75% 2026	1,327	1.05
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
28,410,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 8.5% 2038	1,298	1.02
Peruvian sol Denominated Bonds (1.23%)		-	-
Government Bonds (1.23%)		-	-
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (21.47%)		105,630	83.23
Corporate Bonds (21.47%)		34,237	26.98
less than 5 years to maturity			
212,000	Agile 8.5% 2021	184	0.14
550,000	BBVA Bancomer 6.75% 2022	488	0.39
715,000	Country Garden Holdings 8% 2024	635	0.50
1,640,000	Dominican Republic (Mesteno) 8.5% 2020	138	0.11
680,000	EP PetroEcuador FRN 2019	29	0.02
1,205,000	Georgian Oil and Gas 6.75% 2021	1,027	0.81
1,510,000	Georgian Railway 7.75% 2022	1,354	1.07
770,000	GPN Capital 4.375% 2022	647	0.51
700,000	GTLK Europe 5.95% 2021	594	0.47
380,000	IHS Netherlands 9.5% 2021	320	0.25
360,000	Liquid Telecommunications 8.5% 2022	297	0.24
530,000	OAS Investments 8.25% 2019	1	-
269,877	Petroamazonas 4.625% 2020	218	0.17
1,140,000	Petroamazonas 4.625% 2020	540	0.43
5,695,000	Petróleos de Venezuela 6% 2024	651	0.51
510,000	Petroleos Mexicanos FRN 2022	420	0.33
369,000	Saudi Arabian Oil 2.875% 2024	304	0.24
580,000	Shimao Property 6.125% 2024*	498	0.39
604,000	SPARC EM SPC Panama Metro Line 2 FRN 2022	400	0.31
635,000	State Bank of India 4.5% 2023	547	0.43
333,000	Ukraine Railways 8.25% 2024	280	0.22

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
380,000	Al Candelaria Spain 7.5% 2028	347	0.27
325,000	ALdar Sukuk 4.75% 2025	281	0.22
780,000	Bancolombia 4.875% 2027	653	0.52
910,000	Empresa Electrica Angamos 4.875% 2029	679	0.53
650,000	First Quantum Minerals 6.875% 2026	499	0.39
200,000	First Quantum Minerals 7.5% 2025	160	0.13
380,000	Global Bank 5.25% Fixed to Floating 2029	329	0.26
810,000	Gohl Capital 4.25% 2027	686	0.54
1,400,000	ICD Sukuk 5% 2027	1,191	0.94
820,000	Latam Airlines 2015-1 Pass Through Trust A 4.2% 2027	546	0.43
601,000	Metinvest 8.5% 2026	522	0.41
770,000	MTN Mauritius Investments 6.5% 2026	687	0.54
803,000	Nexa Resources 5.375% 2027	689	0.54
1,153,000	Oil and Gas Holding Company 7.625% 2024	1,052	0.83
2,871,770	Petroleos de Venezuela 6% 2026	328	0.26
2,160,000	Petroleos Mexicanos 6.5% 2027	1,749	1.38
430,000	Puma International Financing 5% 2026	331	0.26
764,000	Tengizchevroil Finance International 4% 2026	638	0.50
650,000	Thai Oil 4.625% 2028	584	0.46
438,000	TNB Global 4.851% 2028	400	0.31
720,000	Zahidi 4.5% 2028	511	0.40
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
329,000	Abu Dhabi National Energy 4.875% 2030	301	0.24
200,000	BBVA Bancomer 5.125% Fixed to Floating 2028	157	0.12
1,550,000	Belize (Government of) 4.9375% 2034	772	0.61
875,000	Bioceanico Sovereign 0% 2034	488	0.39
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
930,000	OCP 6.875% 2044	913	0.72
1,365,000	Pertamina Persero 6% 2042	1,304	1.03
1,020,000	Pertamina Persero 6.5% 2041	1,029	0.81
840,000	Petroleos Mexicanos 6.5% 2041	614	0.49
2,700,000	Saudi Arabian Oil 4.25% 2039*	2,293	1.81
greater than 25 years to maturity			
698,000	Abu Dhabi Crude Oil Pipeline 4.6% 2047	644	0.51
1,330,000	Perusahaan Listrik Negara 6.25% 2049	1,334	1.05
710,000	Suzano Austria 7% 2047	671	0.53
800,000	Trust F/1401 6.39% 2050	670	0.53

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Perpetual			
750,000	MAF Global Securities FRN Perpetual	613	0.48
Government Bonds (51.76%)		71,393	56.25
less than 5 years to maturity			
615,000	Argentina (Republic of) 5.625% 2022	435	0.34
930,000	Costa Rica (Republic of) 4.25% 2023	755	0.60
1,393,000	Dominican Republic 5.875% 2024	1,220	0.96
1,330,000	Ecuador (Republic of) 10.75% 2022	1,204	0.95
455,000	Ecuador (Republic of) 8.75% 2023	400	0.32
855,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 6.2004% 2024	741	0.58
430,000	Georgia (Republic of) 6.875% 2021	370	0.29
240,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 3.875% 2024	203	0.16
1,720,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 5.875% 2024	1,584	1.25
622,000	Iraq (Rebublic of) 6.752% 2023	528	0.42
1,706,000	Lebanon (Republic of) 6.1% 2022	1,181	0.93
400,000	Mongolia (Govt of) 8.75% 2024	371	0.29
310,000	Morocco (Govt of) 4.25% 2022	264	0.21
663,000	Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III 3.4% 2022	551	0.43
866,000	Qatar (Govt of) 3.875% 2023	746	0.59
1,430,000	Rwanda (Republic of) 6.625% 2023	1,246	0.98
850,000	Senegal (Republic of) 8.75% 2021	757	0.60
980,000	Serbia (Republic of) 7.25% 2021	875	0.69
670,000	South Africa (Republic of) 5.875% 2022	582	0.46
1,150,000	South Africa (Republic of) 4.665% 2024	972	0.77
530,000	Sri Lanka (Republic of) 5.75% 2023	433	0.34
200,000	Sri Lanka (Republic of) 6.35% 2024	165	0.13
200,000	Sri Lanka (Republic of) 6.85% 2024	168	0.13
860,000	Tanzania (United Republic of) FRN 2020	159	0.13
1,150,000	Turkey (Republic of) 5.75% 2024	928	0.73
671,000	Ukraine (Republic of) 7.75% 2020	566	0.45
1,100,000	Ukraine (Republic of) 7.75% 2021	941	0.74
200,000	Uzbekistan (Republic of) 4.75% 2024	173	0.14
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
750,000	Angola (Republic of) 8.25% 2028	653	0.51
740,000	Angola (Republic of) 9.5% 2025	700	0.55
3,425,000	Argentina (Republic of) 7.5% 2026	2,402	1.89
1,039,000	Armenia (Republic of) 7.15% 2025	983	0.77
2,944,000	Bahamas(Commonwealth of) 6% 2028	2,652	2.09
300,000	Bahrain (Kingdom of) 7% 2028	277	0.22

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
690,000	Dominican (Republic of) 5.95% 2027	615	0.48
1,050,000	Ecuador (Republic of) 10.75% 2029	956	0.75
530,000	Ecuador (Republic of) 8.875% 2027	446	0.35
420,000	Ecuador (Republic of) 9.65% 2026	368	0.29
935,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 7.6003% 2029	821	0.65
2,035,000	El Salvador (Republic of) 5.875% 2025	1,711	1.35
930,000	El Salvador (Republic of) 6.375% 2027	786	0.62
455,000	El Salvador (Republic of) 8.625% 2029	436	0.34
557,000	Ghana (Republic of) 7.875% 2027	480	0.38
200,000	Ghana (Republic of) 8.125% 2026	176	0.14
2,150,000	Ghana (Republic of) 6.375% 2024	1,743	1.37
910,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 4.1% 2028	795	0.63
474,000	Ivory Coast (Govt of) 6.375% 2028	389	0.31
1,020,000	Nigeria (Fed Rep of) 6.5% 2027	854	0.67
845,000	Papua New Guinea (Govt of) 8.375% 2028	745	0.59
860,000	Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III 4.35% 2024	746	0.59
860,000	Qatar (Govt of) 4% 2029	766	0.60
795,000	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of) 3.625% 2028	679	0.53
925,000	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of) 4.375% 2029	834	0.66
834,000	Sharjah Sukuk Program 3.854% 2026	710	0.56
1,017,000	Sharjah Sukuk Program 4.226% 2028	879	0.69
200,000	Sri Lanka (Republic of) 7.85% 2029	170	0.13
1,440,000	Turkey (Republic of) 4.875% 2026	1,077	0.85
950,000	Turkey (Republic of) 7.375% 2025	817	0.64
1,800,000	Ukraine (Republic of) 7.75% 2024	1,571	1.24
704,000	Ukraine (Republic of) 7.75% 2025	609	0.48
232,000	Ukraine (Republic of) 7.75% 2027	200	0.16
28,300,000	Uruguay (Republic of) 4.375% 2028	1,339	1.05
600,000	Uzbekistan (Republic of) 5.375% 2029	525	0.41
1,955,000	Venezuela (Republic of) 9.25% 2028	232	0.18
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
431,535	Argentina (Republic of) 8.28% 2033	427	0.34
543,000	Cote D'Ivoire FRN 2032	383	0.30
245,000	El Salvador (Republic of) 8.25% 2032	228	0.18
600,000	Ghana (Republic of) 10.75% 2030	622	0.49
205,000	Ivory Coast (Govt of) 6.125% 2033	158	0.12
1,290,000	Nigeria (Fed Rep of) 7.875% 2032	1,120	0.88
750,000	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of) 4.5% 2030	682	0.54
1,940,000	Sri Lanka (Republic of) 7.55% 2030	1,613	1.27

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
221,000	Costa Rica (Republic of) 7% 2044	185	0.15
1,700,000	Dominican Republic 7.45% 2044	1,640	1.29
400,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 6.625% 2037	429	0.34
500,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 6.05% 2040	490	0.39
greater than 25 years to maturity			
498,000	Angola (Republic of) 9.375% 2048	449	0.35
803,000	Costa Rica (Republic of) 7.158% 2045	680	0.54
1,583,000	Dominican Republic 6.85% 2045	1,444	1.14
1,000,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 7.903% 2048	850	0.67
1,204,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 8.5% 2047	1,074	0.85
930,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 8.7002% 2049	831	0.65
1,780,000	Ghana (Republic of) 8.627% 2049	1,475	1.16
1,420,000	Nigeria (Fed Rep of) 7.625% 2047	1,170	0.92
377,000	Paraguay (Republic of) 5.4% 2050	347	0.27
1,050,000	Paraguay (Republic of) 6.1% 2044	1,037	0.82
1,820,000	Qatar (Govt of) 4.817% 2049	1,722	1.36
900,000	Qatar (Govt of) 5.103% 2048	885	0.70
1,970,000	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of) 5% 2049	1,828	1.44
1,030,000	Uruguay (Republic of) 5.1% 2050	964	0.76
Collective Investment Schemes (2.77%)		3,761	2.96
108,000	Aberdeen Standard SICAV I- China Onshore Bond Fund*	1,181	0.93
242,000	Aberdeen Standard SICAV I - Indian Bond Fund*	2,580	2.03
Derivatives (0.54%)		(2,631)	(2.07)
Forward Currency Contracts (0.54%)		(2,631)	(2.07)
	Buy BRL 5,137,000 Sell USD 1,269,335 22/08/2019	77	0.06
	Buy GBP 130,511 Sell EUR 146,000 10/10/2019	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 260,003 Sell EUR 289,000 10/10/2019	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 575,763 Sell EUR 643,000 10/10/2019	(10)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 1,158,269 Sell EUR 1,289,000 10/10/2019	(17)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 6,150,421 Sell EUR 6,830,000 10/10/2019	(75)	(0.06)
	Buy GBP 3,981,839 Sell MXN 96,699,000 10/10/2019	(116)	(0.09)
	Buy GBP 982,880 Sell USD 1,200,000 10/10/2019	6	-
	Buy GBP 26,682,491 Sell USD 33,565,000 10/10/2019	(638)	(0.50)
	Buy GBP 26,682,491 Sell USD 33,565,000 10/10/2019	(638)	(0.50)
	Buy GBP 26,685,466 Sell USD 33,564,000 10/10/2019	(634)	(0.50)

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy GBP 26,686,261 Sell USD 33,565,000 10/10/2019	(634)	(0.50)
	Buy MXN 4,250,000 Sell GBP 173,703 10/10/2019	6	-
	Buy USD 3,125,000 Sell GBP 2,496,433 10/10/2019	47	0.04
Total investment assets and liabilities		123,849	97.59
Net other assets		3,062	2.41
Total Net Assets		126,911	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

* A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains/(losses)	1	3,050	(8,103)
Revenue	3	7,453	6,030
Expenses	4	(551)	(623)
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(2)	-
Net revenue before taxation		6,899	5,407
Taxation	6	(19)	(11)
Net revenue after taxation		6,881	5,396
Total return before distributions		9,931	(2,707)
Distributions	7	(7,873)	(5,866)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		2,058	(8,573)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	112,018	86,010
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	21,304	47,864
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(15,285)	(18,877)
	6,019	28,987
Dilution adjustment	42	143
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	2,058	(8,573)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	6,774	5,451
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	126,911	112,018

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		126,616	106,728
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	2,174	3,023
Cash and bank balances		1,780	4,779
		3,954	7,802
Total assets		130,570	114,530
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities		(2,767)	(715)
Creditors	9	(761)	(1,747)
Distribution payable		(131)	(50)
		(892)	(1,797)
Total liabilities		(3,659)	(2,512)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		126,911	112,018

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1. Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	8,596	(7,037)
Forward currency contracts	(4,470)	(1,387)
Other (losses)/gains	(4,657)	321
Net capital gains/(losses)	3,050	(8,103)

2. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bonds	73,506	89,902	66,026	57,941
Collective investment schemes	146	3,640	58	1,268
Corporate actions	170	-	914	-
Total trades in the year	73,822	93,542	66,998	59,209

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.37% (2018: 0.72%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Taxable offshore distributions	144	88
Interest on debt securities	7,293	5,916
Bank interest	12	14
Stocklending income	4	12
Total revenue	7,453	6,030

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	381	470
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	170	153
Total expenses	551	623

5 Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	2	-
Total interest payable & similar charges	2	-

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	19	11
Total current tax	19	11
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	6,900	5,407
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	1,380	1,081
Effects of:		
Overseas taxes	19	11
Distributions treated as tax deductible	(1,380)	(1,081)
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	19	11

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

(c) Factors that may affect future tax charge

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of Nil (2018: Nil).

7. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
First Interim	567	461
Second Interim	485	377
Third Interim	619	451
Fourth Interim	562	547
Fifth Interim	712	282
Sixth Interim	754	604
Seventh Interim	572	391
Eighth Interim	796	447
Ninth Interim	803	621
Tenth Interim	666	570
Eleventh Interim	645	548
Final	718	634
	7,899	5,933
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	59	51
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(85)	(118)
Net distribution for the year	7,873	5,866
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	6,881	5,396
Capitalised fees	382	470
Shortfall transfer from capital to revenue	610	-
Total distributions	7,873	5,866

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	155	171
Sales awaiting settlement	215	1,256
Accrued revenue	1,804	1,596
Total debtors	2,174	3,023

9. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	53	20
Purchases awaiting settlement	580	1,681
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	54	46
Capital gains tax payable	74	-
Total creditors	761	1,747

10. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £2,114,000 (2018: £5,066,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £2,444,000 (2018: £6,220,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Barclays	-	1,137
BNP Paribas	-	552
Goldman Sachs International	2,114	-
Nomura	-	3,377
Total securities on loan	2,114	5,066

Collateral Held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Government Bond	2,444	6,220
Total collateral held	2,444	6,220

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £5,000 (2018: £14,000) and £1,000 (2018: £2,000).

11. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 9.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 9.

12. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	1,605,413	32,123	(358,012)	(42,119)	1,237,405
A Income shares	1,542,961	919,380	(219,107)	(46,342)	2,196,892
I Accumulation shares	32,555,263	3,522,921	(9,277,820)	48,703	26,849,067
I Income shares	8,700,773	18,752,289	(3,024,772)	49,683	24,926,973
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	45,002,909	585,820	(1,074,343)	-	44,514,386

13. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Bonds	-	122,719	-	-	106,728	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	3,761	-	-	-	-
Derivatives	-	136	-	-	-	-
Total investment assets	-	126,616	-	-	106,728	-
Derivatives	-	(2,767)	-	-	(715)	-
Total investment liabilities	-	(2,767)	-	-	(715)	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3: Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

14. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market Price Risk

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Manager using VaR analysis. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VaR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

The table below indicated the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 5 day loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99 percent confidence level.

Calculated on this basis, the table indicates that the net value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities could be expected to change by more than the stated amount on only two days out of 200, in response to either price, interest rate, inflation or foreign currency exchange rate changes.

The VaR measures of the Fund are detailed below.

	2019	2018
Minimum VaR	1.57%	1.88%
Maximum VaR	2.03%	2.36%
Average VaR	1.79%	2.17%

VaR table

	FX risk	Interest rate risk	Inflation risk	Contribution from credit risk	Overall VaR
31 July 2019	0.07%	1.09%	-	0.41%	1.57%
31 July 2018	0.17%	1.35%	-	0.48%	1.99%

(b) Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk*

At the year end the Fund held derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management or to meet the Fund's investment objectives. These types of transaction can introduce market exposure greater than the market value of the instrument. These transactions exchange benefits with a third party at a future date creating both counterparty and concentration risk. The Investment Adviser's policies for managing these risks are outlined in the Fund's prospectus.

At the balance sheet date the Fund had the following exposures:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Market Exposure		
Forward Currency Contracts	127,387	114
Total Market Exposure	127,387	114

The total market exposure is the sum of the notional derivative contracts on a gross basis with no offsetting.

Counterparty Exposure

Derivative instruments involve an agreement to exchange a benefit at a future date. This introduces counterparty risk where an agreement is bilateral (between two parties) and concentration risk where a clearing broker operates on an exchange. Where the counterparty or clearing broker is not solvent the market exposure obtained would be lost.

At 31 July 2019 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Counterparty or clearer		
Barclays	(1,268)	(1,268)
BNP Paribas	47	47
Citigroup	(116)	(116)
HSBC	(2)	(2)
Morgan Stanley	83	83
StateStreet	(10)	(10)
UBS	(1,365)	(1,365)
Total	(2,631)	(2,631)

At 31 July 2018 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Counterparty or clearer		
BNP Paribas	(116)	(116)
Citigroup	(146)	(146)
Deutsche Bank	(103)	(103)
Goldman Sachs	(22)	(22)
HSBC	(51)	(51)
Merrill Lynch	(18)	(18)
Morgan Stanley	(13)	(13)
State Street	(104)	(104)
UBS	(28)	(28)
Total	(601)	(601)

* Following the change in administrators the methodology used for compiling this note has changed.

(c) **Credit risk**

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(d) **Liquidity risk**

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the month ended 31 August 2018**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 August 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6747	-	0.6747*	0.7403
Group 2	0.2536	0.4212	0.6747*	0.7403
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4604	-	0.4604**	0.5355
Group 2	0.0097	0.4507	0.4604**	0.5355
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5815	-	0.5815*	0.6335
Group 2	0.2440	0.3375	0.5815*	0.6335
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4278	-	0.4278**	0.4940
Group 2	0.1559	0.2719	0.4278**	0.4940
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7229	-	0.7229*	0.7812
Group 2	0.1522	0.5706	0.7229*	0.7812

* Distribution accumulated on 31 August 2018.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2018.

For the month ended 30 September 2018

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 September 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 September 2018 and 30 September 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6216	-	0.6216*	0.6016
Group 2	0.2734	0.3482	0.6216*	0.6016
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4219	-	0.4219**	0.4329
Group 2	0.2423	0.1796	0.4219**	0.4329
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5362	-	0.5362*	0.5150
Group 2	0.2714	0.2648	0.5362*	0.5150
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3923	-	0.3923**	0.3995
Group 2	0.1959	0.1964	0.3923**	0.3995
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6664	-	0.6664*	0.6355
Group 2	0.2185	0.4480	0.6664*	0.6355

* Distribution accumulated on 30 September 2018.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2018.

For the month ended 31 October 2018

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 October 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 October 2018 and 31 October 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7920	-	0.7920*	0.7214
Group 2	0.3954	0.3967	0.7920*	0.7214
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.5351	-	0.5351**	0.5169
Group 2	0.1051	0.4300	0.5351**	0.5169
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6833	-	0.6833*	0.6178
Group 2	0.4002	0.2832	0.6833*	0.6178
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4977	-	0.4977**	0.4772
Group 2	0.1759	0.3218	0.4977**	0.4772
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8505	-	0.8505*	0.7632
Group 2	0.5501	0.3003	0.8505*	0.7632

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2018.

** Distribution paid on 30 November 2018.

For the month ended 30 November 2018

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2018 and 30 November 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7177	-	0.7177*	0.6699
Group 2	0.4374	0.2803	0.7177*	0.6699
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4848	-	0.4848**	0.4775
Group 2	0.1961	0.2887	0.4848**	0.4775
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6199	-	0.6199*	0.5740
Group 2	0.3094	0.3105	0.6199*	0.5740
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4489	-	0.4489**	0.4411
Group 2	0.2585	0.1904	0.4489**	0.4411
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.1140	-	0.1140*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.1140	-	0.1140**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7723	-	0.7723*	0.7116
Group 2	0.4793	0.2930	0.7723*	0.7116

* Distribution accumulated on 30 November 2018.

** Distribution paid on 31 December 2018.

^A Shares created prior to the initial launch of the share class on 26 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 26 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the month ended 31 December 2018

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 December 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 December 2018 and 31 December 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8796	-	0.8796*	0.3450
Group 2	0.6277	0.2519	0.8796*	0.3450
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.5876	-	0.5876**	0.2447
Group 2	0.3108	0.2768	0.5876**	0.2447
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7598	-	0.7598*	0.2957
Group 2	0.3385	0.4213	0.7598*	0.2957
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.5476	-	0.5476**	0.2261
Group 2	0.0903	0.4573	0.5476**	0.2261
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6365	-	0.6365*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.6365	-	0.6365**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9470	-	0.9470*	0.3657
Group 2	0.6385	0.3085	0.9470*	0.3657

* Distribution accumulated on 31 December 2018.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2019.

For the month ended 31 January 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 January 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 January 2019 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8632	-	0.8632*	0.7413
Group 2	0.1670	0.6962	0.8632*	0.7413
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.5724	-	0.5724**	0.5245
Group 2	0.3826	0.1898	0.5724**	0.5245
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7457	-	0.7457*	0.6357
Group 2	0.2515	0.4942	0.7457*	0.6357
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.5333	-	0.5333**	0.4850
Group 2	0.2428	0.2905	0.5333**	0.4850
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6365	-	0.6365*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.6365	-	0.6365**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9299	-	0.9299*	0.7870
Group 2	0.0925	0.8374	0.9299*	0.7870

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 28 February 2019.

For the month ended 28 February 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 28 February 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6537	-	0.6537*	0.5334
Group 2	0.2586	0.3951	0.6537*	0.5334
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4309	-	0.4309**	0.3754
Group 2	0.0798	0.3511	0.4309**	0.3754
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5650	-	0.5650*	0.4583
Group 2	0.2670	0.2980	0.5650*	0.4583
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4014	-	0.4014**	0.3478
Group 2	0.1262	0.2752	0.4014**	0.3478
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4845	-	0.4845*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.4845	-	0.4845**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7051	-	0.7051*	0.5663
Group 2	0.4246	0.2805	0.7051*	0.5663

* Distribution accumulated on 28 February 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 March 2019.

For the month ended 31 March 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 March 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 March 2019 and 31 March 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9057	-	0.9057*	0.5926
Group 2	0.7689	0.1368	0.9057*	0.5926
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.5938	-	0.5938**	0.4155
Group 2	0.3200	0.2738	0.5938**	0.4155
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7832	-	0.7832*	0.5091
Group 2	0.5145	0.2687	0.7832*	0.5091
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.5537	-	0.5537**	0.3849
Group 2	0.2726	0.2811	0.5537**	0.3849
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7125	-	0.7125*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.6935	-	0.6935**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9778	-	0.9778*	0.6308
Group 2	0.3955	0.5823	0.9778*	0.6308

* Distribution accumulated on 31 March 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

For the month ended 30 April 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 April 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 April 2019 and 30 April 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9023	-	0.9023*	0.8219
Group 2	0.2726	0.6297	0.9023*	0.8219
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.5877	-	0.5877**	0.5738
Group 2	0.1665	0.4212	0.5877**	0.5738
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7804	-	0.7804*	0.7064
Group 2	0.1681	0.6123	0.7804*	0.7064
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.5481	-	0.5481**	0.5317
Group 2	0.2497	0.2984	0.5481**	0.5317
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6935	-	0.6935*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.6840	-	0.6840**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9751	-	0.9751*	0.8759
Group 2	0.7044	0.2707	0.9751*	0.8759

* Distribution accumulated on 30 April 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 May 2019.

For the month ended 31 May 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 May 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 May 2019 and 31 May 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7465	-	0.7465*	0.7534
Group 2	0.4516	0.2949	0.7465*	0.7534
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4831	-	0.4831**	0.5228
Group 2	0.3226	0.1605	0.4831**	0.5228
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6460	-	0.6460*	0.6478
Group 2	0.2748	0.3712	0.6460*	0.6478
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4507	-	0.4507**	0.4847
Group 2	0.1957	0.2550	0.4507**	0.4847
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5605	-	0.5605*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.5605	-	0.5605**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8076	-	0.8076*	0.8038
Group 2	0.4957	0.3119	0.8076*	0.8038

* Distribution accumulated on 31 May 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 June 2019.

For the month ended 30 June 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 June 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 June 2019 and 30 June 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7282	-	0.7282*	0.7141
Group 2	0.2497	0.4785	0.7282*	0.7141
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4685	-	0.4685**	0.4927
Group 2	0.2953	0.1732	0.4685**	0.4927
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6304	-	0.6304*	0.6144
Group 2	0.2636	0.3668	0.6304*	0.6144
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4373	-	0.4373**	0.4570
Group 2	0.2314	0.2059	0.4373**	0.4570
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5320	-	0.5320*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.5225	-	0.5225**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7874	-	0.7874*	0.7629
Group 2	0.4414	0.3460	0.7874*	0.7629

* Distribution accumulated on 30 June 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 July 2019.

For the month ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 July 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 July 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8061	-	0.8061*	0.7512
Group 2	0.5518	0.2543	0.8061*	0.7512
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.5160	-	0.5160**	0.5155
Group 2	0.2040	0.3120	0.5160**	0.5155
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6980	-	0.6980*	0.6468
Group 2	0.3236	0.3744	0.6980*	0.6468
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4818	-	0.4818**	0.4785
Group 2	0.2185	0.2633	0.4818**	0.4785
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6000	-	0.6000*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.6200	-	0.6200**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8737	-	0.8737*	0.8034
Group 2	0.3801	0.4936	0.8737*	0.8034

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 August 2019.

ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide long term capital growth from direct or indirect investment in emerging stock markets worldwide or companies with significant activities in emerging markets.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 12.39% compared to an increase of 5.20% in the benchmark, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

Emerging markets posted gains in the year under review. The key themes that drove sentiment over the period were the undulating nature of the US-China trade negotiations and the tide of monetary policy measures among major global central banks, led predominantly by the US Federal Reserve (Fed). Key elections also influenced investors in markets such as Brazil, Mexico, Thailand, India and Indonesia.

Hopes that a resolution to the trade dispute between Washington and Beijing would occur by early 2019, gave way to heightened anxiety of an inevitable global economic slowdown due to the extended nature of the soured relations between the worlds' two largest trading partners. Following an abrupt turnaround at the start of 2019 towards a more dovish monetary tone, the Fed's first rate cut in over a decade in July disappointed investors, who were hoping for a larger than 25 basis point cut in light of economic growth downgrades across the board. Several Asian central banks also cut rates, but the European Central Bank maintained its, pledging instead to increase other forms of stimulus.

Portfolio review

The Fund outperformed its benchmark, thanks to both positive asset allocation and good stock selection.

Our favourable choice of holdings in China was a key contributor to returns, with the Aberdeen SICAV I – China A-Shares Fund proving its resilience in the highly volatile climate. Several of the core underlying holdings in the Fund are domestically focused and have therefore been relatively sheltered from the negative impacts of trade tariffs. The country's large domestic consumer base was

further supported by Beijing's easing of lending conditions and tax reductions to support consumption and the private sector. China Resources Land also contributed as it rose on robust results and expectations that Beijing's stimulus would boost the property sector. Some mainland holdings, however, were hit by weakened global sentiment and the challenging macro-economic backdrop. Internet giant Baidu, was one such example and not-holding this company benefitted the Fund. Baidu suffered setbacks when its shares retreated in tandem with the technology sell-off and downgraded its forecasts due to tightening regulations and intensifying competition. Having said that, our mainland holdings 58.com and Autohome cost the Fund, due to fears of a slowdown in growth and consumer spending.

The holdings in India also added to returns, as the market appeared better insulated from global trade worries and the landslide victory of the BJP party boosted investor confidence. Our holdings Kotak Mahindra Bank and Housing Development Finance Corporation recovered from earlier weaknesses arising from concerns over India's liquidity crunch and higher credit risk weighing on the non-banking financial sector. These, as well as Tata Consultancy Services rose on the back of upbeat results and boosted performance.

The overweight to Brazil helped the Fund as several holdings were propelled by the positive market sentiment driven by the election of President Bolsonaro and the progress of his aggressive pension reform bill. Among the gainers were Lojas Renner, Multiplan and BRF. However, in the same vein, our initial underweight to Petrobras and our lack of exposure to Itau Unibanco cost the Fund. We initiated Petrobras in March, and have steadily increased our exposure to the state-owned oil company based on our improving confidence in its deleveraging process and higher forecast for operating-expense optimisation.

Looking at performance in terms of sectors, financials contributed the most to performance, responding well to the easing policy climate since the beginning of 2019. Despite the rhetoric on lower interest rates tempering expectations for banks' net-interest margin growth, both Brazil's Banco Bradesco and Indonesia's Bank Central Asia rose. Financial group Ping An Insurance was also a top performer, thanks to impressive results, as it continued to re-rate on the back of increased market share in the relatively nascent Chinese insurance market, helped by its tech leadership. Hong-Kong exchange-listed insurer AIA Group also contributed as its shares rose following its upbeat results for its 2018 fiscal year and positive earnings forecast for 2019. Bucking the trend here though, was Mexican bank Banorte, which detracted as unorthodox monetary and economic policies from the AMLO government hurt its shares.

Also hampering returns were South African retail holdings Massmart and Truworths, as they continued to lag amid ongoing tepid consumer sentiment in the local market. We have since exited Truworths given its deteriorating prospects. Not holding Russian state-owned oil company, Gazprom, also hurt relative performance after it proposed raising its dividend by nearly 60%.

In addition to the portfolio activity mentioned in the interim review, we initiated Moscow-based Sberbank, a compelling business with attractive valuations, and with the prospect of increased profitability, as it gradually shifts towards retail banking. We also introduced Bank Rakyat Indonesia as its mix evolves towards higher-yielding micro loans, which should improve returns. Other names that were introduced included Novatek, a producer and distributor of natural gas, which we believe will benefit from solid earnings and cash flow, and Sands China, a high quality operator with significant growth and dividend potential

Against this, we exited Gedeon Richter, given its lacklustre results and earnings forecast, we sold Ultrapar, due to intensifying competitive pressure on its fuel retailer Ipiranga, and divested Aditya Birla Capital on low conviction and concerns over potential capital raising. We also exited Bank Pekao on increased regulatory risk overhang and uninspiring market outlook and divested Naver in the absence of a turnaround and due to weak results.

Outlook

We are cautiously optimistic about the outlook for emerging market equities in light of the easing monetary policy stance among global central banks. With the persisting trade war between the US and China continuing to fuel concerns over a global economic recession, expectations are that central banks will offer further stimulus to boost economic activity.

In addition, China's shift from deleveraging to consumption-led stimulus should cushion global growth. Since most of our portfolio's Chinese holdings are biased towards domestic demand, we remain cautiously optimistic on this front. We are also positive about our Southeast Asian holdings. Some of these economies have benefited as companies shift their supply chains and production bases from China because of the trade spat. In Latin America, while Brazil's progress on pension reforms and declining interest rates is encouraging, investors remain cautious as Mexico faces bleaker prospects amid slowing economic activity and deteriorating sentiment.

Against this backdrop, corporate earnings should rise, albeit modestly. The asset class remains attractively-priced relative to both its historical average and developed peers. The large and growing middle classes in these emerging markets will propel demand for consumer and financial services, infrastructure and new technologies, where the portfolio is well positioned. Beyond the near-term volatility, our commitment to focus on quality companies with healthy fundamentals and experienced management should yield sustainable returns for investors in the longer term.

Global Emerging Markets Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including without limitation greater price volatility, less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/ controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The Fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	692.53	725.38	623.10
Return before operating charges*	91.03	(18.57)	115.76
Operating charges	(12.17)	(14.28)	(13.48)
Return after operating charges*	78.86	(32.85)	102.28
Distributions	(1.87)	(1.00)	(2.28)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.87	1.00	2.28
Closing net asset value per share	771.39	692.53	725.38
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.53	0.30	0.28
Performance			
Return after charges	11.39%	(4.53%)	16.41%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	351,921	402,727	515,045
Closing number of shares	45,621,938	58,152,690	71,003,778
Operating charges	1.77%	1.98%	2.00%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.04%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	784.0	769.5	738.6
Lowest share price	610.4	655.9	608.5

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

G Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	102.66	106.71	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	13.56	(2.74)	7.73
Operating charges	(1.25)	(1.31)	(1.02)
Return after operating charges*	12.31	(4.05)	6.71
Distributions	(0.88)	(0.99)	(0.91)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.88	0.99	0.91
Closing net asset value per share	114.97	102.66	106.71
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.08	0.04	0.04
Performance			
Return after charges	11.99%	(3.80%)	6.71%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	39,365	53,387	63,116
Closing number of shares	34,240,189	52,004,873	59,148,373
Operating charges	1.21%	1.23%	1.25%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.04%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	116.9	113.6	108.6
Lowest share price	90.61	97.18	89.08

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^A G Accumulation share class was launched on 7 October 2016.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	762.79	792.99	676.09
Return before operating charges*	100.74	(20.45)	126.11
Operating charges	(9.24)	(9.75)	(9.21)
Return after operating charges*	91.50	(30.20)	116.90
Distributions	(6.56)	(7.34)	(8.15)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	6.56	7.34	8.15
Closing net asset value per share	854.29	762.79	792.99
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.59	0.33	0.31
Performance			
Return after charges	12.00%	(3.81%)	17.29%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	603,265	640,258	1,095,471
Closing number of shares	70,615,581	83,936,171	138,144,500
Operating charges	1.21%	1.23%	1.25%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.04%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	868.3	844.4	807.3
Lowest share price	673.3	722.1	662.0

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	720.30	756.11	651.36
Return before operating charges*	95.37	(19.48)	121.44
Operating charges	(8.78)	(9.33)	(8.84)
Return after operating charges*	86.59	(28.81)	112.60
Distributions	(5.76)	(7.00)	(7.85)
Closing net asset value per share	801.13	720.30	756.11
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.56	0.32	0.29
Performance			
Return after charges	12.02%	(3.81%)	17.29%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,535	1,507	6,799
Closing number of shares	316,401	209,266	899,227
Operating charges	1.21%	1.23%	1.25%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.04%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	820.0	805.1	777.7
Lowest share price	635.8	688.5	637.8

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	19.84
Operating charges	(0.93)
Return after operating charges*	18.91
Distributions	(1.36)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.36
Closing net asset value per share	118.91
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.06
Performance	
Return after charges	18.91%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	1.26%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%
Prices	
Highest share price	120.9
Lowest share price	100.3

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^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 26 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	19.84
Operating charges	(0.93)
Return after operating charges*	18.91
Distributions	(1.36)
Closing net asset value per share	117.55
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.06
Performance	
Return after charges	18.91%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	1.26%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%
Prices	
Highest share price	120.9
Lowest share price	100.3

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^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	851.25	876.13	739.54
Return before operating charges*	113.15	(22.86)	138.61
Operating charges	(1.83)	(2.02)	(2.02)
Return after operating charges*	111.32	(24.88)	136.59
Distributions	(15.74)	(16.96)	(17.06)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	15.74	16.96	17.06
Closing net asset value per share	962.57	851.25	876.13
*after direct transaction costs of:	0.66	0.37	0.34
Performance			
Return after charges	13.08%	(2.84%)	18.47%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	111,504	99,574	99,260
Closing number of shares	11,584,046	11,697,384	11,329,384
Operating charges	0.21%	0.23%	0.25%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.04%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	978.2	937.5	891.7
Lowest share price	752.8	805.2	726.7

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Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (91.22%)		1,008,895	91.01
Europe, Middle East & Africa Equities (10.32%)		105,102	9.48
Hungary (0.67%)		-	-
Luxembourg (0.00%)		10,924	0.98
535,700	Tenaris	10,924	0.98
Poland (1.00%)		-	-
Russia (3.04%)		35,766	3.23
219,121	LUKOIL	14,732	1.33
536,700	Novatek	9,148	0.83
3,951,014	Sberbank of Russia	11,886	1.07
South Africa (3.86%)		46,800	4.22
755,978	Massmart	2,218	0.20
2,010,800	MTN*	13,054	1.18
156,006	Naspers	31,528	2.84
Turkey (1.06%)		11,612	1.05
1,687,572	BIM Birlesik Magazalar	11,612	1.05
UK (0.69%)		-	-
Latin American Equities (20.71%)		190,103	17.15
Brazil (11.16%)		131,856	11.90
4,093,900	AmBev	17,870	1.61
5,119,952	Banco Bradesco ADR	37,758	3.41
1,314,700	BRF	9,506	0.86
1,625,600	Lojas Renner	16,725	1.51
1,968,800	Multipan	12,089	1.09
2,232,700	Petrol Brasileiros Preference	12,639	1.14
2,383,700	Vale ADR	25,269	2.28

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Chile (1.94%)		10,118	0.91
427,632	Banco Santander (Chile)	10,118	0.91
Mexico (5.50%)		48,129	4.34
279,000	Fomento Economico Mexicano SAB de	20,667	1.86
901,210	Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste	11,244	1.02
3,931,823	Grupo Financiero Banorte	16,218	1.46
United States (2.11%)		-	-
Pacific Basin Equities (60.19%)		713,690	64.38
China (11.34%)		182,012	16.42
226,900	58.com	10,442	0.94
232,791	Autohome	16,160	1.46
481,288	Huazhu Group	12,873	1.16
4,765,500	Ping An Insurance	46,388	4.18
810,400	Sunny Optical Technology	7,813	0.71
1,840,600	Tencent	70,706	6.38
1,075,000	Wuxi Biologics	9,460	0.85
219,918	Yum China	8,170	0.74
Hong Kong (7.86%)		95,484	8.61
3,857,000	AIA	32,514	2.93
1,946,000	China Mobile	13,552	1.22
6,224,000	China Resources Land	21,851	1.97
4,628,000	Hang Lung Group	9,705	0.88
645,556	Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing	17,862	1.61
India (14.06%)		161,377	14.56
391,420	Grasim Industries	3,644	0.33
184,191	Hero MotoCorp	5,129	0.46
665,534	Hindustan Unilever	13,592	1.23
1,817,387	Housing Development Finance	45,774	4.13
6,536,087	ITC	20,999	1.90
1,318,393	Kotak Mahindra Bank	23,744	2.14

	Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	699,200	SBI Life Insurance	6,583	0.59
	857,660	Tata Consultancy Services	22,403	2.02
	379,473	UltraTech Cement	19,509	1.76
Indonesia (4.71%)			63,792	5.75
	50,366,400	Astra	20,541	1.85
	12,460,100	Bank Central Asia	22,469	2.03
	34,327,900	Bank Rakyat Indonesia	8,940	0.80
	9,053,500	Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa	11,842	1.07
Macau (0.00%)			11,887	1.07
	2,990,400	Sands China	11,887	1.07
Malaysia (1.48%)			5,396	0.49
	1,248,358	Public Bank	5,396	0.49
Philippines (3.83%)			31,991	2.89
	25,727,300	Ayala Land	20,562	1.86
	7,912,855	Bank of the Philippine Islands	11,429	1.03
South Korea (9.38%)			75,343	6.80
	26,960	AmorePacific (Pref)	1,448	0.13
	70,828	LG Chemical	16,501	1.49
	2,247,100	Samsung Electronics (Pref)	57,394	5.18
Taiwan (4.99%)			61,253	5.52
	9,004,718	Taiwan Semiconductors Manufacturing	61,253	5.52
Thailand (2.54%)			25,155	2.27
	1,537,100	Siam Cement	17,715	1.60
	2,045,100	Siam Commercial Bank (Alien)	7,440	0.67

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Collective Investment Schemes (8.59%)		94,978	8.57
6,140,241	Aberdeen Global-China A Share Equity Fund ⁺	82,373	7.43
12,605	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund ⁺	12,605	1.14
Total investment assets		1,103,873	99.58
Net other assets		4,717	0.42
Total Net Assets		1,108,590	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

⁺ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

* A portion of this security is on loan at year end.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains/(losses)	1	108,948	(77,413)
Revenue	3	24,369	37,278
Expenses	4	(13,945)	(22,072)
Interest payable and similar charges		(2)	-
Net revenue before taxation		10,422	15,206
Taxation	5	(2,539)	(3,822)
Net revenue after taxation		7,833	11,384
Total return before distributions		116,831	(66,029)
Distributions	6	(7,884)	(11,400)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		108,947	(77,429)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	1,197,453	1,779,691
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	22,637	8,537
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(228,085)	(524,089)
	(205,448)	(515,552)
Dilution adjustment	24	778
Capacity Management Charge*	-	719
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	108,947	(77,429)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	7,614	9,246
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	1,108,590	1,197,453

* The Capacity management charge is included in the Amounts receivable on the issue of shares in the current year.

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		1,103,873	1,195,173
Current assets:			
Debtors*	7	2,348	3,012
Cash and bank balances*		8,331	7,423
		10,679	10,435
Total assets		1,114,552	1,205,608
Liabilities:			
Creditors*	8	(5,944)	(8,140)
Distribution payable		(18)	(15)
		(5,962)	(8,155)
Total liabilities		(5,962)	(8,155)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		1,108,590	1,197,453

* Includes a prior year amount which has been reclassified

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	108,620	(76,424)
Other gains/(losses)	328	(993)
Class actions	-	4
Net capital gains/(losses)	108,948	(77,413)

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	157,322	265,337	338,121	729,709
Collective investment schemes	108,698	270,349	131,346	321,948
Corporate actions	132	-	6	-
Trades in the year before transaction costs	266,152	535,686	469,473	1,051,657
Commissions				
Equities	148	140	(327)	(676)
Total commissions	148	140	(327)	(676)
Taxes				
Equities	86	191	(269)	(438)
Total taxes	86	191	(269)	(438)
Total transaction costs	234	331	(596)	(1,114)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	266,386	536,017	468,877	1,050,543

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.09	0.06	0.10	0.09
Taxes				
Equities	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.06

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction cost expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.05	0.06
Equities	0.03	0.04

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.13% (2018: 0.16%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK dividends	56	351
Overseas dividends	22,776	34,839
Stock dividends	-	522
Franked dividend distributions	1,456	1,474
Taxable distributions on offshore funds	51	47
Interest on debt securities	12	-
Bank interest	3	13
Stocklending income	15	32
Total revenue	24,369	37,278

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	11,788	18,529
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	2,157	3,543
Total expenses	13,945	22,072

5. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	2,539	3,822
Total current tax	2,539	3,822
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is the greater than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	10,422	15,206
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	2,085	3,041
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(4,090)	(6,335)
Overseas taxes	2,539	3,822
Overseas tax expensed	(98)	(177)
Excess allowable expenses	2,103	3,471
Total tax charge for year (note 5a)	2,539	3,822

(c) **Factors that may affect future tax charge**

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £45,930,000 (2018: £43,821,000) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

6. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Distribution	7,632	9,261
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	304	2,209
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(52)	(70)
Net distribution for the year	7,884	11,400
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	7,883	11,384
Capitalised fees	1	-
Movement between share classes due to conversions	-	16
Total distributions	7,884	11,400

7. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	3	151
Tax recoverable	23	22
Sales awaiting settlement	598	865
Accrued revenue	1,297	788
Foreign withholding tax recoverable	427	455
Other debtor	-	731
Total debtors	2,348	3,012

8. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	1,501	2,579
Purchases awaiting settlement	-	2,590
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	967	1,372
Capital gains tax payable	3,476	1,599
Total creditors	5,944	8,140

9. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £12,812,000 (2018: £28,859,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £13,845,000 (2018: £32,106,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
BNP Paribas	-	9,972
Citigroup	12,812	-
Deutsche Bank	-	3,768
JPM Chase	-	10,204
NATIXIS	-	4,915
Total securities on loan	12,812	28,859

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	13,845	31,158
Government Bond	-	948
Total collateral held	13,845	32,106

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £19,000 (2018: £40,000) and £4,000 (2018: £8,000).

10. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 7 and 8.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 8.

11. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	58,152,690	33,221	(10,023,851)	(2,540,122)	45,621,938
G Accumulation shares	52,004,873	-	(17,764,684)	-	34,240,189
I Accumulation shares	83,936,171	55,222	(15,670,162)	2,294,350	70,615,581
I Income shares	209,266	160,654	(55,618)	2,099	316,401
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	11,697,384	347,082	(460,420)	-	11,584,046

12. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	1,008,895	-	-	1,092,291	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	94,978	-	-	102,882	-
Total investment assets	1,008,895	94,978	-	1,092,291	102,882	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

13. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £55,194,000 (2018: £59,759,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £54,529,000 (2018: £58,909,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Currency exposure

An increase or decrease in a particular foreign currency exchange rate will have a proportionate affect on the value of the Fund.

The net foreign currency exposure comprises:

	Net foreign currency assets	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Brazilian Real	68,947	67,671
Chilean Peso	-	11,380
Euro	-	44
Hong Kong Dollar	241,737	218,986
Hungarian Forint	-	8,003
Indian Rupee	158,414	168,775
Indonesian Rupiah	63,792	56,342
Malaysian Ringgit	5,903	17,737
Mexican Peso	27,462	40,327
Philippines Peso	31,991	45,881
Polish Zloty	179	12,141
Russian Ruble	21,034	11,657
South Africa Rand	46,800	46,329
South Korean Won	75,810	112,816
Taiwan Dollar	61,502	60,017
Thai Baht	25,361	30,466
Turkish Lira	11,612	12,644
US Dollar	250,022	256,964

(c) Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(d) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) Financial Derivative Instrument Risk

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018: nil).

(f) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the year ended 31 July 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.8748	-	1.8748*	1.0024
Group 2	1.6252	0.2496	1.8748*	1.0024
G Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8810	-	0.8810*	0.9893
Group 2	-	-	-	0.9893
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	6.5613	-	6.5613*	7.3448
Group 2	5.0521	1.5092	6.5613*	7.3448
I Income shares				
Group 1	5.7564	-	5.7564**	7.0030
Group 2	5.1571	0.5993	5.7564**	7.0030
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	1.3600	-	1.3600*	-
Group 2 ^B	1.3498	0.0102	1.3600*	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	1.3600	-	1.3600**	-
Group 2 ^B	1.3498	0.0102	1.3600**	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	15.7403	-	15.7403*	16.9627
Group 2	12.4384	3.3019	15.7403*	16.9627

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 September 2019.

^A Share created prior to the initial seeding of the shareclass on 26 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 26 November 2018 and 31 July 2019.**Equalisation**

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%

ASI Euro Corporate Bond Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective & policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in Investment grade corporate Debt and debt-related securities denominated in (or hedged back to) Euros.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Investment grade and sub-Investment grade Debt and debt-related securities denominated in any currency, including those issued by governments, public bodies and supra-national issuers, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Euro Corporate Bond - A Accumulation Shares increased by 8.46 % compared to an increase of 8.08% in the benchmark, the iBoxx Euro Corporates Tracker Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

After suffering volatility and weakness in previous months, corporate bond markets were materially calmer over the summer of 2019. Spreads tightened modestly in both investment grade and high yield markets, supported by fundamental data and lower-than-expected levels of new issuance. Government bond yields were on a rising trend led by US Treasuries as higher inflation and tighter monetary policy were priced in. Developed markets significantly outperformed emerging markets which were particularly affected by weakness in Turkey and Argentina.

The final three months of 2018 were challenging for risk assets globally. Stocks and commodities fell and credit spreads widened as a deteriorating global economic outlook was priced into the market. Trade tensions between the US and China, together with a combination of well-publicised concerns relating to Italy, Argentina and Turkey weighed on sentiment. So, too, did worries over the UK's exit from the European Union. As we moved into the new year, corporate bond markets were more stable, recovering significantly from the weakness of late 2018. Rhetoric around trade tensions was calmer. The US Federal Reserve (Fed) adopted a much more dovish tone, appearing to have paused its interest rate-hiking cycle for the time being at least. Although headline data remains soft in many developed market economies the impression that central banks are likely to continue to influence has provided material support. The technical backdrop also improved, as new bond supply failed to meet expectations. Lower quality credit, which had underperformed in late 2018, recovered in this environment.

The European investment grade (IG) corporate bond market rallied in January. This was sustained through to April, with credit spreads continuing to tighten. A key driver of the rally was the market's growing expectation for a more dovish stance by the Fed. Meanwhile, the European Central Bank (ECB), faced with lacklustre regional economic data, was the subject of speculation on how it might seek to dial back its monetary normalisation efforts. In March, the ECB downgraded its growth and inflation forecasts, and pushed back the likely date for interest rate rises to 2020 at the earliest. The ECB also launched a new round of cheap funding for banks in the form of targeted long-term refinancing operations (TLTROs). This helped push bund yields sharply lower and into negative territory.

The four-month rally in the European IG corporate bond market came to a temporary halt in May with a widening of corporate bond spreads. Risk assets were negatively affected by a re-escalation of US/China trade tensions following an apparent breakdown in negotiations. However, corporate bonds resumed their upward trajectory in June, with credit spreads tightening and bund yields falling more deeply into negative territory. Once more, the IG rally was driven largely by expectations of increasing dovishness from leading global central banks amid continuing disappointing European economic data and trade worries. At its 25 July meeting, the ECB essentially confirmed that it was moving towards policy easing, by cutting interest rates and restarting asset purchases. The Fed reduced interest rates by 25bp on 31 July, the first such move in a decade. It also signalled the potential for more rate cuts to come and announced the halting of its balance sheet reduction activity two months earlier than planned.

Portfolio review

Early on in the review period, the Fund's off-benchmark holdings in German bunds were a source of outperformance. In contrast, two of our insurance sector holdings, NN Group and AXA, detracted. Favourable security selection led to outperformance in September. Lower-rated and longer-dated bonds performed best, notably the 2037 bonds of Vodafone and subordinated bonds of Telefonica. On the negative side, Danske Bank bonds came under pressure as the Danish state prosecutor opened a probe into alleged money laundering by its Estonian unit.

Our off-benchmark high-yield exposure – specifically Telecom Italia – detracted from returns in October, affected by negative sentiment towards Italian issuers in general. As Italian assets recovered in December, reflecting a stabilisation in the political situation, these losses were largely recouped. Our exposure to Mexican state-owned oil producer Petroleos Mexicanos hampered returns after the very sharp pull back in oil prices in November. More positively, the Fund's zero exposure to General Electric – one of the largest constituents of the benchmark index – boosted relative returns after the company suffered credit rating downgrades. Moving into 2019, a recovery in investment sentiment was beneficial for our holdings in NN Group and AXA, and for the Fund's corporate hybrid exposures including Orsted and EDF.

Good stock selection drove performance in February. In March, an overweight position in banks detracted from performance as the sector struggled with profitability in a low interest rate environment. In terms of individual securities, the Fund's overweight exposure to JP Morgan was negative amid increased concerns about the US economic outlook. Stock selection in April was beneficial, particularly higher beta positions. In contrast to March, an overweight to UK bank helped performance as an extension to the Brexit timeline spurred a further rally in UK risk assets. From May through to July, good stock selection bolstered returns. From a ratings perspective, the biggest positive contribution was from BBB rated credits, where the Fund was modestly overweight compared to the benchmark.

The Fund participated selectively in a number of new issues. These included Abbott Laboratories (US pharmaceuticals); Amadeus (Spanish tourism IT provider); Amphenol (US electronics); Siemens (German engineering); Medtronic (medical devices); Sika (Swiss speciality chemicals); and Fidelity National Information Services.

In the secondary market, purchases included Dutch banking group ING on valuation grounds; Infra Park (car parking specialist company with a global presence); and ATOS (French IT services company). As a result of improved Italian sentiment we reduced our underweight in Italy by adding Italian insurer Generali. After improved newsflow, we added some exposure to General Electric. Increased risks of a hard Brexit following the installation of Boris Johnson as Prime Minister caused us to reduce exposure to UK banks by selling the bonds of Lloyds and Barclays.

Outlook

Credit markets will remain torn between trade war and growth worries on the one hand and a more dovish ECB on the other. The negative yield environment in rates and the potential restart of the ECB asset purchase programme ('QE2') in autumn creates a strong technical that should provide a buffer in periods of higher political and economic uncertainty. Given that QE2 is now more or less expected, an additional surprise could be the size, duration and mix of the programme, which we expect to be announced during the ECB's meeting in September. More specifically, we think additional upside could come from a higher share of corporate bonds in QE2 as the ECB has already reached its self-imposed limits in government bonds. Furthermore, the market share of corporate bonds is relatively small so far and it would be less politically toxic to buy more of them. We feel this possibility is not adequately reflected in market pricing at present.

Euro IG and Aggregate Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 4 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The Fund invests in mortgage- and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The Fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The Fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	148.63	150.19	142.43
Return before operating charges*	12.77	0.84	9.97
Operating charges	(1.53)	(1.53)	(1.49)
Return after operating charges*	11.24	(0.69)	8.48
Distributions	(0.70)	(0.87)	(0.72)
Closing net asset value per share	159.17	148.63	150.19
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.56%	(0.46%)	5.95%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	30	66	82
Closing number of shares	18,882	44,673	54,373
Operating charges	1.01%	1.02%	1.03%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	160.8	157.3	152.3
Lowest share price	143.2	145.2	137.8

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	196.31	196.46	184.68
Return before operating charges*	16.95	1.06	13.05
Operating charges	(1.21)	(1.21)	(1.18)
Return after operating charges*	15.74	(0.15)	11.87
Distributions	(1.77)	(1.94)	(1.74)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.77	1.94	1.65
Closing net asset value per share	212.05	196.31	196.46
* after direct transaction costs of:	-		
Performance			
Return after charges	8.02%	(0.08%)	6.43%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	63	202	87
Closing number of shares	29,571	102,762	44,462
Operating charges	0.61%	0.62%	0.63%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	214.0	205.8	197.7
Lowest share price	190.1	191.0	179.1

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	147.97	149.56	141.82
Return before operating charges*	12.68	0.81	9.92
Operating charges	(0.90)	(0.92)	(0.91)
Return after operating charges*	11.78	(0.11)	9.01
Distributions	(1.34)	(1.48)	(1.27)
Closing net asset value per share	158.41	147.97	149.56
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.96%	(0.07%)	6.35%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	26,500	26,995	27,669
Closing number of shares	16,729,132	18,243,727	18,449,827
Operating charges	0.61%	0.62%	0.63%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	160.2	156.7	151.8
Lowest share price	142.6	144.6	137.3

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	10.54
Operating charges	(0.45)
Return after operating charges*	10.09
Distributions	(1.25)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.25
Closing net asset value per share	110.09
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	10.09%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.66%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	111.1
Lowest share price	98.40

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 27 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	10.51
Operating charges	(0.45)
Return after operating charges*	10.06
Distributions	(1.24)
Closing net asset value per share	108.82
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	10.06%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.66%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%
Prices	
Highest share price	110.3
Lowest share price	98.02

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

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^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (97.97%)		27,237	102.42
Euro Denominated Bonds (93.25%)		27,237	102.42
Corporate Bonds (93.25%)		27,084	101.84
less than 5 years to maturity			
133,000	Abbott Ireland Financing 0.875% 2023	126	0.47
100,000	Abbott Ireland Financing 2020	91	0.34
150,000	America Movil 1.5% 2024	144	0.54
100,000	Annington Funding 1.65% 2024	95	0.36
300,000	APT Pipelines 1.375% 2022	283	1.06
100,000	Aroundtown 2.125% 2023	98	0.37
150,000	AT&T 2.4% 2024	151	0.57
100,000	Atos 0.75% 2022	93	0.35
100,000	Autostrade 1.625% 2023	92	0.35
100,000	Banco Sabadell 1.75% 2024	93	0.35
200,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 0.75% 2023	188	0.71
100,000	BBVA 1.125% 2024	94	0.36
192,000	BP Capital Markets 1.117% 2024	183	0.69
100,000	BPCE 0.625% 2023	94	0.35
160,000	British American Tobacco 0.875% 2023	149	0.56
100,000	British American Tobacco 1% 2022	93	0.35
200,000	CaixaBank 0.75% 2023	187	0.70
100,000	CaixaBank 1.75% 2023	96	0.36
100,000	CEZ 0.875% 2022	93	0.35
152,000	China National Chemical 1.75% 2022	142	0.54
100,000	Citigroup 0.5% 2022	92	0.35
100,000	Citigroup 0.75% 2023	94	0.35
100,000	Cooperatieve Rabobank 0.625% 2024	93	0.35
100,000	CRH 1.875% 2024	99	0.37
100,000	CRH Finance Germany 1.75% 2021	94	0.35
225,000	Danske Bank 0.875% 2023	208	0.78
100,000	Danske Bank 1.375% 2022	94	0.35
200,000	Deutsche Bank 1.5% 2022	184	0.69
100,000	Deutsche Bank 1.875% 2022	93	0.35
100,000	Deutsche Bank 5% 2020	94	0.35
100,000	Essity 0.625% 2022	93	0.35
100,000	FCA Bank 1.25% 2022	94	0.35
126,000	FCA Bank Ireland 1% 2021	117	0.44
100,000	FCA Bank Ireland 1% 2022	93	0.35
100,000	Fidelity National Information Services 0.4% 2021	92	0.34
100,000	Fidelity National Information Services 0.75% 2023	94	0.35

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
100,000	Fiserv 0.375% 2023	92	0.35
50,000	Goldman Sachs 1.375% 2024	48	0.18
100,000	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (Singapore) 0.25% 2022	91	0.34
100,000	Informa 1.5% 2023	95	0.36
100,000	innogy Finance 3% 2024	104	0.39
150,000	JPMorgan Chase 0.625% 2024	140	0.53
150,000	JPMorgan Chase 2.75% 2023	150	0.56
300,000	KBC 0.75% 2022	279	1.05
100,000	Logicor Financing 0.5% 2021	92	0.34
109,000	Logicor Financing 0.75% 2024	99	0.37
100,000	LVMH 0.125% 2023	92	0.35
100,000	Medtronic Global 0.375% 2023	93	0.35
200,000	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial 0.98% 2023	189	0.71
100,000	Mondi Finance 1.5% 2024	97	0.37
144,000	Morgan Stanley 0.637% Fixed to Floating 2023	134	0.50
100,000	Morgan Stanley 1.75% 2024	98	0.37
100,000	MUFG Bank 0.875% 2022	93	0.35
100,000	NE Property 2.625% 2023	94	0.35
166,000	Nykredit Realkredit 0.5% 2022	153	0.58
100,000	Orange 0.5% 2022	92	0.35
100,000	Orange 1.125% 2024	96	0.36
100,000	PACCAR Financial Europe 0.125% 2022	92	0.34
150,000	RCI Banque 0.75% 2022	139	0.52
100,000	Renault 1% 2024	93	0.35
18,000	Sagax 2% 2024	17	0.06
25,000	Schaeffler 1.125% 2022	23	0.09
200,000	SELP Finance 1.25% 2023	190	0.72
265,000	SGSP Australia Assets 2% 2022	255	0.96
150,000	Sky 1.875% 2023	148	0.56
200,000	Societe Generale 0.25% 2022	184	0.69
211,000	Takeda Pharmaceutical 1.125% 2022	199	0.75
100,000	Teleperformance 1.5% 2024	95	0.36
100,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 0.375% 2020	89	0.35
129,000	TOTAL 1.75% Fixed to Floating 2024	122	0.46
100,000	Toyota Finance Australia 0.25% 2024	92	0.35
100,000	United Technologies 1.15% 2024	95	0.36
100,000	Veolia Environnement 0.892% 2024	95	0.36
100,000	Vesteda Finance 2.5% 2022	98	0.37
100,000	Volkswagen Bank 0.75% 2023	93	0.35
64,000	Volkswagen Leasing 0.5% 2022	59	0.22
175,000	Volkswagen Leasing 1.125% 2024	164	0.62

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
100,000	Abbott Ireland Financing 1.5% 2026	99	0.37
100,000	Abertis Infraestructuras 2.375% 2027	100	0.38
100,000	ABN Amro 2.875% 2028	99	0.37
100,000	ABN Amro FRN 2025	93	0.35
100,000	America Movil 0.75% 2027	93	0.35
100,000	Amphenol Technologies Holding 2% 2028	102	0.38
184,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 1.15% 2027	179	0.67
100,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 2% 2028	104	0.39
257,000	Apple 1.375% 2029	261	0.98
100,000	Atlantia 1.875% 2025	91	0.34
100,000	Atos 1.75% 2025	99	0.37
104,000	AusNet Services 1.5% 2027	102	0.38
200,000	Banco Sabadell 0.875% 2025	183	0.69
117,000	Bank of America 0.808% Fixed to Floating 2025	109	0.41
150,000	Bank of America FRN 2025	144	0.54
200,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 1.7875% 2029	194	0.73
219,000	Barclays 2% 2028	195	0.73
100,000	Bayer 1.5% 2026	96	0.36
150,000	BNP Paribas FRN 2027	147	0.55
115,000	BP Capital Markets 1.594% 2028	116	0.44
200,000	BP Capital Markets 1.953% 2025	201	0.76
100,000	BPCE 1% 2025	95	0.36
100,000	BPCE 2.75% 2026	96	0.36
100,000	BPCE 2.75% 2027	98	0.37
100,000	Brown-Forman 1.2% 2026	97	0.37
200,000	CaixaBank 2.75% 2028	192	0.72
159,000	Cheung Kong Infrastructure Finance 1% 2024	148	0.56
200,000	Citigroup FRN 2026	195	0.73
100,000	Cloverie 1.5% 2028	101	0.38
100,000	CNH Industrial Finance Europe 1.75% 2027	97	0.36
100,000	CNH Industrial Finance Europe 1.875% 2026	97	0.37
100,000	Coentreprise de Transport d'Electricite 0.875% 2024	95	0.36
100,000	Cooperatieve Rabobank 1.25% 2026	99	0.37
200,000	Credit Agricole 1.375% 2025	194	0.73
100,000	Credit Agricole 1.75% 2029	101	0.38
200,000	Credit Agricole 2% 2029	196	0.74
170,000	Credit Suisse FRN 2025	161	0.61
167,000	Deutsche Telekom 0.5% 2027	155	0.58
100,000	Digital Euro Finco 2.5% 2026	100	0.38
100,000	DP World 2.375% 2026	97	0.36
100,000	Emirates Telecom 2.75% 2026	103	0.39

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
152,000	Enel 1.966% 2025	153	0.56
130,000	ENI 1% 2025	125	0.47
200,000	Eurogrid 1.875% 2025	201	0.76
120,000	Experian Finance 1.375% 2026	116	0.44
100,000	Fiserv 1.125% 2027	95	0.36
200,000	GELF 1.125% 2029	185	0.69
100,000	GlaxoSmithKline 1.25% 2026	98	0.37
56,000	HeidelbergCement Finance Luxembourg 1.125% 2027	53	0.20
140,000	Hemso Fastighets 1% 2026	132	0.49
150,000	HSBC 1.5% Fixed to Floating 2023	144	0.54
100,000	Iberdrola 3.25% Fixed to Floating 2025	99	0.37
100,000	Iberdrola Finanzas 1% 2025	96	0.36
200,000	Indigo Group 1.625% 2028	195	0.74
200,000	JAB Holdings 1.75% 2026	195	0.73
343,000	JPMorgan Chase 1.09% Fixed to Floating 2026	327	1.23
200,000	La Banque Postale 2.75% 2026	190	0.71
123,000	Logicor Financing 1.625% 2027	114	0.43
100,000	Medtronic Global 0.25% 2025	92	0.35
100,000	Merck & Co 0.375% 2027	92	0.35
200,000	Nykredit Realkredit 2.75% 2027	193	0.73
100,000	Orange 2.375% Fixed to Floating 2025	95	0.36
100,000	Rabobank 2.5% 2026	95	0.36
100,000	RELX 1.375% 2026	98	0.37
131,000	Richemont International 1% 2026	127	0.48
100,000	Royal Bank of Scotland FRN 2026	93	0.35
200,000	RTE Réseau de Transport d'Electricite 1% 2026	194	0.73
100,000	Sanofi 1% 2026	98	0.37
122,000	Schlumberger 1% 2026	118	0.44
100,000	Schneider Electric 1.5% 2028	100	0.38
100,000	SEB FRN 2026	95	0.36
100,000	SELP Finance 1.5% 2025	96	0.36
100,000	Sika Capital 0.875% 2027	96	0.36
145,000	Sky 2.25% 2025	150	0.56
100,000	Societe Generale FRN 2028	93	0.35
100,000	Swisscom (Lunar Funding) 1.125% 2026	98	0.37
50,000	Symrise 1.25% 2025	48	0.18
100,000	Takeda Pharmaceutical 2.25% 2026	103	0.39
101,000	Telenor 0.75% 2026	96	0.36
100,000	Teleperformance 1.875% 2025	97	0.36
100,000	Terna Rete Elettrica Nazionale 0.125% 2025	91	0.34
100,000	Thermo Fisher Scientific 1.375% 2028	99	0.37
100,000	Thermo Fisher Scientific 1.4% 2026	98	0.37

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
104,000	Transurban Finance 1.75% 2028	103	0.39
335,000	UBS 1.5% 2024	323	1.21
250,000	UniCredit 1.625% Fixed to Floating 2024	233	0.87
100,000	UniCredit 5.75% 2025	96	0.36
100,000	Unitymedia 3.5% 2027	96	0.36
100,000	Unitymedia 6.25% 2029	91	0.34
100,000	Verizon Communications 0.875% 2027	94	0.36
150,000	Verizon Communications 3.25% 2026	164	0.62
100,000	Vesteda Finance 1.5% 2027	98	0.37
100,000	Vesteda Finance 2% 2026	100	0.38
100,000	Vier Gas Transport 1.5% 2028	101	0.38
100,000	Vinci 1.625% 2029	103	0.39
250,000	Volkswagen Leasing 1.375% 2025	237	0.89
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
100,000	Aeroports de Paris 1.125% 2034	96	0.36
100,000	APRR 1.5% 2030	101	0.38
100,000	Autoroutes du Sud de la France 1.375% 2031	100	0.37
100,000	Bayer 2.125% 2029	99	0.37
100,000	CaixaBank 2.25% 2030	93	0.35
100,000	Coentreprise de Transport d'Electricite 2.125% 2032	105	0.41
100,000	EDF 5.625% fixed to floating 2033	146	0.55
100,000	Electricite de France 2% 2030	105	0.39
100,000	Fidelity National Information Services 2% 2030	101	0.38
100,000	Heathrow Funding 1.875% 2034	99	0.37
100,000	ING Groep FRN 2029	95	0.36
100,000	Innogy 1.5% 2029	99	0.37
100,000	Medtronic Global 1.625% 2031	101	0.38
100,000	Novartis 1.375% 2030	101	0.38
125,000	Prologis International Funding II 2.375% 2030	133	0.50
100,000	Royal Schiphol Group 1.5% 2030	101	0.38
100,000	Sika Capital 1.5% 2031	100	0.37
100,000	United Technologies 2.15% 2030	107	0.40
100,000	Verizon Communications 1.25% 2030	97	0.36
108,000	Verizon Communications 1.875% 2029	111	0.42
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
100,000	Allianz II 5.75% 2041	101	0.38
100,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 2.75% 2036	113	0.44
130,000	Aviva 6.125% 2043	139	0.52
150,000	AXA 5.125% 2043	160	0.60
230,000	Delta Lloyd Levensverzekering fixed to floating 2042	262	0.97

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
	200,000	Engie 1.375% 2039	195	0.73
	30,000	General Electric 4.125% 2035	35	0.13
	106,000	Investor 1.5% 2039	104	0.39
	100,000	Medtronic Global 1.5% 2039	94	0.35
	100,000	NN Group FRN 2044	104	0.39
	115,000	Siemens 1.75% 2039	121	0.44
	161,000	Unilever 1.5% 2039	159	0.60
greater than 25 years to maturity				
	200,000	Channel Link Enterprises Finance FRN 2050	190	0.72
	100,000	Orsted 2.25% 3017	95	0.36
	50,000	Orsted 6.25% 3013	54	0.20
	100,000	Swiss Re FRN 2050	102	0.38
Perpetual				
	240,000	AXA 3.875% Perpetual	247	0.93
	100,000	Danone FRN Perpetual	92	0.35
	100,000	Iberdrola 1.875% Perpetual	93	0.35
	250,000	NatWest FRN Perpetual	224	0.84
	100,000	NN Group FRN Perpetual	101	0.38
	100,000	Orange 5% Perpetual	109	0.41
	100,000	Telefonica FRN Perpetual	93	0.35
	210,000	TOTAL 2.625% Perpetual	206	0.78
	100,000	TOTAL 3.875% Perpetual	99	0.37
	100,000	Unibail-Rodamco FRN Perpetual	97	0.36
	100,000	Volkswagen International Finance 3.875% Perpetual	95	0.36
	100,000	Vonovia Finance 4% Fixed to Floating Perpetual	98	0.37
Government Bonds (5.73%)			153	0.58
less than 5 years to maturity				
	135,000	China Development Bank 0.375% 2021	124	0.47
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
	30,000	Germany (Fed Rep of) 0.25% 2029	29	0.11
Derivatives (0.01%)			(5)	(0.02)
Forward Currency Contracts (0.01%)			(4)	(0.02)
	Buy EUR 1,086,682 Sell GBP 991,000 12/09/2019		(1)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 22,000 Sell EUR 24,572 12/09/2019		-	-
	Buy GBP 28,000 Sell EUR 31,488 12/09/2019		(1)	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy GBP 50,000 Sell EUR 56,135 12/09/2019	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 57,000 Sell EUR 63,215 12/09/2019	(1)	(0.01)
Futures (0.00%)		(1)	-
1	Long Euro Bond Future 06/09/2019	1	-
(1)	Short Term Euro-BTP Future 06/09/2019	(2)	-
Total investment assets and liabilities		27,232	102.40
Net other liabilities		(639)	(2.40)
Total Net Assets		26,593	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains/(losses)	1	1,800	(300)
Revenue	3	397	446
Expenses	4	(159)	(172)
Interest payable and similar charges*	5	(2)	(1)
Net revenue before taxation		236	273
Taxation	6	-	-
Net revenue after taxation		236	273
Total return before distributions		2,036	(27)
Distributions	7	(236)	(273)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		1,800	(300)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	27,263	27,838
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	1,039	510
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(3,512)	(787)
	(2,473)	(277)
Dilution adjustment	2	
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	1,800	(300)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	1	2
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	26,593	27,263

* For presentation purposes this line is now shown separately from expenses.

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		27,238	26,987
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	175	565
Cash and bank balances	9	264	370
		439	935
Total assets		27,677	27,922
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities		(6)	-
Creditors	10	(1,016)	(589)
Distribution payable		(62)	(70)
		(1,078)	(659)
Total liabilities		(1,084)	(659)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		26,593	27,263

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	1,819	(324)
Derivative contracts	(7)	(10)
Forward currency contracts	(6)	-
Other gains	(6)	34
Net capital gains/(losses)	1,800	(300)

2. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bonds	18,594	13,863	20,162	13,957
Corporate actions	-	-	36	-
Total trades in the year	18,594	13,863	20,198	13,957

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.39% (2018: 0.34%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest on debt securities	397	445
Stocklending income	-	1
Total revenue	397	446

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	130	138
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	29	34
Total expenses	159	172

5. Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	2	1
Total interest payable & similar charges	2	1

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Total current tax	-	-
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	236	273
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	47	55
Effects of:		
Distributions treated as tax deductible	(47)	(55)
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	-	-

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

7. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
First interim distribution	59	64
Second interim distribution	61	73
Third interim distribution	50	66
Final distribution	62	70
	232	273
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	5	-
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(1)	-
Net distribution for the year	236	273

Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	-	19
Sales awaiting settlement	-	328
Accrued revenue	175	218
Total debtors	175	565

9. Cash and Bank Balances

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers	7	-
Cash and bank balances	257	370
Total cash and bank balances	264	370

10. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	1,002	-
Purchases awaiting settlement	-	575
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	14	14
Total creditors	1,016	589

11. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £173,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £213,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
BNP Paribas	-	173
Total securities on loan	-	173

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Government Bond	-	213
Total collateral held	-	213

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £145 (2018: £1,000) and £29 (2018: £236).

12. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 10.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 10.

13. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Income shares	44,673	5,793	(31,584)	18,882
I Accumulation shares	102,762	1,237	(74,428)	29,571
I Income shares	18,243,727	698,425	(2,213,020)	16,729,132
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	100

14. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Bonds	29	27,208	-	144	25,543	-
Derivatives	-	1	-	-	-	-
Total investment assets	29	27,209	-	144	25,543	-
Derivatives	-	(6)	-	-	-	-
Total investment liabilities	-	(6)	-	-	-	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

15. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market Price Risk

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Manager using VaR analysis. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VaR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

The table below indicated the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 5 day loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99 percent confidence level. Calculated on this basis, the table indicates that the net value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities could be expected to change by more than the stated amount on only two days out of 200, in response to either price, interest rate, inflation or foreign currency exchange rate changes.

The VaR measures of the Fund are detailed below.

	2019	2018
Minimum VaR	3.06	3.48%
Maximum VaR	3.62	3.61%
Average VaR	3.31	3.56%

VaR table

	FX risk	Interest rate risk	Inflation risk	Contribution from credit risk	Overall VaR
31 July 2019	2.31%	1.53%	-	(0.67%)	3.17%
31 July 2018	2.26%	1.92%	-	(0.69%)	3.49%

The ACD must calculate the global exposure of any Fund it manages either as:

- 1) the incremental exposure and leverage generated through the use of derivatives and forward transactions, which may not exceed 100% of the net value of the scheme property. This is known as the Commitment Approach and is a measure of leverage or;
- 2) The market risk of the scheme property by way of the value at risk (VaR) approach. Although, the sensitivity analysis of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions described above uses VaR analysis, the global exposure calculations for Funds may be calculated on the Commitment Basis. The Prospectus provides further details on which method is used to calculate Global Exposure for each Fund.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

Currency exposure

An increase or decrease in a particular foreign currency exchange rate will have a proportionate affect on the value of the Fund.

The net foreign currency exposure comprises:

	Net foreign currency assets	
	2019	2018
	£'000	£'000
Euro	28,494	21

(c) Interest rate risk

Interest receivable on bank deposits or payable on bank overdrafts will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates. The Fund Manager continuously reviews interest rates and inflation expectations. The assessment of this may result in a change in investment strategy.

Bond yields are affected by market and economic conditions, including inflation rates and government policy. An analysis of the interest rates and maturity of bond listings is detailed below.

In addition, changes to prevailing rates or changes in expectations of future rates may result in an increase or decrease in the value of the securities held. In general, if interest rates rise, the income potential of the Fund also rises but the value of fixed rate securities will decline (along with certain expenses calculated by reference to the assets of the Fund). A decline in interest rates will, in general, have the opposite effect.

The interest rate risk profile of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities is:

	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets/ (liabilities) not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
2019				
Currency				
UK Sterling	11	-	(1,912)	(1,901)
Euro	6,740	20,750	1,004	28,494
2018				
Currency				
UK Sterling	48	230	187	465
Euro	5,012	22,064	(278)	26,798

(d) **Credit risk**

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

	Market Value 2019 £'000	Market Value 2018 £'000
Credit Rating Analysis		
Investment Grade Bonds	26,429	24,286
Below Investment Grade Bonds	940	1,946
Unrated Bonds	48	752
Derivatives	(5)	3
Other Net Assets	(639)	276
Net assets	26,593	27,263

(e) **Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk***

At the year end the Fund held derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management or to meet the Fund's investment objectives. These types of transaction can introduce market exposure greater than the market value of the instrument. These transactions exchange benefits with a third party at a future date creating both counterparty and concentration risk. The Investment Adviser's policies for managing these risks are outlined in the Fund's prospectus.

At the balance sheet date the Fund had the following exposures:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Market Exposure		
Forward Currency Contracts	1,149	206
Futures	261	-
Total Market Exposure	1,410	206

The total market exposure is the sum of the notional derivative contracts on a gross basis with no offsetting.

Counterparty Exposure

Derivative instruments involve an agreement to exchange a benefit at a future date. This introduces counterparty risk where an agreement is bilateral (between two parties) and concentration risk where a clearing broker operates on an exchange. Where the counterparty or clearing broker is not solvent the market exposure obtained would be lost.

At 31 July 2019 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

Counterparty or clearer	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	(1)	(1)
BNP Paribas	(1)	(1)
Citigroup	(1)	(1)
HSBC	(1)	(1)
Morgan Stanley	(1)	(1)
Total	(5)	(5)

At 31 July 2018 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

Counterparty or clearer	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	3	3
Total	3	3

* Following the change in administrators the methodology used for compiling this note has changed.

(f)

Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the three months ended 31 October 2018**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 October 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.1761	-	0.1761**	0.1955
Group 2	0.1361	0.0400	0.1761**	0.1955
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4460	-	0.4460*	0.4510
Group 2	0.2340	0.2120	0.4460*	0.4510
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3362	-	0.3362**	0.3433
Group 2	0.2106	0.1256	0.3362**	0.3433

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2018.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2019.

For the three months ended 31 January 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.1615	-	0.1615**	0.2244
Group 2	0.0016	0.1599	0.1615**	0.2244
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4527	-	0.4527*	0.5161
Group 2	0.1223	0.3304	0.4527*	0.5161
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3464	-	0.3464**	0.3920
Group 2	0.0604	0.2860	0.3464**	0.3920
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.3800	-	0.3800*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.3800	-	0.3800**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 27 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 27 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the three months ended 30 April 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 30 April 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.1474	-	0.1474**	0.2208
Group 2	0.0035	0.1439	0.1474**	0.2208
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3853	-	0.3853*	0.4756
Group 2	0.2019	0.1834	0.3853*	0.4756
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.2890	-	0.2890**	0.3602
Group 2	0.2134	0.0756	0.2890**	0.3602
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4100	-	0.4100*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.4100	-	0.4100**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 30 April 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 July 2019.

For the three months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 May 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 May 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.2154	-	0.2154**	0.2324
Group 2	0.0487	0.1667	0.2154**	0.2324
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4908	-	0.4908*	0.5022
Group 2	0.3291	0.1617	0.4908*	0.5022
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3676	-	0.3676**	0.3795
Group 2	0.1648	0.2028	0.3676**	0.3795
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4600	-	0.4600*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.4500	-	0.4500**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

ASI Europe ex UK Equity Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims for maximum capital growth through investment in a broad spread of European securities.

The Manager will invest in European companies which offer good prospects for capital growth. While the Fund will invest principally in companies incorporated in Europe, the Manager may also invest in companies which derive an important proportion of their earnings from European trade or operations. It is intended that the Fund will have minimal exposure to the UK. The Manager will also take opportunities as they arise to invest in European emerging markets.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Europe ex UK Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 9.78% compared with an increase of 4.74% in the benchmark, the FTSE Europe ex UK Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

European equities posted decent gains for the year under review. Since the beginning of 2019, stocks rose steadily amid a climate of easing monetary policy, allowing the market to recover losses after a brutal second half of 2018. Key to the recovery was the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) abrupt U-turn in its monetary policy, which prompted other major central banks to also take a looser stance. The Fed's first rate cut in over a decade occurred in July but disappointed investors, who were hoping for a larger than 25 basis point cut in light of economic growth downgrades across the globe. The European Central Bank (ECB), however, maintained its rate, pledging instead to increase other forms of stimulus.

In the European Parliament elections in May, pro-European parties held their ground across the continent despite growing pressure from populists and nationalists. Green parties also did well, thanks to rising environmental concerns. In contrast, traditional centrist parties on both the left and the right struggled. In the UK, Brexit continued to dominate politics and Boris Johnson officially replaced Theresa May as the UK prime minister. Mr Johnson was adamant that the UK will leave the European Union by the 31 October deadline – with or without an exit deal. With the future of the UK and its continental peers post-Brexit still unclear, the pound fell to a two-year low against the dollar in July.

Meanwhile, US-China trade negotiations continued to flounder, heightening concerns of an inevitable global economic slowdown. Consistently weak economic data from the Eurozone, especially the contraction in once powerhouse economy, Germany's GDP, also weighed on sentiment, reinforcing calls for the ECB to take action.

Portfolio review

The Fund outperformed its benchmark, thanks to our choice of holdings.

At the stock level, the top contributor to performance was our non-benchmark exposure to Nemetschek, which produces software for the architecture, engineering and construction industries. Other technology holdings, such as banking software company Temenos and leading provider of equipment to the semiconductor industry ASML Holdings also contributing positively. Despite challenges to the sector over the period, our overweight to technology, driven by owning a number of high quality software businesses, such as the above, proved beneficial.

Our holdings in the industrials sector also helped, with corporate support-services provider Edenred aiding performance, with a combination of robust operational delivery, an acquisition in its nascent corporate payments division, and exposure to an improving Brazilian economy. Another contributor was MTU Aero Engines due to continued strength in the civil aerospace market and an improving cash flow profile.

Finally, our long-standing underweight to banks aided performance as lower bond yields fed through negatively for the sector earnings outlook, while the fallout from Russian money laundering allegations in Estonia hurt a number of Scandinavian banks, which were accused of processing the payments. However, our choice of holding non-life insurer Hannover Rueck was positive for the Fund, as its diversified business continued to deliver stable earnings.

Conversely, the healthcare sector hampered performance, with Bayer detracting, as its shares fell in the wake of related litigation woes against Monsanto, the American-based agribusiness that it acquired. We have since exited Bayer. In addition, not holding Novartis hurt the Fund as its shares rose on increased investor appetite for large cap defensive exposure. Mitigating our underperformance in the sector, however, was Amplifon, which added to returns as it rose after publishing encouraging results, with impressive margin expansion in Europe, a robust demand environment and internal improvement measures all playing a part.

A key detractor was an overweight to Swedish Match, as its shares fell following the purchase of a competing product for Zyn, its tobacco-free nicotine pouch, by a US peer. Other detractors included oilfield equipment maker Schoeller-Bleckmann, which detracted due to lower oil prices eroding the gains from its healthy margin progression, and industrial equipment manufacturer Burkhardt Compression, which we exited over the period. Our exposure to luxury fashion brand Brunello Cucinelli also cost the Fund, as it lagged the broader market after announcing a lower long-term growth forecast.

In addition to the portfolio activity mentioned in the interim review, we initiated a position in world-leading information services provider Wolters Kluwer, which offers consistent growth at attractive returns derived from a highly recurring revenue base. We also introduced market leading software business SAP due to its high degree of recurring revenue generated from a very loyal customer base. The value its software generates for its customers, as well as the software being embedded into the crucial operations of its customers, means customer retention is high, and its scope for revenue growth and margin expansion in the coming years give us confidence in the investment generating attractive returns for us as shareholders.

Against this, we exited Fuchs Petrolub and Handelsbanken to reallocate capital to other more compelling opportunities. We also sold Dutch optical retailer Grandvision, as it was subject to a takeover offer from EssilorLuxottica in July.

Outlook

Markets remain sensitive to geopolitical newsflow and developments around tariffs as well as various trade negotiations, which increasingly appear to be contributing to weaker global economic growth. This is expected to result in continued high volatility in markets. As always, we retain a clear focus on high-quality companies. Our emphasis on powerful structural growth trends should enable robust corporate performance regardless of economic conditions; while balance sheet strength, an active focus on ESG risk management, and high predictability of earnings lends downside protection.

European Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	214.72	186.62	158.26
Return before operating charges*	22.80	31.28	31.19
Operating charges	(2.96)	(3.18)	(2.83)
Return after operating charges*	19.84	28.10	28.36
Distributions	(0.29)	(0.49)	(0.51)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.29	0.49	0.51
Closing net asset value per share	234.56	214.72	186.62
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.17	0.08	-
Performance			
Return after charges	9.24%	15.06%	17.92%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	159,733	156,893	193,627
Closing number of shares	68,097,970	73,067,146	103,754,518
Operating charges	1.43%	1.64%	1.66%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.04%	-
Prices			
Highest share price	236.8	216.7	191.9
Lowest share price	182.2	183.9	154.6

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	212.20	182.94	153.97
Return before operating charges*	22.69	30.96	30.49
Operating charges	(1.81)	(1.70)	(1.52)
Return after operating charges*	20.88	29.26	28.97
Distributions	(1.54)	(1.99)	(1.87)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.54	1.99	1.87
Closing net asset value per share	233.08	212.20	182.94
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.17	0.07	-
Performance			
Return after charges	9.84%	15.99%	18.82%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	89,702	45,495	40,013
Closing number of shares	38,485,262	21,439,852	21,872,723
Operating charges	0.87%	0.89%	0.91%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.04%	-
Prices			
Highest share price	235.3	214.2	187.9
Lowest share price	180.6	181.1	150.4

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M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00
Return before operating charges*	23.60
Operating charges	(0.67)
Return after operating charges*	22.93
Distributions	(1.25)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.25
Closing net asset value per share	122.93
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.06
Performance	
Return after charges	22.93%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.92%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%
Prices	
Highest share price	124.1
Lowest share price	95.14

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV. Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 27 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	254.19	217.51	181.70
Return before operating charges*	27.42	37.00	36.12
Operating charges	(0.30)	(0.32)	(0.31)
Return after operating charges*	27.12	36.68	35.81
Distributions	(3.63)	(4.11)	(3.70)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.63	4.11	3.70
Closing net asset value per share	281.31	254.19	217.51
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.21	0.09	-
Performance			
Return after charges	10.67%	16.86%	19.71%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,724	8,866	8,545
Closing number of shares	2,745,657	3,487,929	3,928,429
Operating charges	0.12%	0.14%	0.16%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.04%	-
Prices			
Highest share price	284.0	256.6	223.3
Lowest share price	217.0	215.8	177.5

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (99.39%)		245,513	95.47
European Equities (95.51%)		232,839	90.54
Austria (3.93%)		4,381	1.70
66,920	Schoeller-Bleckmann Oilfield Equipment	4,381	1.70
Denmark (6.56%)		14,975	5.82
193,230	Novo Nordisk	7,650	2.97
192,320	Novozymes	7,325	2.85
Finland (2.04%)		5,014	1.95
106,940	Kone	5,014	1.95
France (10.37%)		44,376	17.26
38,904	Dassault Systemes	4,879	1.90
187,270	Edenred	7,736	3.01
75,150	Essilor	8,381	3.26
31,930	L'Oreal	7,026	2.73
51,710	Pernod Ricard	7,476	2.91
130,590	Ubisoft Entertainment	8,878	3.45
Germany (20.96%)		37,364	14.53
70,780	Deutsche Boerse	8,126	3.16
64,650	Hannover Rueck	8,312	3.23
39,270	MTU Aero Engines	8,084	3.14
109,680	Nemetschek	5,086	1.98
76,400	SAP	7,756	3.02
Ireland (2.11%)		10,231	3.98
107,360	Kerry	10,231	3.98
Italy (9.08%)		18,993	7.38
405,750	Amplifon	8,205	3.19
157,090	Brunello Cucinelli	4,091	1.59
875,190	Davide Campari-Milano	6,697	2.60

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Netherlands (5.68%)		29,103	11.32
49,190	ASML	9,071	3.53
140,720	Heineken	12,417	4.83
127,770	Wolters Kluwer	7,615	2.96
Spain (3.62%)		10,160	3.95
156,670	Amadeus	10,160	3.95
Sweden (8.39%)		16,232	6.31
278,220	Assa Abloy	5,270	2.05
186,090	Atlas Copco 'B'	4,198	1.63
215,380	Swedish Match	6,764	2.63
Switzerland (22.77%)		42,010	16.34
127,640	Julius Baer	4,489	1.75
109,150	Nestle	9,516	3.70
8,410	Partners	5,500	2.14
3,500	SGS	7,103	2.76
23,030	Tecan	4,807	1.87
34,510	Temenos	5,013	1.95
54,222	VAT	5,582	2.17
UK Equities (3.88%)		12,674	4.93
Consumer Goods (3.88%)		12,674	4.93
266,340	Unilever	12,674	4.93
Collective Investment Schemes (0.02%)		5,432	2.11
5,432	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund*	5,432	2.11
Total investment assets		250,945	97.58
Net other assets		6,214	2.42
Total Net Assets		257,159	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains	1	20,793	28,407
Revenue	3	3,711	4,467
Expenses	4	(2,557)	(2,881)
Interest payable and similar charges*	5	(1)	(2)
Net revenue before taxation		1,153	1,584
Taxation	6	(391)	(614)
Net revenue after taxation		762	970
Total return before distributions		21,555	29,377
Distributions	7	(762)	(974)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		20,793	28,403

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	211,254	242,185
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	39,160	2,491
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(14,941)	(62,798)
	24,219	(60,307)
Dilution adjustment	-	43
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	20,793	28,403
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	893	930
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	257,159	211,254

* For presentation purposes this line is now shown separately from expenses.

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		250,945	210,005
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	896	458
Cash and bank balances		5,646	1,225
		6,542	1,683
Total assets		257,487	211,688
Liabilities:			
Creditors	9	(328)	(434)
		(328)	(434)
Total liabilities		(328)	(434)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		257,159	211,254

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	20,767	28,303
Other gains	26	104
Net capital gains	20,793	28,407

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	82,312	68,001	67,694	117,012
Collective investment schemes	29,722	33,903	24,342	44,514
Trades in the year before transaction costs	112,034	101,904	92,036	161,526
Commissions				
Equities	83	44	(34)	(39)
Total commissions	83	44	(34)	(39)
Taxes				
Equities	57	38	-	-
Total taxes	57	38	-	-
Total transaction costs	140	82	(34)	(39)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	112,174	101,986	(92,002)	161,487

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.10	0.06	0.05	0.03
Taxes				
Equities	0.07	0.06	-	-

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.05	0.04
Taxes	0.03	-

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.06% (2018: 0.11%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Overseas dividends	3,671	4,073
Stock dividends	-	197
Franked dividend distributions	-	136
Taxable distributions on offshore funds	18	7
Interest on debt securities	5	-
Bank interest	3	2
Stocklending income	14	52
Total revenue	3,711	4,467

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	2,308	2,601
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	249	280
Total expenses	2,557	2,881

5. Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	1	2
Total interest payable & similar charges	1	2

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	391	614
Total current tax	391	614
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is the greater than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	1,153	1,584
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	231	317
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(734)	(881)
Overseas taxes	391	614
Excess allowable expenses	503	564
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	391	614

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

(c) **Factors that may affect future tax charge**

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £6,239,000 (2018: £5,853,000) due to surplus Manager expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

7. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Distribution	893	930
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	12	52
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(143)	(8)
Net distribution for the year	762	974
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	762	970
Equalisation on conversion	-	4
Total distributions	762	974

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	443	110
Accrued revenue	74	2
Foreign withholding tax recoverable	379	346
Total debtors	896	458

9. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	88	189
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	240	245
Total creditors	328	434

10. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £40,426,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £50,450,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Credit Suisse	-	3,372
Citigroup	-	3,818
JPM Chase	-	9,509
Morgan Stanley	-	8,784
NATIXIS	-	14,943
Total securities on loan	-	40,426

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	-	32,950
Government Bond	-	17,500
Total collateral held	-	50,450

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £18,000 (2018: £65,000) and £4,000 (2018: £13,000).

11. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 9.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 9.

12. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	73,067,146	576,500	(4,994,078)	(551,598)	68,097,970
I Accumulation shares	21,439,852	17,154,838	(665,437)	556,009	38,485,262
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	3,487,929	86,258	(828,530)	-	2,745,657

13. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	245,513	-	-	209,953	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	5,432	-	-	52	-
Total investment assets	245,513	5,432	-	209,953	52	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

14. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £12,547,000 (2018: £10,500,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £12,298,000 (2018: £21,030,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Currency exposure

An increase or decrease in a particular foreign currency exchange rate will have a proportionate affect on the value of the Fund.

The net foreign currency exposure comprises:

	Net foreign currency assets	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Danish Krone	15,063	77
Euro	172,638	216
Norwegian Krone	19	19
Swedish Krona	16,232	-
Swiss Franc	41,984	-
US Dollar	26	33

(c) Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(d) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) Financial Derivative Instrument Risk

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018: nil).

(f) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the year ended 31 July 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.2940	-	0.2940*	0.4942
Group 2	0.1542	0.1398	0.2940*	0.4942
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5412	-	1.5412*	1.9862
Group 2	0.7696	0.7716	1.5412*	1.9862
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	1.2500	-	1.2500*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	3.6291	-	3.6291*	4.1077
Group 2	3.2677	0.3614	3.6291*	4.1077

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 27 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 27 November 2018 and 31 July 2019.**Equalisation**

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00

ASI European High Yield Bond Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The investment objective is to provide an attractive level of income with the opportunity for some long-term capital return.

The Fund will be primarily invested in non-Investment grade Debt and debt related securities issued by companies, governments, government related bodies and supranational institutions that are domiciled in the UK or a European Country and/or non-Investment grade Debt and debt related securities issued by companies which conduct a significant proportion of their business activities in the UK or a European Country which, in the Investment Advisor's opinion, are likely to produce a high yield.

The Fund investments may be of any credit quality and may include securities not paying interest currently and securities in default following purchase.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money market instruments, cash, near cash, deposits, shares in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates). Derivatives may be used for efficient portfolio management and hedging purposes.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund may hold up to 10% of its net assets in cash or near cash assets. However, the Fund may from time to time adopt temporary defensive positions in response to adverse political, economic or bond market events in which case up to 100% of the Fund's net assets may be held in cash or near cash assets including short term Debt and debt related securities listed and traded on an eligible market or OTC market.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI European High Yield Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 2.23% compared to an increase of 5.94% in the benchmark, the BofA Merrill Lynch European Currency High Yield Constrained (Hedged GBP 100%) Index.

Source: Lipper, BofA Merrill Lynch, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

There was increased instability in financial markets in the 12-month period, due initially to a weak fourth quarter of 2018.

The European high yield market fell 3.6% (unhedged) over those three months, which represented the worst quarterly return for more than seven years. Unlike many other periods of weakness over the last four or five years, the sell-off took the form of a far more traditional 'risk-off' market. Lower credit quality substantially underperformed higher credit quality. BBs fell 2.5%, Bs declined 5.4% and CCCs dropped a rather ominous 9%. Previously, duration was often the determining factor as to whether a bond underperformed or not, as refinancing risk, even for the lowest quality credits, was considered negligible in a time of unprecedented central bank support. In the fourth quarter of last

year, however, this theme reversed as many companies with shorter maturity debt profiles began to be punished for a perceived increase in refinancing risk. This also combined with a notable drop-off in earnings in the second half of the year, particularly in more cyclical sectors, which spooked the market. Retail and basic industrials (commodities, chemicals and construction) declined 8.4% and 8% respectively. The auto sector fell nearly 5% in the fourth quarter alone. A material weakening in Chinese demand was blamed for profit warnings from chemicals and automotive businesses in particular. The effects of US trade protectionism should also take a substantial portion of the blame for these trends.

However, the first seven months of 2019 saw markets rebound substantially, with European high yield posting an impressive 8.6% return. What caused markets to respond so favorably? Valuations looked oversold going into this year when considering the outlook for default rates, which are expected to remain subdued. Moody's predict the global default rate a year from now will be 2.9%, compared to 2.3% today and 2.8% a year ago. The most significant factor for the rebound, however, was the response from central banks to the market weakness in the fourth-quarter of 2018 and deteriorating economic data globally. The US Federal Reserve (Fed) cut interest rates by 0.25% in July and some strategists are expecting as many as three further cuts before the end of 2019. For context, markets were discounting a near-zero-percent probability of a cut this year, as recently as March. In Europe, the tilt to a dovish stance has been just as pronounced as in the US. Mario Draghi, President of the European Central Bank, was typically comprehensive in his use of language by proclaiming nothing was off the cards when considering the tools available to combat falling inflation expectations. Markets took this to mean some form of quantitative easing may be reinstated by year end and a possible further cut into negative interest-rate territory. While inflation remains subdued, there is very little reason to doubt the willingness of central banks to support financial markets.

The other key driver of improved sentiment, and indeed market volatility during 2019, was US President Trump's somewhat unpredictable response to the ongoing trade dispute with China. Other regions also came into the firing line. The volatility in May stemmed from a negative shift in tone and the diminishing chance of an imminent deal. More recently, the outlook has changed once again. President Trump took a softer position towards Mexico in June, having initially threatened to employ more tariffs. Then a trade truce was agreed between the US and China at the G20 summit, in order to allow breathing space for a deal to be negotiated. There is some suggestion that President Trump is using trade disputes as a tool to put pressure on the Fed, though we have no way of knowing the validity of those claims. Either way, the hope is that this will drive a potentially potent combination of better economic growth and looser monetary policy in the second half of this year. It is worth noting that lower-rated bonds continued to underperform during the market rebound. This suggests that investors are increasingly shunning the riskiest parts

of the market where default rates are beginning to pick up (though market-wide default rates remain benign compared to historical averages). We have been gradually improving the average rating of the Fund as the year has progressed

Portfolio review

The Fund has underperformed over the last twelve months due to a number of factors.

The position in Servion, the wind turbine manufacturer, hurt performance as the company defaulted in June. Despite the long-term benefits and growth potential of the wind-power industry, a combination of regulatory change and poor management placed Servion in difficulty. As a consequence, and disappointingly, we decided to exit the position. The bonds have subsequently fallen further.

Positive periods of relative performance in April and May were offset in June and July, as the Fund struggled to keep up with the exceptional returns posted by the market. The decision to sell out of Thomas Cook bonds in April in the high 70s was particularly pleasing after they dropped into the 30s a month later. They currently trade in the low 20s. The collapse in Thomas Cook was sparked initially by an equity analyst's note claiming the shares were worthless and that debt restructuring was likely. The bonds' most recent leg down was triggered by a restructuring proposal from a minority shareholder, who suggested a debt-for-equity swap, as well as an increasing need for liquidity.

The positioning of the Fund, from a more macro perspective, hurt relative performance over the period. The overweight position in the UK was a slight drag, as the political situation remains highly opaque. The underweight exposure to Italy was also detrimental, as the European Commission reneged on its threat of a substantial fine for Italy missing its fiscal targets. Our average cash balance of more than 5% was another hindrance in such a strong environment. Furthermore, our underweight position in BB-rated bonds weighed on the Fund. This was the strongest performing part of the market, both in the sell-off at the end of last year and during the rally this year. Our large exposure to short-maturity bonds also means there is little upside potential for that portion of the portfolio. We continue to favour the strategy on a longer-term basis, due to the relative downside protection it offers and its attractive income generation. We also like the liquidity benefits this provides to the Fund. Positively, our low beta positioning is paying off in periods of weakness. This was demonstrated by the outperformance in May and in the first three weeks of August.

Outlook

The global outlook remains rather clouded. President Trump's decision to impose a further 10% tariff on another \$300bn of Chinese imports means that global growth forecasts need to be revised down yet again, putting central banks under more pressure. It also implies that any potential trade deal appears to be more elusive than ever. The Fed will be expected by markets, and the President, to respond accordingly. Until further easing is announced, markets are going to be forced to focus increasingly on fundamentals.

Euro HY and Global Leverage Loans Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 3 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The Fund invests in mortgage- and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The Fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The Fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	137.78	136.16	126.58
Return before operating charges*	4.92	3.53	12.39
Operating charges	(1.80)	(1.91)	(1.85)
Return after operating charges*	3.12	1.62	10.54
Distributions	(6.93)	(7.45)	(8.21)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	6.93	7.45	7.25
Closing net asset value per share	140.90	137.78	136.16
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.26%	1.19%	8.33%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,415	3,703	3,927
Closing number of shares	1,713,716	2,687,625	2,884,152
Operating charges	1.32%	1.38%	1.40%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	141.90	139.74	136.70
Lowest share price	131.30	136.45	127.07

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences.

The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	87.93	91.71	90.06
Return before operating charges*	3.00	2.36	7.97
Operating charges	(1.13)	(1.25)	(1.29)
Return after operating charges*	1.87	1.11	6.68
Distributions	(4.32)	(4.89)	(5.03)
Closing net asset value per share	85.48	87.93	91.71
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.13%	1.21%	7.42%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,331	8,683	7,382
Closing number of shares	7,406,065	9,874,822	8,048,715
Operating charges	1.32%	1.38%	1.40%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	88.86	93.02	92.94
Lowest share price	81.91	87.88	90.40

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	142.06	139.63	129.09
Return before operating charges*	5.07	3.61	12.67
Operating charges	(1.15)	(1.18)	(1.15)
Return after operating charges*	3.92	2.43	11.52
Distributions	(7.16)	(7.66)	(8.40)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	7.16	7.66	7.42
Closing net asset value per share	145.98	142.06	139.63
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.76%	1.74%	8.92%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	17,552	19,983	17,851
Closing number of shares	12,023,678	14,066,219	12,784,883
Operating charges	0.81%	0.83%	0.85%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	147.00	143.61	140.18
Lowest share price	135.70	139.95	129.60

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	101.98	105.77	103.30
Return before operating charges*	3.47	2.74	9.16
Operating charges	(0.81)	(0.87)	(0.90)
Return after operating charges*	2.66	1.87	8.26
Distributions	(5.02)	(5.66)	(5.79)
Closing net asset value per share	99.62	101.98	105.77
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.61%	1.77%	8.00%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	27,560	31,871	33,696
Closing number of shares	27,664,000	31,253,137	31,856,704
Operating charges	0.81%	0.83%	0.85%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	103.10	107.43	106.93
Lowest share price	95.22	101.87	103.70

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M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	5.74
Operating charges	(0.37)
Return after operating charges*	5.37
Distributions	(3.44)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.44
Closing net asset value per share	105.37
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	5.37%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.86%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	106.10
Lowest share price	97.77

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^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 27 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	5.54
Operating charges	(0.36)
Return after operating charges*	5.18
Distributions	(3.36)
Closing net asset value per share	101.82
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	5.18%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.86%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	102.90
Lowest share price	97.23

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^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	117.18	114.37	105.01
Return before operating charges*	4.21	2.96	10.32
Operating charges	(0.13)	(0.15)	(0.16)
Return after operating charges*	4.08	2.81	10.16
Distributions	(5.93)	(6.29)	(6.85)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	5.93	6.29	6.05
Closing net asset value per share	121.26	117.18	114.37
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	3.48%	2.46%	9.68%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	19,075	22,921	30,156
Closing number of shares	15,731,721	19,560,152	26,367,952
Operating charges	0.11%	0.13%	0.15%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	122.10	118.22	114.81
Lowest share price	112.20	114.66	105.42

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Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (98.93%)		69,733	95.62
Euro Denominated Bonds (64.51%)		46,992	64.44
Corporate Bonds (62.42%)		46,992	64.44
less than 5 years to maturity			
400,000	ADLER Real Estate 1.5% 2022	373	0.51
620,000	Aldesa Financial Services 7.25% 2021	286	0.39
2,370,000	Altice 7.25% 2022*	473	0.65
853,000	Altice France 5.625% 2024	482	0.66
1,050,000	ARD Finance 6.625% 2023	988	1.35
599,000	Ardagh Packaging 6.75% 2024	576	0.79
469,000	Bausch Health 4.5% 2023	431	0.59
253,000	Cabot FRN 2024	235	0.32
200,000	Casino Guichard 1.865% Variable 2022	151	0.21
200,000	Casino Guichard 3.11% Variable 2023	158	0.22
1,000,000	Casino Guichard 3.248% Variable 2024*	774	1.06
246,000	Cirsa Finance International 6.25% 2023	241	0.33
670,000	Corral Petroleum 11.75% 2021	643	0.88
738,000	Cott Finance 5.5% 2024	699	0.96
112,000	DKT Finance 7% 2023	111	0.15
1,250,000	Galapagos 5.375% 2021*	1,128	1.55
171,000	International Game Technology 3.5% 2024*	168	0.23
850,000	International Game Technology 4.75% 2023	862	1.18
719,000	Kleopatra Holdings 1 SCA 8.5% 2023	363	0.50
182,000	La Financiere Atalian 4% 2024	116	0.16
800,000	Lincoln Financing 3.625% 2024	748	1.03
231,000	Lincoln Financing FRN 2024	211	0.29
950,000	Matterhorn Telecom 4.875% 2023	873	1.20
1,586,000	Nassa Topco 2.875% 2024	1,517	2.08
258,000	Newco GB 8% 2022*	242	0.33
429,000	OCI 5% 2023	410	0.56
950,000	PrestigeBidCo 6.25% 2023	905	1.24
250,000	Sazka 9% 2021*	-	-
222,000	Synlab Bondco FRN 2022	202	0.28
200,000	Synlab Unsecured Bondco 8.25% 2023	190	0.26
1,500,000	Telecom Italia 1.125% 2022	1,368	1.88
300,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 1.25% 2023	238	0.33
290,000	Verisure 5.75% 2023	272	0.37
220,000	Verisure Holding 3.5% 2023	208	0.29
738,000	Volvo 2.125% 2024	692	0.95

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
401,000	Wind Tre 2.625% 2023	369	0.51
700,000	Wind Tre 2.75% 2024	631	0.86
1,217,000	Worldpay 3.75% 2022	1,240	1.70
1,300,000	Ziggo Bond 7.125% 2024	321	0.44
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
879,000	Adient 3.5% 2024	643	0.88
630,000	Altice 6.25% 2025*	583	0.80
412,000	Altice 8% 2027	389	0.53
182,000	Ardagh Packaging 2.125% 2026	167	0.23
1,140,000	Avantor 4.75% 2024	1,109	1.52
520,000	Avis Budget Finance 4.5% 2025	500	0.69
480,000	Banff Merger Sub 8.375% 2026	377	0.52
936,000	Blitz F18-674 6% 2026	908	1.25
365,000	Cemex 3.125% 2026	345	0.47
143,000	Cirsa Finance International FRN 2025	130	0.18
767,000	Constantin Investissement 3 SASU 5.375% 2025*	709	0.97
740,000	Crown 3.375% 2025	747	1.02
643,000	Diocle FRN 2026	591	0.81
445,000	eircom 3.5% 2026	420	0.58
904,000	Energizer Gamma Acquisition 4.625% 2026	858	1.18
700,000	Equinix 2.875% 2025	661	0.91
572,000	House of Finance 4.375% 2026	532	0.73
300,000	INEOS 5.375% 2024*	278	0.38
429,000	International Game Technology 3.5% 2026	411	0.56
194,000	Intertrust Group 3.375% 2025	187	0.26
947,000	InterXion 4.75% 2025	937	1.28
287,000	Intrum 3.5% 2026	263	0.36
361,000	IQVIA 2.25% 2028	330	0.45
200,000	LeasePlan 7.375% Fixed to Floating 2024	194	0.27
213,000	LHC3 4.125% 2024	200	0.27
100,000	Netflix 3.625% 2027	98	0.13
143,000	Nidda BondCo 5% 2025	131	0.18
1,351,000	Nidda Healthcare 3.5% 2024	1,274	1.75
470,000	Novafives 5% 2025*	400	0.55
392,000	Paprec 4% 2025	350	0.48
390,000	Sappi Papier 3.125% 2026	361	0.49
360,000	Sigma 5.75% 2026	313	0.43
487,000	Summit Germany 2% 2025	428	0.59
269,000	Superior Industries 6% 2025*	202	0.28
700,000	Tele Columbus 3.875% 2025*	591	0.81
795,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 1.625% 2028	526	0.72

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
	892,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 4.5% 2025	754	1.03
	104,000	Trivium Packaging Finance 3.75% 2026	98	0.13
	100,000	Trivium Packaging Finance FRN 2026	92	0.13
	191,000	UGI International 3.25% 2025	184	0.25
	1,090,000	Unilabs Subholding 5.75% 2025	1,016	1.39
	1,492,000	Unitymedia 3.75% 2027	1,443	1.98
	271,000	UPCB Finance IV 4% 2027	234	0.32
	806,000	UPCB Finance VII 3.625% 2029	781	1.07
	711,000	WMG Acquisition 3.625% 2026	692	0.95
	1,000,000	Ziggo 4.25% 2027	974	1.34
	1,199,000	Ziggo 4.625% 2025	1,124	1.54
between 10 and 15 years to maturity				
	1,100,000	Telecom Italia 7.75% fixed to floating 2033	1,452	1.99
Perpetual				
	650,000	Barclays FRN Perpetual	592	0.81
	400,000	Danske Bank FRN Perpetual	385	0.53
	139,000	Wienerberger 5% Perpetual	133	0.18
Government Bonds (2.09%)			-	-
Sterling Denominated Bonds (33.86%)			22,741	31.18
Corporate Bonds (33.86%)			22,741	31.18
less than 5 years to maturity				
	390,000	Amigo Luxembourg 7.625% 2024*	400	0.55
	968,000	Arqiva 6.75% 2023	1,035	1.42
	350,000	Barclays 10% 2021	401	0.55
	104,500	BrightHouse Finco 9% 2023	57	0.08
	537,000	Co-Operative 5.125% 2024	564	0.77
	838,000	CPUK 4.25% 2022	848	1.16
	250,000	EI 7.5% 2024	265	0.36
	927,000	GKN 6.75% 2019	938	1.28
	481,000	Jaguar Land Rover 3.875% 2023	425	0.58
	1,000,000	Mizzen Bondco 7% 2021	925	1.27
	727,000	Moto Finance 4.5% 2022	720	0.99
	950,000	Newday Bondco 7.375% 2024	890	1.22
	791,000	Pinewood 3.75% 2023	807	1.11
	923,000	RAC Bond 5% 2022	837	1.15
	450,000	Shop Direct Funding 7.75% 2022	404	0.55
	429,000	Stonegate Pub Financing 4.875% 2022*	438	0.60

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
	910,000	TalkTalk 5.375% 2022*	931	1.28
	200,000	TDC 5.625% 2023	229	0.31
	629,000	Voyage Care 5.875% 2023	612	0.84
	270,000	Voyage Care Bonco 10% 2023	251	0.34
	570,000	William Hill 4.25% 2020	583	0.80
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
	600,000	AMC Entertainment 6.375% 2024	583	0.80
	200,000	Ardagh Packaging 4.75% 2027	202	0.28
	660,000	Arrow Global 5.125% 2024	652	0.89
	511,000	Entertainment One 4.625% 2026	524	0.72
	185,000	Galaxy Bidco 6.5% 2026	181	0.25
	400,000	Miller Homes 5.5% 2024	406	0.56
	1,076,000	Phoenix 6.625% 2025	1,190	1.63
	793,000	Pinnacle Bidco 6.375% 2025	836	1.15
	130,000	Trafford Centre 7.03% 2029	86	0.12
	800,000	Vantiv 3.875% 2025	837	1.15
	820,000	Virgin Media 5% 2027	848	1.16
between 10 and 15 years to maturity				
	20,000	Trafford Centre 6.5% 2033	22	0.03
greater than 25 years to maturity				
	400,000	Koninklijke KPN 6.875% 2073	411	0.56
Perpetual				
	200,000	Assicurazioni Generali 6.416% fixed to floating Perpetual	211	0.29
	280,000	Aviva 5.9021% fixed to floating Perpetual	287	0.39
	400,000	Barclays 7% Perpetual	401	0.55
	539,000	Barclays 7.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	567	0.78
	1,320,000	CYBG 8% Perpetual	1,268	1.74
	100,000	HBOS 7.881% fixed to floating Perpetual	151	0.21
	300,000	Lloyds Bank 13% fixed to floating Perpetual	518	0.71
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (0.56%)			-	-
Corporate Bonds (0.56%)			-	-
Equities (0.15%)			17	0.02
European Equities (0.15%)			17	0.02
Luxembourg (0.15%)			17	0.02
	26,196	BrightHouse	17	0.02

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Derivatives (-0.66%)		(656)	(0.90)
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.66%)		(656)	(0.90)
	Buy EUR 100,000 Sell GBP 90,028 15/08/2019	1	-
	Buy EUR 348,000 Sell GBP 313,342 15/08/2019	3	-
	Buy EUR 686,000 Sell GBP 615,243 15/08/2019	9	0.01
	Buy GBP 345,812 Sell EUR 387,000 15/08/2019	(6)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 376,035 Sell EUR 418,000 15/08/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 403,949 Sell EUR 450,000 15/08/2019	(6)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 562,501 Sell EUR 614,000 15/08/2019	4	0.01
	Buy GBP 11,842,367 Sell EUR 13,198,000 15/08/2019	(165)	(0.23)
	Buy GBP 11,843,568 Sell EUR 13,200,000 15/08/2019	(165)	(0.23)
	Buy GBP 11,846,208 Sell EUR 13,200,000 15/08/2019	(162)	(0.22)
	Buy GBP 11,846,208 Sell EUR 13,200,000 15/08/2019	(162)	(0.22)
	Buy GBP 415,143 Sell USD 523,000 15/08/2019	(12)	(0.02)
	Buy USD 203,000 Sell GBP 161,383 15/08/2019	4	0.01
	Buy USD 320,000 Sell GBP 256,370 15/08/2019	5	0.01
Total investment assets and liabilities		69,094	94.74
Net other assets		3,839	5.26
Total Net Assets		72,933	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.
The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

* Unapproved/unquoted security.

* A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital losses	1	(1,486)	(2,711)
Revenue	3	4,193	5,077
Expenses	4	(563)	(654)
Interest payable and similar charges*	5	(4)	(5)
Net revenue before taxation		3,626	4,418
Taxation	6	-	5
Net revenue after taxation		3,626	4,423
Total return before distributions		2,140	1,712
Distributions	7	(4,100)	(4,954)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(1,960)	(3,242)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	87,161	93,012
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	9,732	17,454
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(24,192)	(22,752)
	(14,460)	(5,298)
Dilution adjustment	8	15
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	(1,960)	(3,242)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	2,184	2,674
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	72,933	87,161

* For presentation purposes this line is now shown separately from expenses.

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		69,776	86,374
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	3,801	1,356
Cash and bank balances		2,001	445
		5,802	1,801
Total assets		75,578	88,175
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities		(682)	(593)
Creditors	9	(1,851)	(226)
Distribution payable		(112)	(195)
		(1,963)	(421)
Total liabilities		(2,645)	(1,014)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		72,933	87,161

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Losses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	(1,147)	(3,256)
Forward currency contracts	(763)	618
Other gains/(losses)	424	(73)
Net capital losses	(1,486)	(2,711)

2. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Trades in the year				
Bonds	32,941	40,083	43,705	49,571
Equities	-	-	27	-
Corporate actions	-	-	4,634	-
Total trades in the year	32,941	40,083	48,366	49,571

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.91% (2018: 0.96%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest on debt securities	4,098	4,924
Bank interest	2	3
Stocklending income	93	149
Other Revenue	-	1
Total revenue	4,193	5,077

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	474	531
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	89	123
Total expenses	563	654

5 Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	4	5
Total interest payable & similar charges	4	5

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas withholding tax	-	(5)
Total current tax	-	(5)
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	3,626	4,418
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	725	884
Effects of:		
Distributions treated as tax deductible	(725)	(884)
Irrecoverable overseas withholding tax	-	(5)
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	-	(5)

7. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
First interim	395	480
Second interim	358	357
Third interim	415	434
Fourth interim	330	445
Fifth interim	373	411
Sixth interim	335	424
Seventh interim	283	410
Eighth interim	340	382
Ninth interim	345	425
Tenth interim	354	447

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Eleventh interim	309	311
Final	240	419
	4,077	4,945
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	47	54
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(24)	(45)
Net distribution for the year	4,100	4,954
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	3,626	4,423
Capitalised fees	474	531
Total distributions	4,100	4,954

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	425	135
Sales awaiting settlement	2,545	-
Accrued revenue	831	1,221
Total debtors	3,801	1,356

9. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	841	174
Purchases awaiting settlement	967	-
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	43	52
Total creditors	1,851	226

10. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £8,468,000 (2018: £17,995,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £9,555,000 (2018: £19,505,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Barclays	-	1,863
BNP Paribas	-	3,194
Credit Suisse	8,468	1,062
JPM Chase	-	11,499
Nomura	-	377
Total securities on loan	8,468	17,995

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Collateral held		
Government Bond	9,555	19,505
Total collateral held	9,555	19,505

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £116,000 (2018: £186,000) and £23,000 (2018: £37,000).

11. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 9.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 9.

12. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	2,687,625	242,837	(1,216,746)	1,713,716
A Income shares	9,874,822	111,391	(2,580,148)	7,406,065
I Accumulation shares	14,066,219	3,322,090	(5,364,631)	12,023,678
I Income shares	31,253,137	4,710,175	(8,299,312)	27,664,000
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	19,560,152	-	(3,828,431)	15,731,721

13. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Bonds	-	69,733	-	1,824	84,399	-
Equities	17	-	-	130	-	-
Derivatives	-	26	-	-	21	-
Total investment assets	17	69,759	-	1,954	84,420	-
Derivatives	-	(682)	-	-	(593)	-
Total investment liabilities	-	(682)	-	-	(593)	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3: Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

14 Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market Price Risk

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Manager using VaR analysis. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VaR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

The table below indicated the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 5 day loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99 percent confidence level.

Calculated on this basis, the table indicates that the net value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities could be expected to change by more than the stated amount on only two days out of 200, in response to either price, interest rate, inflation or foreign currency exchange rate changes.

The VaR measures of the Fund are detailed below.

	2019	2018
Minimum VaR	0.76%	0.87%
Maximum VaR	1.66%	1.09%
Average VaR	0.98%	0.94%

VaR table

	FX risk	Interest rate risk	Inflation risk	Contribution from credit risk	Overall VaR
31 July 2019	0.96%	0.65%	-	(0.26%)	1.35%
31 July 2018	0.00%	0.51%	-	0.45%	0.95%

The ACD must calculate the global exposure of any Fund it manages either as: 1) the incremental exposure and leverage generated through the use of derivatives and forward transactions, which may not exceed 100% of the net value of the scheme property. This is known as the Commitment Approach and is a measure of leverage or; 2) The market risk of the scheme property by way of the value at risk (VaR) approach. Although, the sensitivity analysis of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions described above uses VaR analysis, the global exposure calculations for Funds may be calculated on the Commitment Basis. The Prospectus provides further details on which method is used to calculate Global Exposure for each Fund.

(b) Foreign currency risk

The income and capital value of the Fund's investments are mainly denominated in sterling, the Fund's functional currency; therefore, the financial statements are not subject to any significant risk of currency movements. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(c) Interest rate risk

Interest receivable on bank deposits or payable on bank overdrafts will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates. The Fund Manager continuously reviews interest rates and inflation expectations. The assessment of this may result in a change in investment strategy.

Bond yields are affected by market and economic conditions, including inflation rates and government policy. An analysis of the interest rates and maturity of bond listings is detailed below.

In addition, changes to prevailing rates or changes in expectations of future rates may result in an increase or decrease in the value of the securities held. In general, if interest rates rise, the income potential of the Fund also rises but the value of fixed rate securities will decline (along with certain expenses calculated by reference to the assets of the Fund). A decline in interest rates will, in general, have the opposite effect.

The interest rate risk profile of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities is:

Currency	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets/ (liabilities) not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
2019				
UK Sterling	5,406	18,929	48,599	72,934
Euro	5,798	41,601	(47,400)	(1)
2018				
UK Sterling	4,846	23,911	(216)	28,541
Euro	1,729	55,690	698	58,117
US Dollar	-	492	11	503

(d) **Credit risk**

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

	Market Value 2019 £'000	Market Value 2018 £'000
Credit Rating Analysis		
Investment Grade Bonds	2,254	4,067
Below Investment Grade Bonds	67,054	79,869
Unrated Bonds	424	2,287
Equities	17	130
Derivatives	(656)	(572)
Other net assets	3,839	1,380
Net Assets	72,933	87,161

(e) **Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk***

At the year end the Fund held derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management or to meet the Fund's investment objectives. These types of transaction can introduce market exposure greater than the market value of the instrument. These transactions exchange benefits with a third party at a future date creating both counterparty and concentration risk. The Investment Adviser's policies for managing these risks are outlined in the Fund's prospectus.

At the balance sheet date the Fund had the following exposures:

Market Exposure	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Forward Currency Contracts	51,618	21
Total Market Exposure	51,618	21

The total market exposure is the sum of the notional derivative contracts on a gross basis with no offsetting.

Counterparty Exposure

Derivative instruments involve an agreement to exchange a benefit at a future date. This introduces counterparty risk where an agreement is bilateral (between two parties) and concentration risk where a clearing broker operates on an exchange. Where the counterparty or clearing broker is not solvent the market exposure obtained would be lost.

At 31 July 2019 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

Counterparty or clearer	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	(161)	(161)
BNP Paribas	1	1
Citigroup	9	9
HSBC	(165)	(165)
Morgan Stanley	(8)	(8)
Royal Bank of Canada	5	5
StateStreet	(333)	(333)
UBS	(4)	(4)
Total	(656)	(656)

At 31 July 2018 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

Counterparty or clearer	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	(583)	(583)
Barclays	(9)	(9)
BNP Paribas	21	21
Citigroup	(1)	(1)
Total	(572)	(572)

* Following the change in administrators the methodology used for compiling this note has changed.

(f)

Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the month ended 31 August 2018**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 August 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6301	-	0.6301*	0.7109
Group 2	0.1959	0.4342	0.6301*	0.7109
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4021	-	0.4021**	0.4788
Group 2	0.2364	0.1657	0.4021**	0.4788
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6496	-	0.6496*	0.7291
Group 2	0.2406	0.4090	0.6496*	0.7291
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4663	-	0.4663**	0.5523
Group 2	0.1407	0.3256	0.4663**	0.5523
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5359	-	0.5359*	0.5971
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 August 2018.

** Distribution paid on 30 September 2018.

For the month ended 30 September 2018

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 September 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 September 2018 and 30 September 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5772	-	0.5772*	0.5494
Group 2	0.2064	0.3708	0.5772*	0.5494
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3667	-	0.3667**	0.3681
Group 2	0.1343	0.2324	0.3667**	0.3681
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5955	-	0.5955*	0.5639
Group 2	0.2906	0.3049	0.5955*	0.5639
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4255	-	0.4255**	0.4249
Group 2	0.2212	0.2043	0.4255**	0.4249
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4914	-	0.4914*	0.4622
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 30 September 2018.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2018.

For the month ended 31 October 2018

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 October 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 October 2018 and 31 October 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6690	-	0.6690*	0.6572
Group 2	0.3316	0.3374	0.6690*	0.6572
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4233	-	0.4233**	0.4386
Group 2	0.1779	0.2454	0.4233**	0.4386
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6905	-	0.6905*	0.6749
Group 2	0.4163	0.2742	0.6905*	0.6749
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4914	-	0.4914**	0.5065
Group 2	0.1869	0.3045	0.4914**	0.5065
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5702	-	0.5702*	0.5533
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2018.

** Distribution paid on 30 November 2018.

For the month ended 30 November 2018

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2018 and 30 November 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5459	-	0.5459*	0.6633
Group 2	0.3779	0.1680	0.5459*	0.6633
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3437	-	0.3437**	0.4406
Group 2	0.1992	0.1445	0.3437**	0.4406
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5624	-	0.5624*	0.6813
Group 2	0.2177	0.3447	0.5624*	0.6813
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3993	-	0.3993**	0.5090
Group 2	0.1775	0.2218	0.3993**	0.5090
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.0700	-	0.0700*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.0700	-	0.0700**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4661	-	0.4661*	0.5590
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 30 November 2018.

** Distribution paid on 31 December 2018.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 27 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 27 November 2018 and 30 November 2018.

For the month ended 31 December 2018

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 December 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 December 2018 and 31 December 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6205	-	0.6205*	0.6110
Group 2	0.3309	0.2896	0.6205*	0.6110
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3890	-	0.3890**	0.4039
Group 2	0.1272	0.2618	0.3890**	0.4039
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6411	-	0.6411*	0.6279
Group 2	0.3108	0.3303	0.6411*	0.6279
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4521	-	0.4521**	0.4669
Group 2	0.2005	0.2516	0.4521**	0.4669
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4600	-	0.4600*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.4600	-	0.4600**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5302	-	0.5302*	0.5155
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 December 2018.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2019.

For the month ended 31 January 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 January 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 January 2019 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5519	-	0.5519*	0.6348
Group 2	0.1602	0.3917	0.5519*	0.6348
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3443	-	0.3443**	0.4178
Group 2	0.1462	0.1981	0.3443**	0.4178
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5703	-	0.5703*	0.6526
Group 2	0.2535	0.3168	0.5703*	0.6526
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4004	-	0.4004**	0.4831
Group 2	0.1900	0.2104	0.4004**	0.4831
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4200	-	0.4200*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.4200	-	0.4200**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4719	-	0.4719*	0.5361
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 28 February 2019.

For the month ended 28 February 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 28 February 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4750	-	0.4750*	0.6070
Group 2	0.2483	0.2267	0.4750*	0.6070
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.2953	-	0.2953**	0.3977
Group 2	0.2166	0.0787	0.2953**	0.3977
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4911	-	0.4911*	0.6244
Group 2	0.1404	0.3507	0.4911*	0.6244
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3434	-	0.3434**	0.4601
Group 2	0.1531	0.1903	0.3434**	0.4601
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3600	-	0.3600*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3600	-	0.3600**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4069	-	0.4069*	0.5134
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 28 February 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 March 2019.

For the month ended 31 March 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 March 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 March 2019 and 31 March 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5870	-	0.5870*	0.5704
Group 2	0.3411	0.2459	0.5870*	0.5704
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3629	-	0.3629**	0.3720
Group 2	0.1178	0.2451	0.3629**	0.3720
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6060	-	0.6060*	0.5869
Group 2	0.3067	0.2993	0.6060*	0.5869
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4221	-	0.4221**	0.4306
Group 2	0.1868	0.2353	0.4221**	0.4306
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4200	-	0.4200*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.4200	-	0.4200**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5019	-	0.5019*	0.4827
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 March 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

For the month ended 30 April 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 April 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 April 2019 and 30 April 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6019	-	0.6019*	0.6332
Group 2	0.2475	0.3544	0.6019*	0.6332
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3711	-	0.3711**	0.4113
Group 2	0.2662	0.1049	0.3711**	0.4113
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6227	-	0.6227*	0.6515
Group 2	0.3107	0.3120	0.6227*	0.6515
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4320	-	0.4320**	0.4760
Group 2	0.1523	0.2797	0.4320**	0.4760
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4700	-	0.4700*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.4400	-	0.4400**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5163	-	0.5163*	0.5361
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 30 April 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 May 2019.

For the month ended 31 May 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 May 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 May 2019 and 31 May 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6386	-	0.6386*	0.6748
Group 2	0.4566	0.1820	0.6386*	0.6748
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3921	-	0.3921**	0.4364
Group 2	0.0838	0.3083	0.3921**	0.4364
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6610	-	0.6610*	0.6950
Group 2	0.3516	0.3094	0.6610*	0.6950
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4566	-	0.4566**	0.5055
Group 2	0.1617	0.2949	0.4566**	0.5055
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5200	-	0.5200*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.4900	-	0.4900**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5482	-	0.5482*	0.5724
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 May 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 June 2019.

For the month ended 30 June 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 June 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 June 2019 and 30 June 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5701	-	0.5701*	0.4753
Group 2	0.3566	0.2135	0.5701*	0.4753
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3486	-	0.3486**	0.3058
Group 2	0.1796	0.1690	0.3486**	0.3058
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5904	-	0.5904*	0.4897
Group 2	0.2931	0.2973	0.5904*	0.4897
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4058	-	0.4058**	0.3545
Group 2	0.1017	0.3041	0.4058**	0.3545
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4000	-	0.4000*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3700	-	0.3700**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4900	-	0.4900*	0.4036
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 30 June 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 July 2019.

For the month ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 July 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 July 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4637	-	0.4637*	0.6608
Group 2	0.1651	0.2986	0.4637*	0.6608
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.2824	-	0.2824**	0.4237
Group 2	0.0884	0.1940	0.2824**	0.4237
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4799	-	0.4799*	0.6811
Group 2	0.0346	0.4453	0.4799*	0.6811
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3278	-	0.3278**	0.4913
Group 2	0.0519	0.2759	0.3278**	0.4913
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3200	-	0.3200*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3300	-	0.3300**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3988	-	0.3988*	0.5613
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 August 2019.

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Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in Equity and Equity-Related securities issued by companies that derive the majority of their income from the ownership, management or development of real estate located in Europe, including the United Kingdom.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI European Real Estate Share Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 6.42% compared to an increase of 0.04% in the benchmark, the FTSE Epra Nareit Europe Ex-UK Re 10% Capped GBP Index.

Source: Lipper, BPSS Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

European property shares ended the 12 months broadly flat, lagging the wider equity market and belying some significant moves during the period. Volatile market conditions marked a fairly bruising start to the period in late 2018, amid fears that rising inflation would necessitate higher interest rates. Sentiment was also affected by worries about global trade tensions and scepticism over a resolution of the US-China tariff dispute. Equities thus fell sharply towards the end of 2018, before rebounding during the first quarter of 2019, following the US Federal Reserve's unexpectedly dovish policy shift. The EU's anaemic economy in early 2019 also forced the European Central Bank into restarting its provision of cheap loans to banks and to rule out interest rate rises for the rest of the year. Such signs of increasingly expansive monetary policy and conciliatory tones coming from US-China trade negotiations sent share prices higher. Despite the more optimistic mood in the equity market, the European Commission cut its 2019 growth forecasts for the euro area and economic data remained sluggish.

Within real estate, retail was the weakest sub-sector over the period, particularly in the UK, as companies struggled to cope with changing shopping habits and weaker consumer spending. With investors steering clear of these assets and valuation declines becoming more visible in recent earnings reports, there is still uncertainty as to where valuations will stabilise. Conversely, the burgeoning industrials market continued to report growth in rents and capital values. Demand is benefiting from the structural shift towards e-commerce, which requires significant logistics investment.

Across Europe, Swiss and Scandinavian property stocks largely performed well amid the market volatility. Sweden, in particular, benefited as expectations for a further rate hike in early 2019 receded and as occupational markets remained in good health. Towards the end of the period, Germany was held back, largely by unfavourable regulatory news from the residential sector. The Berlin Senate proposed draft laws regarding a five-year 'rent freeze' in the city.

Portfolio review

Stock selection was the main driver of outperformance over the period. Our continued cautious approach to retail was beneficial. In particular, not owning UK retail REIT Hammerson was positive for performance. Likewise, our large underweight in mall owner Unibail Group benefited relative performance as the shares failed to shrug off the retail negativity. Elsewhere, our position in Shurgard Self Storage, Europe's largest self-storage landlord, performed strongly following its initial public offering in October. Swedish players Hufvudstaden and Wihlborgs also did well, benefiting from their resilient Scandinavian occupational markets.

Holdings that limited gains included our off-benchmark position in Cairn Homes. This stock de-rated alongside Irish and UK housebuilding peers given Brexit uncertainty, despite reporting better trading. Our underweight to Vonovia also detracted; it is a favoured name and one of the largest weights in the Fund, but our holding remains less than its very large index weight.

In portfolio activity, we introduced four new holdings over the period. We took part in the initial public offering of market leader Shurgard Self Storage. This asset brings differentiated exposure to an attractive sub-sector. It is also supported by compelling supply-demand dynamics and led by an experienced management team. We started a position in Alstria Office REIT, which brings exposure to commercial real estate in Germany's largest cities. The quality of its portfolio is improving and it is backed by a very conservative balance sheet and management team. Meanwhile in the industrial sub-sector, we introduced Swedish logistics operator Catena, given its healthy cash flows and attractive prospects for development returns. We also bought Warehouses De Pauw, which owns good quality warehouse assets that have demonstrated resilient historic occupancy. Its experienced management team also continues to create value from developments. There were a number of other selective additions to stocks in order to take advantage of weakness.

The acquisitions were funded over the period by reducing our positions in Unibail Group, Klepierre and Shaftesbury. These sales reflect their more muted near-term growth outlook. They also further reduce the Fund's exposure to retail and help reallocate capital into more compelling opportunities. We took profits in diversified Swedish stocks Castellum and Wihlborgs after very strong performance from their Scandinavian markets.

Outlook

We remain selective in our quality-focused approach and are keenly aware of the divergence in occupational trends across the asset class. A number of pressures also persist, such as slowing capital value growth, the pressures materialising in the retail sub-sector where we remain cautious, and declining investment activity, albeit from peak levels.

Our key exposures reflect specific areas where we see stronger prospects for returns. We have continued, at the margin, to reallocate capital away from the retail sub-sector and peripheral areas. Instead, we prefer continental logistics and core commercial markets. We remain optimistic about the prospects of our holdings, which have performed well and continue to offer a diversified range of exposures backed by robust balance sheets.

European Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The Fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- Dividend payment policies of the REITs in which the Fund invests are not representative of the dividend payment policy of the Fund.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	223.27	203.55	186.30
Return before operating charges*	15.87	23.13	20.29
Operating charges	(3.06)	(3.41)	(3.04)
Return after operating charges*	12.81	19.72	17.25
Distributions	(6.67)	(6.74)	(6.74)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	6.67	6.74	6.74
Closing net asset value per share	236.08	223.27	203.55
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.06	0.38	0.11
Performance			
Return after charges	5.74%	9.69%	9.26%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,148	6,874	5,217
Closing number of shares	2,604,185	3,078,634	2,562,974
Operating charges	1.40%	1.61%	1.62%
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.18%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	240.8	224.5	206.6
Lowest share price	199.1	200.6	168.1

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	134.82	126.75	120.08
Return before operating charges*	9.55	14.35	12.94
Operating charges	(1.85)	(2.11)	(1.95)
Return after operating charges*	7.70	12.24	10.99
Distributions	(4.01)	(4.17)	(4.32)
Closing net asset value per share	138.51	134.82	126.75
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.04	0.23	0.07
Performance			
Return after charges	5.71%	9.66%	9.15%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	516	570	566
Closing number of shares	372,324	422,789	446,389
Operating charges	1.40%	1.61%	1.62%
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.18%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	144.6	138.9	131.0
Lowest share price	120.2	124.1	108.3

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	176.51	159.97	145.52
Return before operating charges*	12.41	17.98	15.73
Operating charges	(1.47)	(1.44)	(1.28)
Return after operating charges*	10.94	16.54	14.45
Distributions	(5.26)	(5.06)	(5.09)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	5.26	5.06	5.09
Closing net asset value per share	187.45	176.51	159.97
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.05	0.30	0.09
Performance			
Return after charges	6.20%	10.34%	9.93%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	57,080	61,387	21,168
Closing number of shares	30,451,058	34,779,010	13,232,469
Operating charges	0.85%	0.86%	0.87%
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.18%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	191.2	177.4	162.2
Lowest share price	157.8	157.9	131.6

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	119.25	111.28	104.64
Return before operating charges*	8.37	12.48	11.19
Operating charges	(0.99)	(1.00)	(0.91)
Return after operating charges*	7.38	11.48	10.28
Distributions	(3.54)	(3.51)	(3.64)
Closing net asset value per share	123.09	119.25	111.28
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.21	0.06
Performance			
Return after charges	6.19%	10.32%	9.82%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,976	12,578	8,566
Closing number of shares	7,292,493	10,547,769	7,697,669
Operating charges	0.85%	0.86%	0.87%
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.18%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	128.5	122.7	115.70
Lowest share price	106.6	109.4	94.61

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M Accumulation shares [^]	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 [®]
Return before operating charges*	13.19
Operating charges	(0.63)
Return after operating charges*	12.56
Distributions	(2.91)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.91
Closing net asset value per share	112.56
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02
Performance	
Return after charges	12.56%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.90%
Direct transaction costs	0.03%
Prices	
Highest share price	114.8
Lowest share price	94.60

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

[^] M Accumulation share class was launched on 27 November 2018.

[®] The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares [^]	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 [^]
Return before operating charges*	13.27
Operating charges	(0.63)
Return after operating charges*	12.64
Distributions	(2.91)
Closing net asset value per share	109.73
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02
Performance	
Return after charges	12.64%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.90%
Direct transaction costs	0.03%
Prices	
Highest share price	114.6
Lowest share price	94.60

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

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[^] The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	260.84	235.00	212.51
Return before operating charges*	18.04	26.11	22.75
Operating charges	(0.26)	(0.27)	(0.26)
Return after operating charges*	17.78	25.84	22.49
Distributions	(7.72)	(7.37)	(7.45)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	7.72	7.37	7.45
Closing net asset value per share	278.62	260.84	235.00
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.07	0.43	0.13
Performance			
Return after charges	6.82%	11.00%	10.58%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	40,915	43,292	41,803
Closing number of shares	14,684,895	16,597,008	17,788,908
Operating charges	0.10%	0.11%	0.12%
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.18%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	284.2	262.2	238.1
Lowest share price	233.7	232.2	192.5

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The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (98.70%)		112,887	99.34
European Equities (65.70%)		80,793	71.10
Austria (2.45%)		3,671	3.23
126,750	CA Immo	3,671	3.23
Belgium (0.00%)		7,565	6.66
136,500	Shurgard Self Storage	3,904	3.44
26,700	Warehouses De Pauw	3,661	3.22
France (13.02%)		10,343	9.10
48,760	Gecina	6,145	5.41
85,000	Klepierre	2,152	1.89
18,600	Unibail-Rodamco	2,046	1.80
Germany (14.73%)		25,468	22.41
264,700	Alstria Office REIT	3,514	3.09
190,408	Deutsche Wohnen	5,750	5.06
51,090	LEG Immobilien	4,866	4.28
6,581,169	Sirius Real Estate	4,376	3.85
172,550	Vonovia	6,962	6.13
Ireland (5.74%)		5,381	4.74
2,928,520	Cairn Homes	2,828	2.49
1,871,420	Hibernia REIT	2,553	2.25
Netherlands (6.91%)		-	-
Spain (5.05%)		7,692	6.77
437,630	Inmobiliaria Colonial	4,019	3.54
327,030	Merlin Properties	3,673	3.23

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Sweden (13.06%)		14,731	12.96
298,000	Castellum	4,980	4.38
106,900	Catena	2,739	2.41
328,600	Hufvudstaden	4,773	4.20
186,110	Wihlborgs Fastigheter	2,239	1.97
Switzerland (4.74%)		5,942	5.23
12,060	Flughafen Zurich	1,804	1.59
42,120	PSP Swiss Property	4,138	3.64
UK Equities (33.00%)		32,094	28.24
Consumer Services (2.14%)		2,063	1.82
390,550	Rightmove	2,063	1.82
Financials (30.86%)		30,031	26.42
6,665,866	Assura	4,300	3.78
292,200	Big Yellow	2,888	2.54
61,070	Derwent Valley	1,782	1.57
1,138,875	LondonMetric Property	2,310	2.03
224,870	Savills	2,139	1.88
1,017,000	Segro	7,770	6.84
264,666	Shaftesbury	2,080	1.83
468,900	Unite	4,834	4.25
228,463	Workspace	1,928	1.70
Collective Investment Schemes (0.66%)		807	0.71
807	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund*	807	0.71
Total investment assets		113,694	100.05
Net other liabilities		(59)	(0.05)
Total Net Assets		113,635	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains	1	3,440	7,497
Revenue	3	3,877	3,551
Expenses	4	(754)	(575)
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(1)	-
Net revenue before taxation		3,122	2,976
Taxation	6	(187)	(183)
Net revenue after taxation		2,935	2,793
Total return before distributions		6,375	10,290
Distributions	7	(3,452)	(3,196)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		2,923	7,094

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	124,701	77,320
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	19,882	50,571
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(36,848)	(13,365)
	(16,966)	37,206
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	2,923	7,094
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	2,977	3,081
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	113,635	124,701

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		113,694	123,899
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	266	927
Cash and bank balances		295	380
		561	1,307
Total assets		114,255	125,206
Liabilities:			
Creditors	9	(395)	(190)
Distribution payable		(225)	(315)
		(620)	(505)
Total liabilities		(620)	(505)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		113,635	124,701

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	3,460	7,509
Forward currency contracts	4	-
Other losses	(24)	(12)
Net capital gains	3,440	7,497

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	23,639	56,013	37,337	12,622
Collective investment schemes	26,183	39,521	26,199	38,865
Trades in the year before transaction costs	49,822	95,534	63,536	51,487
Commissions				
Equities	21	51	(17)	(7)
Total commissions	21	51	(17)	(7)
Taxes				
Equities	11	116	-	-
Total taxes	11	116	-	-
Total transaction costs	32	167	(17)	(7)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	49,854	95,701	63,519	51,480

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.09	0.09	0.04	0.06
Taxes				
Equities	0.05	0.21	-	-

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.03	0.06
Taxes	0.01	0.12

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.17% (2018: 0.12%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK dividends	1,321	776
Overseas dividends	2,545	2,437
Stock dividends	-	323
Taxable distributions on offshore funds	9	12
Bank interest	1	1
Stocklending income	1	2
Total revenue	3,877	3,551

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Manager, associates of the Manager and agents of either of them:		
Manager's periodic charge	634	466
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	120	109
Total expenses	754	575

5. Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	1	-
Total interest payable & similar charges	1	-

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Corporation tax	-	14
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	3	-
Overseas taxes	196	166
Total current tax	199	180
Deferred tax (note 6c)	(12)	3
Total taxation (note 6b)	187	183
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	3,122	2,976
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	624	595
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(633)	(498)
Overseas taxes	196	166
Excess allowable expenses	9	-
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	3	-
UK dividends	-	(80)
Deferred Tax	(12)	-
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	187	183
(c) Deferred tax		
Deferred tax charge at the start of the year	12	9
Deferred tax charge in statement of total return for year (note 6a)	(12)	3
Provision at the end of the year	-	12

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

(d) Factors that may affect future tax charge

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £8,900 (2018: £nil) due to surplus Manager expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

7. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interim distribution	641	550
Final distribution	2,635	2,913
	3,276	3,463
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	245	145
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(69)	(412)
Net distribution for the year	3,452	3,196
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	2,935	2,793
Capitalised fees	634	466
Tax thereon	(117)	(63)
Total distributions	3,452	3,196

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the Manager for the issue of shares	13	666
Sales awaiting settlement	-	70
Accrued revenue	189	145
Foreign withholding tax recoverable	58	39
United Kingdom income tax recoverable	6	7
Total debtors	266	927

9. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the Manager for cancellation of shares	335	110
Accrued expenses payable to the Manager	60	65
Corporation tax payable	-	15
Total creditors	395	190

10. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £1,065,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £1,192,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Citigroup	-	342
JPM Chase	-	723
Total securities on loan	-	1,065

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	-	1,089
Government Bond	-	103
Total collateral held	-	1,192

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £1,000 (2018: £2,000) and £250 (2018: £411).

11. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen European Property Share Fund, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen European Property Share Fund at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 9.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen European Property Share Fund, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 9.

12. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	3,078,634	292,792	(731,243)	(35,998)	2,604,185
A Income shares	422,789	22,216	(54,868)	(17,813)	372,324
I Accumulation shares	34,779,010	9,563,413	(13,936,746)	45,381	30,451,058
I Income shares	10,547,769	1,792,092	(5,067,436)	20,068	7,292,493
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	16,597,008	279,660	(2,191,773)	-	14,684,895

13. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	112,887	-	-	123,076	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	807	-	-	823	-
Total investment assets	112,887	807	-	123,076	823	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

14. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £5,685,000 (2018: £6,195,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £3,831,000 (2018: £4,100,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Currency exposure

An increase or decrease in a particular foreign currency exchange rate will have a proportionate affect on the value of the Fund.

The net foreign currency exposure comprises:

	Net foreign currency assets	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Euro	55,947	59,799
Swedish Krona	14,731	16,285
Swiss Franc	5,942	5,916

(c) Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(d) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) Financial Derivative Instrument Risk

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018: nil).

(f) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2034	-	1.2034*	1.3256
Group 2	0.6374	0.5660	1.2034*	1.3256
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.7266	-	0.7266**	0.8254
Group 2	0.4580	0.2686	0.7266**	0.8254
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9164	-	0.9164*	0.9462
Group 2	0.4751	0.4413	0.9164*	0.9462
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.6194	-	0.6194**	0.6582
Group 2	0.3431	0.2763	0.6194**	0.6582
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.2500	-	0.2500*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.2500	-	0.2500**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2819	-	1.2819*	1.3478
Group 2	0.7685	0.5134	1.2819*	1.3478

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 27 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 27 November 2018 and 31 July 2019.

For the six months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	5.4691	-	5.4691*	5.4102
Group 2	2.6459	2.8232	5.4691*	5.4102
A Income shares				
Group 1	3.2831	-	3.2831**	3.3479
Group 2	2.0222	1.2609	3.2831**	3.3479
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	4.3395	-	4.3395*	4.1182
Group 2	2.6662	1.6733	4.3395*	4.1182
I Income shares				
Group 1	2.9158	-	2.9158**	2.8486
Group 2	1.5638	1.3520	2.9158**	2.8486
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	2.6600	-	2.6600*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	2.6600	-	2.6600**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	6.4396	-	6.4396*	6.0223
Group 2	4.4552	1.9844	6.4396*	6.0223

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

^A Share created for the initial seeding of the share class prior to 27 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 27 November 2018 and 31 July 2019.**Equalisation**

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Interim Dividend	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%	99.93%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%	0.07%

ASI European Smaller Companies Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth primarily by investing in Equity and Equity-Related Securities of European smaller companies. Income is not a consideration.

Investment policy:

Investments will generally be confined to smaller companies. In this context, smaller companies generally means companies which are, at the time of investment, of a market capitalisation appropriate for a small company sector benchmark.

Investments in companies which subsequently outgrow the appropriate small company sector benchmark will not be sold unless, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, this is in the best interests of Shareholders. This Fund may invest in companies listed or incorporated anywhere in the world, as long as the companies' principal activities are in, or their main economic exposure is to, Europe. The Fund may also hold ancillary liquid assets and Investment grade debt and debt-related securities.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI European Smaller Companies Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares decreased by 5.60% compared to a decrease of 2.25% in the benchmark, the HSBC Smaller Companies Europe inc UK Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

European equities posted decent gains for the year under review. Since the beginning of 2019, stocks rose steadily amid a climate of easing monetary policy, allowing the market to recover losses after a brutal second half of 2018. Key to the recovery was the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) abrupt U-turn in its monetary policy, which prompted other major central banks to also take a looser stance. The Fed's first rate cut in over a decade occurred in July but disappointed investors, who were hoping for a larger than 25 basis point cut in light of economic growth downgrades across the globe. The European Central Bank (ECB), however, maintained its rate, pledging instead to increase other forms of stimulus.

In the European Parliament elections in May, pro-European parties held their ground across the continent despite growing pressure from populists and nationalists. Green parties also did well, thanks to rising environmental concerns. In contrast, traditional centrist parties on both the left and the right struggled. In the UK, Brexit continued to dominate politics and Boris Johnson officially replaced Theresa May as the UK prime minister. Mr Johnson was adamant that the UK will leave the European Union by the 31 October deadline – with or without an exit deal. With the future of the UK and its continental peers post-Brexit still unclear, the pound fell to a two-year low against the dollar in July.

Meanwhile, US-China trade negotiations continued to flounder, heightening concerns of an inevitable global economic slowdown. Consistently weak economic data from the Eurozone, especially the contraction in once powerhouse economy, Germany's GDP, also weighed on sentiment, reinforcing calls for the ECB to take action.

Portfolio review

The Fund outperformed its benchmark, thanks to our choice of holdings.

Our overweight to technology, driven by owning a number of high quality software businesses, proved beneficial. The Fund's top contributors consisted of our tech holdings, Aveva Group, Nemetschek and New Work (formerly Xing), as their share prices benefited from the buoyant growth environment in the sector.

Also benefiting the Fund was Inter Parfums, a premier fragrance company with a diverse portfolio of prestige brands, due to steady growth, and Austrian airline caterer Do & Co, as it won a number of catering contracts providing good long-term visibility.

Conversely, speciality chemicals manufacturer Victrex cost the fund as it fell due to worries about the cyclicity of its earnings and low visibility over volumes. Construction and building materials company Cairn Homes also detracted as it tracked the decline in house prices and traded sensitively to Brexit concerns.

Other detractors included oilfield equipment maker Schoeller-Bleckmann and industrial equipment manufacturer Burkhardt Compression, which detracted due to lower oil prices eroding the gains from their margins.

In addition to the portfolio activity mentioned in the interim review, we introduced German real estate manager Patrizia, a leader in the European market. We believe it has assuring growth prospects as investor asset allocation to real estate is increasing in a climate where yield sources are high in demand. The business is managed by the founder, who is also the biggest shareholder in the company. We also initiated UK-listed private markets business Intermediate Capital into the portfolio. The business is benefiting from a faster-than-expected structural increase in asset allocation into private markets, which helps increase its assets under management. Finally, we introduced doValue (formerly doBank) to the portfolio to increase commonality with other European small-cap funds. Its attractive quality, growth and momentum characteristics also proved supportive.

Outlook

Markets remain sensitive to geopolitical news flow and developments around tariffs as well as various trade negotiations. This is expected to result in continued high volatility in markets. In addition, the UK market remains exposed to ongoing Brexit uncertainty. As always, we are focused on our tried and tested process with a tilt towards high-quality companies that have clear growth prospects and good operating momentum.

Small Cap Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The shares of small and mid-cap companies may be less liquid and more volatile than those of larger companies.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	1,727.36	1,445.33	1,137.06
Return before operating charges*	107.44	307.22	329.65
Operating charges	(23.36)	(25.19)	(21.38)
Return after operating charges*	84.08	282.03	308.27
Distributions	(4.69)	(1.13)	-
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	4.69	1.13	-
Closing net asset value per share	1,811.44	1,727.36	1,445.33
* after direct transaction costs of:	1.08	-	0.27
Performance			
Return after charges	4.87%	19.51%	27.11%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	36,339	36,981	47,123
Closing number of shares	2,006,100	2,140,895	3,260,370
Operating charges	1.43%	1.65%	1.67%
Direct transaction costs	0.07%	-	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	1,869	1,746	1,464
Lowest share price	1,390	1,416	1,122

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	212.03	176.08	137.49
Return before operating charges*	13.30	37.65	40.03
Operating charges	(1.75)	(1.70)	(1.44)
Return after operating charges*	11.55	35.95	38.59
Distributions	(1.73)	(1.66)	(1.18)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.73	1.66	1.18
Closing net asset value per share	223.58	212.03	176.08
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.13	-	0.03
Performance			
Return after charges	5.45%	20.42%	28.07%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	28,235	18,057	10,878
Closing number of shares	12,628,518	8,516,105	6,177,710
Operating charges	0.87%	0.90%	0.92%
Direct transaction costs	0.07%	-	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	230.6	214.3	178.2
Lowest share price	171.2	172.6	135.7

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K Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	167.03	138.60	108.14
Return before operating charges*	10.49	29.70	31.51
Operating charges	(1.26)	(1.27)	(1.05)
Return after operating charges*	9.23	28.43	30.46
Distributions	(1.51)	(1.41)	(1.03)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.51	1.41	1.03
Closing net asset value per share	176.26	167.03	138.60
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.10	-	0.03
Performance			
Return after charges	5.53%	20.51%	28.17%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	221	111	8
Closing number of shares	125,060	66,646	5,800
Operating charges	0.80%	0.83%	0.85%
Direct transaction costs	0.07%	-	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	181.8	168.8	140.2
Lowest share price	134.9	135.8	106.7

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The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	22.44
Operating charges	(0.68)
Return after operating charges*	21.76
Distributions	(1.21)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.21
Closing net asset value per share	121.76
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.05
Performance	
Return after charges	21.76%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.92%
Direct transaction costs	0.07%
Prices	
Highest share price	125.6
Lowest share price	93.07

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV. Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Income share class was launched on 27 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	2,110.45	1,739.70	1,348.29
Return before operating charges*	(128.67)	373.44	393.98
Operating charges	(1.50)	(2.69)	(2.57)
Return after operating charges*	(130.17)	370.75	391.41
Distributions	-	(30.39)	(23.22)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	30.39	23.22
Redemption value as at 18 March 2019	(1,980.28)	-	-
Closing net asset value per share	-	2,110.45	1,739.70
* after direct transaction costs of:	1.28	-	0.32
Performance			
Return after charges	(6.17%)	21.31%	29.03%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	2,113	35,763
Closing number of shares	-	100,113	2,055,713
Operating charges	0.08%	0.15%	0.17%
Direct transaction costs	0.07%	-	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	2,182	2,133	1,758
Lowest share price	1,709	1,705	1,330

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A Z Accumulation share class closed on 18 March 2019.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (92.55%)		61,218	94.47
European Equities (67.88%)		43,754	67.52
Austria (7.44%)		4,371	6.75
29,200	Do & Co	2,127	3.28
19,200	Schoeller-Bleckmann Oilfield Equipment	1,257	1.94
47,000	Vienna Insurance	987	1.53
Denmark (2.19%)		597	0.92
69,000	Scandinavian Tobacco 'A'	597	0.92
France (2.86%)		4,483	6.92
79,671	Interparfums	3,104	4.79
8,001	Teleperformance	1,379	2.13
Germany (16.18%)		11,575	17.86
15,600	Cancom	723	1.11
26,000	CTS Eventim	1,073	1.66
33,666	Dermapharm	937	1.45
14,500	Gerresheimer	933	1.44
24,439	Grenke*	1,723	2.66
2,409	Hypoport	524	0.81
55,377	Nemetschek	2,568	3.96
59,000	PATRIZIA Immobilien	940	1.45
6,885	Xing	2,154	3.32
Ireland (2.21%)		1,001	1.54
1,036,256	Cairn Homes	1,001	1.54
Italy (11.21%)		7,308	11.28
132,500	Amplifon	2,680	4.14
57,500	Brunello Cucinelli	1,497	2.31
109,000	Cerved Information Solutions	708	1.09
122,330	DoBank	1,264	1.95

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
	59,000	Gima TT	431	0.66
	13,200	Reply	728	1.13
Norway (1.84%)			379	0.58
	36,301	Kongsberg Gruppen	379	0.58
Spain (1.68%)			-	-
Sweden (10.23%)			6,578	10.15
	37,300	AddLife	819	1.26
	70,000	AddTech 'B'	1,508	2.33
	109,166	Cloetta 'B'	268	0.41
	180,000	Coor Service Management	1,240	1.91
	129,000	Eleckta	1,509	2.33
	121,000	Lagercrantz 'B'	1,234	1.91
Switzerland (12.04%)			7,462	11.52
	280	Belimo	1,351	2.09
	4,600	Burckhardt Compression	913	1.41
	1,700	Dormakaba 'B'	1,024	1.58
	9,600	Tecan	2,003	3.09
	9,100	Temenos	1,322	2.04
	3,750	VZ	849	1.31
North American Equities (0.00%)			-	-
United States (0.00%)			-	-
	3,184,500	Ashurst Technology ^α	-	-
UK Equities (24.67%)			17,464	26.95
Basic Materials (2.26%)			1,745	2.69
	85,637	Victrex	1,745	2.69
Consumer Services (2.66%)			1,543	2.38
	112,000	Euromoney Institutional Investor	1,543	2.38

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Financials (3.50%)		2,249	3.47
82,000	Burford Capital	1,233	1.90
31,500	Close Brothers	419	0.65
43,000	Intermediate Capital	597	0.92
Health Care (8.79%)		4,087	6.31
100,500	Abcam	1,313	2.03
71,500	Dechra Pharmaceuticals	2,105	3.25
25,354	Genus	669	1.03
Industrials (3.09%)		3,692	5.70
93,763	Diploma	1,421	2.19
97,500	Oxford Instruments	1,270	1.96
51,000	Ultra Electronics	1,001	1.55
Technology (4.37%)		4,148	6.40
103,966	AVEVA	4,148	6.40
Collective Investment Schemes (6.01%)		2,796	4.32
2,796	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund [†]	2,796	4.32
Total investment assets		64,014	98.79
Net other assets		781	1.21
Total Net Assets		64,795	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

^{*} A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.

[‡] Unapproved/unquoted security.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains	1	2,242	10,535
Revenue	3	1,000	1,123
Expenses	4	(670)	(742)
Net revenue before taxation		330	381
Taxation	5	(38)	(95)
Net revenue after taxation		292	286
Total return before distributions		2,534	10,821
Distributions	6	(292)	(288)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		2,242	10,533

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	57,262	93,772
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	15,940	6,300
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(10,967)	(53,616)
	4,973	(47,316)
Dilution adjustment	4	76
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	2,242	10,533
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	314	197
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	64,795	57,262

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		64,014	56,440
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	334	640
Cash and bank balances		544	475
		878	1,115
Total assets		64,892	57,555
Liabilities:			
Creditors	8	(97)	(293)
		(97)	(293)
Total liabilities		(97)	(293)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		64,795	57,262

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	2,235	10,454
Other gains	7	81
Net capital gains	2,242	10,535

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	10,589	8,744	4,642	59,107
Collective investment schemes	7,822	31,555	8,467	28,115
Trades in the year before transaction costs	18,411	40,299	13,109	87,222
Commissions				
Equities	20	4	(3)	(21)
Total commissions	20	4	(3)	(21)
Taxes				
Equities	14	8	-	-
Total taxes	14	8	-	-
Total transaction costs	34	12	(3)	(21)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	18,445	40,311	13,106	87,201

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.19	0.05	0.07	0.04
Taxes				
Equities	0.14	0.09	-	-

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.04	0.04
Taxes	0.03	0.01

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.21% (2018: 0.23%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK dividends	320	422
Overseas dividends	660	682
Taxable distributions on offshore funds	16	5
Bank interest	-	1
Stocklending income	4	13
Total revenue	1,000	1,123

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	603	644
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	67	98
Total expenses	670	742

5. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	38	95
Total current tax	38	95
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	330	381
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	66	76
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(196)	(221)
Overseas taxes	38	95
Excess allowable expenses	130	145
Total tax charge for year (note 5a)	38	95

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

(c) **Factors that may affect future tax charge**

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £1,994,000 (2018: £1,864,000) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

6. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Distribution	314	197
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	18	130
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(40)	(39)
Net distribution for the year	292	288
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	292	286
Movement between share classes due to conversions	-	2
Net distribution for the year	292	288

7. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	183	550
Accrued revenue	48	27
Foreign withholding tax recoverable	103	63
Total debtors	334	640

8. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	35	5
Purchases awaiting settlement	-	226
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	62	62
Total creditors	97	293

9. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £1,803,000 (2018: £nil). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £2,052,000 (2018: £nil).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Goldman Sachs	1,803	-
Total securities on loan	1,803	-

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	2,052	-
Total collateral held	2,052	-

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £5,000 (2018: £16,000) and £1,000 (2018: £3,000).

10. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 7 and 8.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 8.

11. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	2,140,895	86,202	(203,395)	(17,602)	2,006,100
I Accumulation shares	8,516,105	6,708,359	(2,738,756)	142,810	12,628,518
K Accumulation shares	66,646	122,491	(64,077)	-	125,060
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	100,113	100	(100,213)	-	-

12. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	61,218	-	-	53,000	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	2,796	-	-	3,440	-
Total investment assets	61,218	2,796	-	53,000	3,440	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

13. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £3,201,000 (2018: £2,822,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £2,194,000 (2018: £1,945,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Currency exposure

An increase or decrease in a particular foreign currency exchange rate will have a proportionate affect on the value of the Fund.

The net foreign currency exposure comprises:

	Net foreign currency monetary assets	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Danish Krone	630	1,278
Euro	28,819	23,817
Norwegian Krone	379	1,055
Swedish Krona	6,578	5,858
Swiss Franc	7,467	6,892

(c) Interest rate risk

The majority of the fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior period.

(d) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) Financial Derivative Instrument Risk

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018: nil).

(f) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the year ended 31 July 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	4.6854	-	4.6854*	1.1318
Group 2	2.7403	1.9451	4.6854*	1.1318
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.7252	-	1.7252*	1.6627
Group 2	1.1829	0.5423	1.7252*	1.6627
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5104	-	1.5104*	1.4133
Group 2	1.4408	0.0696	1.5104*	1.4133
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	1.2100	-	1.2100*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	30.3922
Group 2	-	-	-	30.3922

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

^A Share created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 27 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 27 November 2018 and 31 July 2019.**Equalisation**

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividend shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%

ASI Financial Equity Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy:

The Fund aims to provide capital growth, whilst not excluding the occurrence of income, by investing predominantly in Equity and Equity-Related securities issued by financial institutions, such as banking, insurance, financial services and property companies, domiciled globally.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Financial Equity Fund – A Income Shares increased by 15.67% compared to an increase of 9.10% in the benchmark, the FTSE World Financials Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

Financial equities rose over the period which was marked by the push-and-pull of US-China trade relations and a sharp pivot in the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) monetary policy. Stocks initially rallied as positive macroeconomic data in major economies, good earnings growth, and a strengthening US dollar propelled the US S&P500 Index to its longest bull run in history. Subsequently, a spike in US Treasury yields compelled investors to re-assess global stock valuations. At the end of 2018, as the Fed defied political pressure to raise rates for a fourth time in the year, the S&P 500 Index slipped into bear-market territory, dragging global markets along.

Stocks, however, rebounded quickly as the year turned, with investors cheering progress in US-China trade negotiations and the Fed's decision to stand pat on further rate hikes. The rally was interrupted by a breakdown in trade talks and escalating tensions. Near the end of the review period, optimism returned amid hopes of a fresh breakthrough ahead of the G20 summit. As major central banks including the Fed and European Central Bank signalled their readiness to loosen monetary policy, investors increasingly priced in interest rate cuts, which also supported stocks even as macroeconomic data deteriorated. Expectations for lower interest rates were reflected in a flattening of the yield curve across many developed economies, pressurising net interest margins and trading profits of banks operating in these geographies.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, US credit-scoring services provider Fair Isaac was a key contributor as its full-year earnings beat estimates. Brazilian shopping mall firm Iguatemi Empressa advanced after analysts upgraded the stock due to its attractive valuations and solid results. Further helping it was an advancing broader market

that was boosted by optimism around President Jair Bolsonaro's reform agenda. Indian mortgage provider Housing Development Finance Corporation climbed after the default of a non-banking financial company spurred investors to seek out quality names. It also continued to deliver growth despite a subdued operating environment.

On the flipside, German property firm Deutsche Wohnen, which was introduced in the period, was hurt by Berlin's planned five-year rent freeze amid concerns about housing affordability. While the underlying market characteristics remain favourable for the group, the recent proposal reduces future returns; we are monitoring its performance. Meanwhile, London-listed insurer Prudential de-rated due to uncertainty surrounding its demerger. We remain confident in the growth potential of its Asian life insurance and US retirement businesses. Japan Exchange was also a key detractor, after it announced a new medium-term plan that assumed slower profit growth on the back of IT investments and market weakness. We like the company as it has a near-monopoly position in the Japanese equities market. It is also the largest player in the derivatives market, a business that will be boosted by its recent merger with Tokyo Commodity Exchange.

In portfolio activity, we had mentioned in the interim report our divestments of Canadian Western Bank, US healthcare benefits firm Aetna, lenders HSBC and Boston Private Financial, as well as our introduction of Vietnamese lender Techcombank.

In the latter half, we added five new holdings to the portfolio: Indian insurer SBI Life, which we believe is well-placed to capitalise on a relatively immature domestic life assurance market; Ping An Insurance, which has a solid position in the growing Chinese life insurance market, and can leverage its software platform for cross-selling opportunities; Indonesian real estate firm Pakuwon Jati, whose robust balance sheet, high recurring revenues and established land bank offers scope to drive net asset value growth; Hypoport, a German tech services provider for financial and real estate companies whose valuation was attractive for the potential of its transformation into a successful platform business; and the aforementioned Deutsche Wohnen, which we liked for its well-managed portfolio that is positioned to benefit from increasing demand and limited supply in the housing markets of major German cities.

Against these, we exited European shopping mall developer and operator Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield and Japan's Daito Trust Construction in favour of better opportunities elsewhere. We also sold US domestic lender M&T Bank to take profits following its recent share-price strength, as well as US commercial real estate services firm Jones Lang Lasalle as the cyclicity of the business increased with its latest acquisition.

Outlook

Equity markets have been buoyed by expectations of central bank easing and the pronounced drop in government bond yields. This, however, could prove difficult to sustain without a corresponding expansion in profits, which now appears increasingly difficult with the global growth outlook becoming

murkier, and business and consumer sentiment alike being hit by the trade war. The direction of the market hinges on the eventual result of US-China trade talks. Other risks also remain, in the form of geopolitical skirmishes in the Middle East and a disruptive Brexit. On the other hand, monetary policy easing across most parts of the world should provide some support.

Amid such market conditions, we take comfort from our bottom-up approach that identifies winners in a fast-changing world. Our holdings also have the requisite cashflows and robust balance sheets that buffer them against the uncertainty. While valuations have increased following the decent rally year-to-date, we still see pockets of value, and will take advantage of volatility to add to our favoured holdings.

Global Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The Fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

	2019	2018	2017
A Income shares	pence per share	pence per share	pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	3,637.85	3,437.31	2,825.85
Return before operating charges*	586.28	272.48	680.76
Operating charges	(52.96)	(58.19)	(52.02)
Return after operating charges*	533.32	214.29	628.74
Distributions	(26.05)	(13.75)	(17.28)
Closing net asset value per share	4,145.12	3,637.85	3,437.31
* after direct transaction costs of:	1.19	0.59	0.81
Performance			
Return after charges	13.94%	6.23%	22.25%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	52,334	48,463	49,531
Closing number of shares	1,262,553	1,332,198	1,440,975
Operating charges	1.42%	1.64%	1.65%
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.02%	0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	4,240	3,726	3,462
Lowest share price	3,391	3,348	2,780

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	152.73	144.28	118.58
Return before operating charges*	24.65	11.48	28.62
Operating charges	(1.36)	(1.33)	1.20
Return after operating charges*	23.29	10.15	27.42
Distributions	(1.95)	(1.70)	(1.72)
Closing net asset value per share	174.07	152.73	144.28
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.05	0.03	0.03
Performance			
Return after charges	15.25%	7.03%	23.12%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,026	1,229	967
Closing number of shares	1,163,848	804,445	670,340
Operating charges	0.87%	0.89%	0.90%
Direct transaction costs	0.03%	0.02%	0.30%
Prices			
Highest share price	178.5	157.0	145.8
Lowest share price	142.6	140.7	116.7

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	18.44
Operating charges	(0.66)
Return after operating charges*	17.78
Distributions	(1.37)
Closing net asset value per share	116.41
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02
Performance	
Return after charges	17.78%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.92%
Direct transaction costs	0.03%
Prices	
Highest share price	119.6
Lowest share price	95.88

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

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Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Income share class was launched on 27 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (98.45%)		52,897	97.31
Emerging Market Equities (6.57%)		4,177	7.68
Brazil (4.80%)		3,256	5.99
255,188	Banco Bradesco ADR	1,882	3.46
131,900	Iguatemi Empresa de Shopping Centers	1,374	2.53
Chile (1.77%)		921	1.69
414,073	Parque Arauco	921	1.69
European Equities (9.98%)		4,772	8.78
Germany (0.99%)		2,822	5.19
11,600	Deutsche Boerse	1,332	2.45
27,000	Deutsche Wohnen	815	1.50
3,100	Hypoport	675	1.24
Ireland (3.35%)		-	-
Netherlands (1.56%)		-	-
Poland (1.34%)		768	1.41
35,100	Bank Polska Kasa Opieki	768	1.41
Sweden (1.10%)		587	1.08
79,100	Svenska Handelsbanken	587	1.08
Switzerland (1.64%)		595	1.10
65,000	UBS	595	1.10
Japanese Equities (8.32%)		2,880	5.30
119,500	Japan Exchange Group	1,439	2.65
95,245	Mitsubishi Estate	1,441	2.65

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
North America Equities (40.01%)		17,415	32.04
Canada (6.04%)		1,458	2.68
22,500	Royal Bank of Canada	1,458	2.68
Mexico (1.95%)		755	1.39
182,900	Grupo Financiero Banorte	755	1.39
United states (32.02%)		15,202	27.97
14,500	CME	2,301	4.23
5,800	Fair Isaac	1,646	3.03
22,300	First Republic Bank	1,809	3.33
36,000	Intercontinental Exchange	2,583	4.75
85,700	Regions Financial	1,115	2.05
58,700	Schwab (Charles)	2,071	3.81
25,300	Visa	3,677	6.77
Pacific Basin Equities (26.31%)		18,634	34.28
China (0.00%)		526	0.97
54,000	Ping An Insurance	526	0.97
Hong Kong (8.93%)		5,285	9.72
282,400	AIA	2,381	4.38
68,185	Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing	1,886	3.47
108,800	Swire Pacific 'A'	1,018	1.87
India (5.43%)		4,132	7.60
92,900	Housing Development Finance	2,340	4.31
175,900	ICICI Bank	888	1.63
96,000	SBI Life Insurance	904	1.66
Indonesia (1.01%)		1,635	3.01
3,105,000	Bank Rakyat Indonesia	809	1.49
19,417,300	Pakuwon Jati	826	1.52

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Philippines (3.64%)		2,470	4.54
3,090,300	Ayala Land	2,470	4.54
Singapore (2.39%)		1,745	3.21
253,438	Oversea-Chinese Banking	1,745	3.21
Thailand (4.91%)		2,703	4.97
264,600	Kasikornbank (Alien Market)	1,215	2.23
2,523,400	Tesco Lotus Retail Growth	1,488	2.74
Vietnam (0.00%)		138	0.26
190,320	Vietnam Technological & Commercial Joint Stock Bank	138	0.26
UK Equities (7.26%)		5,019	9.23
Financials (7.26%)		3,205	5.89
114,700	Prudential	1,947	3.58
185,942	Standard Chartered	1,258	2.31
Industrials (0.00%)		1,814	3.34
72,600	Experian	1,814	3.34
Total investment assets		52,897	97.31
Net other assets		1,463	2.69
Total Net Assets		54,360	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.
The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains	1	6,630	2,848
Revenue	3	1,132	1,116
Expenses	4	(692)	(814)
Net revenue before taxation		440	302
Taxation	5	(90)	(101)
Net revenue after taxation		350	201
Total return before distributions		6,980	3,049
Distributions	6	(350)	(201)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		6,630	2,848

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	49,692	50,498
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	1,183	717
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(3,146)	(4,372)
	(1,963)	(3,655)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	6,630	2,848
Unclaimed distributions	1	1
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	54,360	49,692

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		52,897	48,920
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	477	47
Cash and bank balances		1,466	1,114
		1,943	1,161
Total assets		54,840	50,081
Liabilities:			
Creditors	9	(133)	(195)
Distribution payable		(347)	(194)
		(480)	(389)
Total liabilities		(480)	(389)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		54,360	49,692

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	6,603	2,859
Forward currency contracts	(4)	-
Other gains/(losses)	31	(11)
Net capital gains	6,630	2,848

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	9,063	5,134	11,772	9,163
Trades in the year before transaction costs	9,063	5,134	11,772	9,163
Commissions				
Equities	5	2	(4)	(4)
Total commissions	5	2	(4)	(4)
Taxes				
Equities	5	1	(1)	(1)
Total taxes	5	1	(1)	(1)
Total transaction costs	10	3	(5)	(5)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	9,073	5,137	11,767	9,158

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.03
Taxes				
Equities	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.01

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.02	0.02
Taxes	0.01	-

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.16% (2018: 0.17%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK dividends	320	102
Overseas dividends	809	1,011
Bank interest	2	1
Stocklending income	1	2
Total revenue	1,132	1,116

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	633	745
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	59	69
Total expenses	692	814

5. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	90	101
Total current tax	90	101
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is the greater than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	440	302
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	88	60
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(202)	(209)
Overseas taxes	90	101
Overseas tax expensed	(2)	(2)
Excess allowable expenses	116	151
Total tax charge for year (note 5a)	90	101

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

(c) **Factors that may affect future tax charge**

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £551,000 (2018: £435,000) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

6. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interim distribution	3	3
Final distribution	347	194
	350	197
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	4	6
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(4)	(2)
Net distribution for the year	350	201

Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.

7. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	22	-
Sales awaiting settlement	372	-
Accrued revenue	67	42
Foreign withholding tax recoverable	16	4
Other debtor	-	1
Total debtors	477	47

8. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	6	128
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	61	67
Capital gains tax payable	66	-
Total creditors	133	195

9. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £3,146,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £3,483,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bank of Nova Scotia	-	2,817
JPM Chase	-	329
Total securities on loan	-	3,146

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	-	3,454
Government Bond	-	29
Total collateral held	-	3,483

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £1,000 (2018: £2,000) and £250 (2018: £461).

10. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 7 and 8.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 8.

11. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Income shares	1,332,198	11,623	(80,855)	(413)	1,262,553
I Income shares	804,445	459,970	(110,396)	9,829	1,163,848
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100

12. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	52,897	-	-	48,920	-	-
Total investment assets	52,897	-	-	48,920	-	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

13. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £2,645,000 (2018: £2,446,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £2,433,000 (2018: £2,185,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Currency exposure

An increase or decrease in a particular foreign currency exchange rate will have a proportionate affect on the value of the Fund.

The net foreign currency exposure comprises:

	Net foreign currency assets	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Brazilian Real	1,389	865
Canadian Dollar	1,470	3,012
Chilean Peso	921	880
Euro	2,824	1,269
Hong Kong Dollar	5,811	4,437
Indian Rupee	4,088	2,700
Indonesian Rupiah	1,635	502
Japanese Yen	2,880	4,132
Mexican Peso	754	971
Philippines Peso	2,470	1,810
Polish Zloty	822	671
Singapore Dollar	1,745	1,188
Swedish Krona	587	548
Swiss Franc	595	817
Thai Baht	2,717	2,451
US Dollar	17,461	17,433
Vietnam Dong	496	-

(c) Interest rate risk

The Majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate rise is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(d) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) Financial Derivative Instrument Risk

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018: nil).

(f) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Income shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4361	-	0.4361**	0.4136
Group 2	0.0630	0.3731	0.4361**	0.4136
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.1500	-	0.1500**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-

** Distribution paid on 31 March 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 27 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 27 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the six months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Income shares				
Group 1	26.0505	-	26.0505**	13.7498
Group 2	15.6004	10.4501	26.0505**	13.7498
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.5141	-	1.5141**	1.2898
Group 2	0.7406	0.7735	1.5141**	1.2898
M Income shares				
Group 1	1.2200	-	1.2200**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-

** Distribution paid on 30 September 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Interim Dividend	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%	100.00%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%	0.00%

ASI Global Equity Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The investment objective of ASI Global Equity Fund is to provide long term total return from an internationally diversified portfolio of equities.

Note: The term 'total return' means a combination of income and capital growth and no positive return is implied.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Global Equity Fund – A Income Shares increased by 8.40% compared to an increase of 11.39% in the benchmark, the MSCI World Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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Market review

Global equities rose over the period which was marked by the push-and-pull of US-China trade relations and a sharp pivot in the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) monetary policy. Stocks initially rallied as positive macroeconomic data in major economies, good earnings growth, and a strengthening US dollar propelled the US S&P500 Index to its longest bull run in history. Subsequently, a spike in US Treasury yields compelled investors to re-assess global stock valuations. At the end of 2018, as the Fed defied political pressure to raise rates for a fourth time in the year, the S&P 500 Index slipped into bear-market territory, dragging global markets along.

Stocks, however, rebounded quickly as the year turned, with investors cheering progress in US-China trade negotiations and the Fed decision to stand pat on further rate hikes. The rally was interrupted by a breakdown in trade talks and escalating tensions. Near the end of the review period, optimism returned amid hopes of a fresh breakthrough ahead of the G20 summit. As major central banks including the Fed and European Central Bank signalled their readiness to loosen monetary policy, investors increasingly priced in interest rate cuts, which also supported stocks even as macroeconomic data deteriorated.

By sector, communication services, technology and utilities were the biggest gainers in the period. On the other hand, energy stocks were the main laggards, as oil prices were dampened by expanding US shale output and fears of slowing demand growth.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, US oilfield services provider Schlumberger and oil producer EOG Resources were key detractors as they fell in tandem with the weaker oil price. Schlumberger was additionally hampered by weak demand in North America, but it forecast rising international and offshore exploration spending. Meanwhile, UK telco Vodafone fell on weakness in Italy, Spain and South Africa. The firm, however, remains confident about its earnings and cashflow forecasts for its current financial year.

In contrast, Brazilian lender Banco Bradesco contributed to performance as it rose on positive earnings due to higher loan growth and improving asset quality. Further helping the stock was an advancing broader market that was boosted by optimism around President Jair Bolsonaro's reform agenda. US financial services firm Visa similarly climbed on better-than-expected results, with management raising its earnings outlook for the full year as consumers spent more via its cards. Skincare and makeup company Estee Lauder was lifted by higher-than-expected quarterly earnings. Management also upgraded full-year profit targets on solid sales growth in its skincare products as well as resilience in the Asia Pacific region.

In portfolio activity, we initiated positions in 11 companies. In the US, these are: online travel service provider Booking Holdings which has a dominant market position and is a reliable cash generator; global beauty products company Estee Lauder for its well-diversified brand portfolio and attractive long-term growth opportunities; First Republic Bank, a domestically-focused lender with a healthy capital position and attractive growth prospects; PRA Health Sciences, a contract-research organisation that will benefit from the global trend of outsourced pharmaceutical testing and research; design software company Autodesk, which has a leading position in an unpenetrated market; tech giant Microsoft, which should continue to benefit from the structural shift to cloud-based services; and brokerage Charles Schwab Corp, as its valuation was attractive for the strength of its platform and ability to scale larger from it.

Elsewhere, we introduced British speciality chemicals company Croda, a high-quality business well-positioned to benefit from increasing demand for natural ingredients; Australia's CSL Behring, which manufactures human plasma products and possesses a competitive advantage in its plasma collection network; Australia-based winemaker Treasury Wine Estates which is well-positioned to grow internationally and expand its premium range; and French luxury firm LVMH, which has a healthy portfolio of brands, good execution track record and resilience given its diverse brands.

Against these, we exited the following holdings: South African telecom company MTN Group, given rising political risk on the back of the proposed fine by the Nigerian government; Philip Morris, following its rally and to manage the portfolio's tobacco exposure, Japanese construction and real estate firm Daito Trust Construction, due to the challenges it faces in terms of cost pressures and unfavourable demographics; German medical supply firm Fresenius Medical Care, following its recent string of profit warnings that has hurt the management's credibility; Hong Kong-listed Swire Pacific, which had faced a difficult management transition; US tech firm Cognizant, which achieved significant profit-margin improvements and was unlikely to make further headway; its peer Oracle following a run-up in its share price as we were not confident of its cloud strategy and its implementation; eye care firm Alcon, spun out of Novartis, due to a lack of transparency about its business prospects; Japan Tobacco, partly to adjust the Fund's overall exposure to tobacco; US domestic lender M&T Bank to take profits following its share-price strength; British telco Vodafone, due to near-term competitive challenges; fastfood chain operator Yum China, given longer-term concerns about its business proposition; mining giant BHP; Swedish industrial equipment maker Epiroc; and Germany's Henkel, in favour of better opportunities elsewhere.

Outlook

Global stocks were buoyed to new heights by expectations of central bank easing and the pronounced drop in government bond yields. This, however, could prove difficult to sustain without a corresponding expansion in profits. This now appears increasingly difficult with the global growth outlook becoming murkier, and business and consumer sentiment alike being hit by the trade war. The direction of the market hinges on the eventual result of US-China trade talks. Other risks also remain, in the form of geopolitical skirmishes in the Middle East and a disruptive Brexit. On the other hand, monetary policy easing across most parts of the world should provide some support.

Amid such market conditions, we take comfort from our bottom-up approach that identifies winners in a fast-changing world. Our holdings also have the requisite cashflows and robust balance sheets that buffer them against the uncertainty. While valuations have increased following the decent rally year-to-date, we still see pockets of value, and will take advantage of volatility to add to our favoured holdings.

Global Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including without limitation greater price volatility, less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The Fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	256.53	240.22	209.82
Return before operating charges*	21.94	20.29	34.13
Operating charges	(3.91)	(3.98)	(3.73)
Return after operating charges*	18.03	16.31	30.40
Distributions	(1.06)	(0.80)	(0.73)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.06	0.80	0.73
Closing net asset value per share	274.56	256.53	240.22
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.23	0.10	0.09
Performance			
Return after charges	7.03%	6.79%	14.49%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	95,192	125,381	161,133
Closing number of shares	34,670,286	48,875,780	67,076,032
Operating charges	1.57%	1.63%	1.64%
Direct transaction costs	0.09%	0.04%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	279.5	257.6	246.1
Lowest share price	227.5	230.2	207.0

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	218.63	205.38	179.93
Return before operating charges*	18.71	17.34	29.28
Operating charges	(3.35)	(3.40)	(3.20)
Return after operating charges*	15.36	13.94	26.08
Distributions	(0.91)	(0.69)	(0.63)
Closing net asset value per share	233.08	218.63	205.38
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.19	0.09	0.07
Performance			
Return after charges	7.03%	6.79%	14.49%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	30,818	30,456	30,575
Closing number of shares	13,222,496	13,930,661	14,886,904
Operating charges	1.57%	1.63%	1.64%
Direct transaction costs	0.09%	0.04%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	238.1	220.2	211.1
Lowest share price	193.9	196.8	177.5

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	269.79	251.42	218.51
Return before operating charges*	23.25	21.27	35.61
Operating charges	(2.94)	(2.90)	(2.70)
Return after operating charges*	20.31	18.37	32.91
Distributions	(2.36)	(2.14)	(1.95)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.36	2.14	1.95
Closing net asset value per share	290.10	269.79	251.42
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.24	0.10	0.09
Performance			
Return after charges	7.53%	7.31%	15.06%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	128,891	174,699	201,509
Closing number of shares	44,429,567	64,754,759	80,146,843
Operating charges	1.12%	1.13%	1.14%
Direct transaction costs	0.09%	0.04%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	295.3	270.9	257.5
Lowest share price	239.7	241.7	215.5

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	153.61	144.30	126.40
Return before operating charges*	13.18	12.19	20.59
Operating charges	(1.67)	(1.66)	(1.56)
Return after operating charges*	11.51	10.53	19.03
Distributions	(1.34)	(1.22)	(1.13)
Closing net asset value per share	163.78	153.61	144.30
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.14	0.06	0.05
Performance			
Return after charges	7.49%	7.30%	15.06%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,530	9,250	8,944
Closing number of shares	5,208,057	6,021,439	6,198,311
Operating charges	1.12%	1.13%	1.14%
Direct transaction costs	0.09%	0.04%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	167.7	155.3	148.7
Lowest share price	136.5	138.6	124.7

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L Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	121.26	112.65	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	10.49	9.58	13.41
Operating charges	(1.03)	(0.97)	(0.76)
Return after operating charges*	9.46	8.61	12.65
Distributions	(1.36)	(1.30)	(1.06)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.36	1.30	1.06
Closing net asset value per share	130.72	121.26	112.65
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.11	0.05	0.04
Performance			
Return after charges	7.80%	7.64%	12.65%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	23	22	29
Closing number of shares	17,318	18,200	26,000
Operating charges	0.87%	0.84%	0.82%
Direct transaction costs	0.09%	0.04%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	133.1	121.8	115.3
Lowest share price	107.9	108.5	98.10

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^A L Accumulation share class was launched on 30 September 2016.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

L Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	118.80	111.57	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	10.21	9.47	13.40
Operating charges	(1.01)	(0.96)	(0.77)
Return after operating charges*	9.20	8.51	12.63
Distributions	(1.33)	(1.28)	(1.06)
Closing net asset value per share	126.67	118.80	111.57
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.11	0.05	0.04
Performance			
Return after charges	7.74%	7.63%	12.63%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,550	1,455	1,179
Closing number of shares	1,223,969	1,224,900	1,057,000
Operating charges	0.87%	0.84%	0.82%
Direct transaction costs	0.09%	0.04%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	129.8	120.2	115.1
Lowest share price	105.7	107.2	98.10

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^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	13.94
Operating charges	(0.80)
Return after operating charges*	13.14
Distributions	(1.53)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.53
Closing net asset value per share	113.14
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.06
Performance	
Return after charges	13.14%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	1.17%
Direct transaction costs	0.09%
Prices	
Highest share price	115.2
Lowest share price	92.95

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 30 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	13.83
Operating charges	(0.80)
Return after operating charges*	13.03
Distributions	(1.52)
Closing net asset value per share	111.51
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.06
Performance	
Return after charges	13.03%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	1.17%
Direct transaction costs	0.09%
Prices	
Highest share price	114.7
Lowest share price	92.95

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Income share class was launched on 30 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	-	280.17	241.06
Return before operating charges*	-	8.97	39.46
Operating charges	-	(0.29)	(0.35)
Return after operating charges*	-	8.68	39.11
Distributions	-	(1.98)	(5.27)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	1.98	5.27
Redemption value as at 11 May 2018	-	(288.85)	-
Closing net asset value per share	-	-	280.17
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	0.12	0.09
Performance			
Return after charges	-	3.10%	16.22%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	-	1
Closing number of shares	-	-	421
Operating charges	-	0.13%	0.14%
Direct transaction costs	-	0.04%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	-	301.0	286.7
Lowest share price	-	271.3	237.8

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

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Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A Z Accumulation share class closed on 11 May 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (98.45%)		263,928	99.59
Africa Equities (1.01%)		-	-
South Africa (1.01%)		-	-
Emerging Market Equities (4.37%)		7,534	2.85
Brazil (2.38%)		4,947	1.87
670,860	Banco Bradesco ADR	4,947	1.87
Israel (1.99%)		2,587	0.98
28,300	Check Point Software Technologies	2,587	0.98
European Equities (16.40%)		36,562	13.80
France (0.00%)		5,324	2.01
15,600	LVMH	5,324	2.01
Germany (5.41%)		3,487	1.32
225,100	Infineon Technology	3,487	1.32
Ireland (1.47%)		4,196	1.58
167,900	Experian	4,196	1.58
Sweden (2.52%)		4,552	1.72
180,100	Atlas Copco 'A'	4,552	1.72
Switzerland (7.00%)		19,003	7.17
65,900	Nestle	5,745	2.17
91,200	Novartis	6,879	2.59
29,000	Roche	6,379	2.41
Japanese Equities (11.12%)		20,584	7.77
28,800	Fanuc	4,231	1.60
11,100	Keyence	5,270	1.99

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
48,800	Shin-Etsu Chemical		4,093	1.54
117,000	Sysmex		6,990	2.64
North American Equities (36.39%)			104,277	39.34
Canada (1.51%)			5,587	2.11
124,320	Nutrien		5,587	2.11
Mexico (2.01%)			4,815	1.82
65,000	Fomento Economico Mexicano SAB de		4,815	1.82
United States (32.87%)			93,875	35.41
6,900	Alphabet 'A'		6,862	2.59
28,500	Autodesk		3,633	1.37
3,800	Booking		5,853	2.21
49,900	CME		7,918	2.99
90,900	EOG Resources		6,373	2.40
44,400	Estee Lauder		6,676	2.52
47,800	First Republic Bank		3,877	1.46
72,100	Intercontinental Exchange		5,174	1.95
25,300	Johnson & Johnson		2,691	1.02
73,800	Microsoft		8,211	3.10
49,850	PepsiCo		5,203	1.96
73,000	PRA Health Sciences		5,937	2.24
205,700	Schlumberger		6,711	2.53
71,700	Schwab (Charles)		2,530	0.95
125,700	TJX		5,602	2.11
73,100	Visa		10,624	4.01
Pacific Basin Equities (17.77%)			65,646	24.77
Australia (0.00%)			12,639	4.77
52,100	CSL		6,722	2.54
600,300	Treasury Wine Estates		5,917	2.23
China (0.97%)			5,436	2.05
141,500	Tencent		5,436	2.05

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Hong Kong (4.60%)		9,500	3.58
861,400	AIA	7,262	2.74
45,000	Jardine Matheson	2,238	0.84
India (3.59%)		10,468	3.95
262,200	Housing Development Finance	6,604	2.49
1,202,800	ITC	3,864	1.46
Singapore (1.42%)		7,116	2.69
1,033,371	Oversea-Chinese Banking	7,116	2.69
South Korea (2.52%)		8,222	3.10
321,900	Samsung Electronics (Preference)	8,222	3.10
Taiwan (2.58%)		7,175	2.71
1,054,705	Taiwan Semiconductors Manufacturing	7,175	2.71
Thailand (2.09%)		5,090	1.92
1,107,900	Kasikornbank (Alien Market)	5,090	1.92
UK Equities (11.39%)		29,325	11.06
Basic Materials (1.02%)		7,275	2.74
74,263	Croda	3,480	1.31
24,300	Linde	3,795	1.43
Consumer Goods (3.51%)		10,291	3.88
173,000	British American Tobacco	5,106	1.93
150,600	Diageo	5,185	1.95
Industrials (1.50%)		3,544	1.34
411,200	Rolls-Royce	3,544	1.34

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Financials (1.42%)		4,185	1.58
618,600	Standard Chartered	4,185	1.58
Oil & Gas (1.47%)		4,030	1.52
154,900	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	4,030	1.52
Telecommunications (2.47%)		-	-
Collective Investment Schemes (0.84%)		-	-
Total investment assets		263,928	99.59
Net other assets		1,076	0.41
Total Net Assets		265,004	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains	1	14,108	22,102
Revenue	3	5,893	8,164
Expenses	4	(3,585)	(5,088)
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(1)	-
Net revenue before taxation		2,307	3,076
Taxation	6	(556)	(873)
Net revenue after taxation		1,751	2,203
Total return before distributions		15,859	24,305
Distributions	7	(1,751)	(2,207)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		14,108	22,098

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	341,263	403,370
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	36,090	2,630
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(127,990)	(88,652)
	(91,900)	(86,022)
Dilution adjustment	54	-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	14,108	22,098
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	1,475	1,813
Unclaimed distributions	4	4
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	265,004	341,263

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		263,928	338,843
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	1,489	4,646
Cash and bank balances		1,208	1,855
		2,697	6,501
Total assets		266,625	345,344
Liabilities:			
Creditors	9	(1,455)	(3,912)
Distribution payable		(166)	(169)
		(1,621)	(4,081)
Total liabilities		(1,621)	(4,081)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		265,004	341,263

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	14,038	22,232
Forward currency contracts	(2)	-
Other gains/(losses)	72	(130)
Net capital gains	14,108	22,102

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	95,300	60,409	181,644	139,732
Collective investment schemes	80,887	77,560	83,768	84,331
Trades in the year before transaction costs	176,187	137,969	265,412	224,063
Commissions				
Equities	60	32	(127)	(58)
Total commissions	60	32	(127)	(58)
Taxes				
Equities	40	40	(16)	(22)
Total taxes	40	40	(16)	(22)
Total transaction costs	100	72	(143)	(80)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	176,287	138,041	265,269	223,983

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.04
Taxes				
Equities	0.04	0.07	0.01	0.02

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.07	0.02
Taxes	0.02	0.02

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.13% (2018: 0.07%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK dividends	2,457	1,753
Overseas dividends	3,409	6,372
Taxable distributions on offshore funds	15	17
Interest on debt securities	6	-
Bank interest	1	2
Stocklending income	5	20
Total revenue	5,893	8,164

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	3,264	4,594
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	321	494
Total expenses	3,585	5,088

5. Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	1	-
Total interest payable & similar charges	1	-

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	556	873
Total current tax	556	873

(b)

Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is the greater than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Net revenue before taxation	2,307	3,076
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	461	615
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(1,129)	(1,556)
Overseas taxes	556	873
Overseas tax expensed	(6)	(10)
Excess allowable expenses	674	951
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	556	873

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

(c)

Factors that may affect future tax charge

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £10,873,000 (2018: £10,199,000) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

7.

Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interim distribution	468	281
Final distribution	1,215	1,716
	1,683	1,997
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	175	213
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(107)	(3)
Net distribution for the year	1,751	2,207
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	1,751	2,203
Movement between share classes due to conversions	-	4
Total distributions	1,751	2,207

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	22	6
Sales awaiting settlement	1,114	3,828
Accrued revenue	254	723
Foreign withholding tax recoverable	99	84
Other debtor	-	5
Total debtors	1,489	4,646

9. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	311	3,517
Purchases awaiting settlement	816	-
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	299	395
Capital gains tax payable	29	-
Total creditors	1,455	3,912

10. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £17,113,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £18,894,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
BNP Paribas	-	9,536
Citigroup	-	4,265
NATIXIS	-	3,312
Total securities on loan	-	17,113

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	-	18,302
Government Bond	-	592
Total collateral held	-	18,894

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £6,000 (2018: £25,000) and £1,000 (2018: £5,000).

11. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 9.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 9.

12. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	48,875,780	7,596,953	(15,305,955)	(6,496,492)	34,670,286
A Income shares	13,930,661	47,518	(677,015)	(78,668)	13,222,496
I Accumulation shares	64,754,759	175,908	(26,654,252)	6,153,152	44,429,567
I Income shares	6,021,439	265,069	(1,190,218)	111,767	5,208,057
L Accumulation shares	18,200	-	(882)	-	17,318
L Income shares	1,224,900	-	(931)	-	1,223,969
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100

13. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	263,928	-	-	335,962	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	-	-	-	2,881	-
Total investment assets	263,928	-	-	335,962	2,881	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

14. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £13,196,000 (2018: £16,942,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £11,773,000 (2018: £14,640,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Currency exposure

An increase or decrease in a particular foreign currency exchange rate will have a proportionate affect on the value of the Fund.

The net foreign currency exposure comprises:

	Net foreign currency assets	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Australian Dollar	12,639	-
Canadian Dollar	5,587	5,167
Euro	8,987	18,691
Hong Kong Dollar	12,697	13,762
Indian Rupee	10,311	12,355
Japanese Yen	21,591	38,117
Korean Won	-	8,664
Singapore Dollar	7,116	4,832
South Africa Rand	-	3,515
South Korean Won	8,289	-
Swedish Krona	4,552	8,587
Swiss Franc	19,003	23,917
Taiwan Dollar	7,207	8,832
Thai Baht	5,090	7,121
US Dollar	112,396	139,249

(c) Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(d) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) Financial Derivative Instrument Risk

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018: nil).

(f) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1089	-	0.1089*	-
Group 2	0.0333	0.0756	0.1089*	-
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.0928	-	0.0928**	-
Group 2	0.0330	0.0598	0.0928**	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7443	-	0.7443*	0.3512
Group 2	0.3047	0.4396	0.7443*	0.3512
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4238	-	0.4238**	0.2016
Group 2	0.1783	0.2455	0.4238**	0.2016
L Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4808	-	0.4808*	0.3453
Group 2	-	-	-	0.3453
L Income shares				
Group 1	0.4710	-	0.4710**	0.3420
Group 2	-	-	-	0.3420
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.3000	-	0.3000*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.3000	-	0.3000**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 30 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 28 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the six months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9550	-	0.9550*	0.8020
Group 2	0.5253	0.4297	0.9550*	0.8020
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.8179	-	0.8179**	0.6856
Group 2	0.1210	0.6969	0.8179**	0.6856
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.6153	-	1.6153*	1.7848
Group 2	0.7461	0.8692	1.6153*	1.7848
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.9169	-	0.9169**	1.0230
Group 2	0.3602	0.5567	0.9169**	1.0230
L Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8769	-	0.8769*	0.9512
Group 2	-	-	-	-
L Income shares				
Group 1	0.8566	-	0.8566**	0.9393
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2300	-	1.2300*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	1.2200	-	1.2200**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Interim Dividend	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%	100.00%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%	0.00%

ASI Global Ethical Equity Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

To achieve long-term capital growth. The objective will be achieved through investment in a portfolio of international quality investments chosen on the basis of ethical ("socially responsible") criteria. These criteria include the environment, employee relations, product quality and international operations. The Fund may also invest in fixed interest securities.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Global Ethical Equity Fund – A Income Shares increased by 9.72% compared to an increase of 10.89% in the benchmark, the FTSE World Index to the 31/05/2019, thereafter MSCI AC World Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

Global equities rose over the period which was marked by the push-and-pull of US-China trade relations and a sharp pivot in the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) monetary policy. Stocks initially rallied as positive macroeconomic data in major economies, good earnings growth, and a strengthening US dollar propelled the US S&P500 Index to its longest bull run in history. Subsequently, a spike in US Treasury yields compelled investors to re-assess global stock valuations. At the end of 2018, as the Fed defied political pressure to raise rates for a fourth time in the year, the S&P 500 Index slipped into bear-market territory, dragging global markets along.

Stocks, however, rebounded quickly as the year turned, with investors cheering progress in US-China trade negotiations and the Fed's decision to stand pat on further rate hikes. The rally was interrupted by a breakdown in trade talks and escalating tensions. Near the end of the review period, optimism returned amid hopes of a fresh breakthrough ahead of the G20 summit. As major central banks including the Fed and European Central Bank signalled their readiness to loosen monetary policy, investors increasingly priced in interest rate cuts, which also supported stocks even as macroeconomic data deteriorated.

By sector, technology and utilities were the biggest gainers in the period. On the other hand, energy stocks were the main laggards, as oil prices were dampened by expanding US shale output and fears of slowing demand growth.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, US oilfield services provider Schlumberger and oil producer EOG Resources were key detractors as they fell in tandem with the weaker oil price. Schlumberger was additionally hampered by weak demand in North America, but it forecast rising international and offshore exploration spending. Meanwhile, UK telco Vodafone fell on weakness in Italy, Spain and South Africa. The firm, however, remains confident about its earnings and cashflow forecasts for its current financial year.

In contrast, Brazilian lender Banco Bradesco contributed to performance as it rose on positive earnings due to higher loan growth and improving asset quality. Further helping the stock was an advancing broader market that was boosted by optimism around President Jair Bolsonaro's reform agenda. US financial services firm Visa similarly climbed on better-than-expected results, with management raising its earnings outlook for the full year as consumers spent more via its cards. UK tech firm Aveva Group advanced after posting robust growth in its business despite tough competition.

In portfolio activity, we had mentioned in the interim report the introductions of US online travel service provider Booking Holdings; New Zealand's largest airport Auckland International Airport; domestically-focused US lender First Republic Bank; Japanese drugstore operator Ain Holdings; and UnitedHealth, a US diversified healthcare company. We also mentioned the exits from South African telco MTN Group, US cable company Comcast, Brazilian fuel distributor Ultrapar, Japanese construction and real estate firm Daito Trust Construction, German industrial gas firm Linde, Japanese snack food maker Calbee and US tech firm Cognizant.

In the latter half, we initiated seven more companies. In the US, these were retailer Costco, which has a solid franchise and good business model with the opportunity to improve returns further; tech firm Microsoft, which should continue to benefit from the structural shift to cloud-based services; design software company Autodesk, which has a leading position in an unpenetrated market; and brokerage Charles Schwab Corp which had attractive valuations for the strength of its platform and ability to scale larger from it. Elsewhere, we bought Japanese baby product maker Pigeon that carries a diversified portfolio of brands known for their quality and durability; Italian luxury brand Brunello Cucinelli which has good brand equity, increasing profitability and a scalable business model; and Israel-based Nice Systems which would benefit from the continued shift to cloud systems in terms of growth and profit margins.

Against these, we divested US tech firm Oracle following its share-price strength, as we were not confident of its cloud strategy and its implementation; British telco Vodafone due to near-term competitive challenges; fastfood chain operator Yum China due to longer-term concerns about its business proposition; and US commercial real estate services firm Jones Lang Lasalle as the cyclicity of the business increased with its latest acquisition.

We also sold German consumer and chemicals group Henkel, Swedish industrial equipment maker Epiroc, US domestic lender M&T Bank, US software and services provider Amdocs, Hong Kong-based conglomerate Swire Pacific and luggage-maker Samsonite, in favour of better opportunities elsewhere.

Outlook

Global stocks were buoyed to new heights by expectations of central bank easing and the pronounced drop in government bond yields. This, however, could prove difficult to sustain without a corresponding expansion in profits. This now appears increasingly difficult with the global growth outlook becoming murkier, and business and consumer sentiment alike being hit by the trade war. The direction of the market hinges on the eventual result of US-China trade talks. Other risks also remain, in the form of geopolitical skirmishes in the Middle East and a disruptive Brexit. On the other hand, monetary policy easing across most parts of the world should provide some support.

Amid such market conditions, we take comfort from our bottom-up approach that identifies winners in a fast-changing world. Our holdings also have the requisite cashflows and robust balance sheets that buffer them against the uncertainty. While valuations have increased following the decent rally year-to-date, we still see pockets of value, and will take advantage of volatility to add to our favoured holdings.

Global Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including without limitation greater price volatility, less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/ controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The Fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The Fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	252.02	233.41	201.67
Return before operating charges*	24.81	22.54	35.34
Operating charges	(3.97)	(3.93)	(3.60)
Return after operating charges*	20.84	18.61	31.74
Distributions	(0.75)	(1.13)	(0.99)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.75	1.13	0.99
Closing net asset value per share	272.86	252.02	233.41
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.13	0.09	0.08
Performance			
Return after charges	8.27%	7.97%	15.74%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	34,413	33,694	33,614
Closing number of shares	12,611,996	13,369,135	14,401,110
Operating charges	1.59%	1.63%	1.63%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.04%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	277.7	254.5	237.0
Lowest share price	227.5	228.1	199.2

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	188.07	174.98	151.82
Return before operating charges*	18.61	16.88	26.61
Operating charges	(3.00)	(2.94)	(2.70)
Return after operating charges*	15.61	13.94	23.91
Distributions	(0.56)	(0.85)	(0.75)
Closing net asset value per share	203.12	188.07	174.98
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.10	0.07	0.06
Performance			
Return after charges	8.30%	7.97%	15.75%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	9,181	16,419	18,856
Closing number of shares	4,519,665	8,730,155	10,776,646
Operating charges	1.59%	1.63%	1.63%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.04%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	207.3	190.7	178.4
Lowest share price	169.8	171.0	149.9

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	289.08	266.40	229.02
Return before operating charges*	28.60	25.79	40.23
Operating charges	(3.22)	(3.11)	(2.85)
Return after operating charges*	25.38	22.68	37.38
Distributions	(2.20)	(2.68)	(2.42)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.20	2.68	2.42
Closing net asset value per share	314.46	289.08	266.40
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.15	0.11	0.09
Performance			
Return after charges	8.78%	8.51%	16.32%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	66,870	61,822	61,405
Closing number of shares	21,265,066	21,385,879	23,049,634
Operating charges	1.12%	1.13%	1.13%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.04%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	320.0	291.9	270.5
Lowest share price	261.4	260.5	226.2

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	204.29	190.03	164.88
Return before operating charges*	20.20	18.39	28.94
Operating charges	(2.27)	(2.22)	(2.05)
Return after operating charges*	17.93	16.17	26.89
Distributions	(1.56)	(1.91)	(1.74)
Closing net asset value per share	220.66	204.29	190.03
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.11	0.08	0.07
Performance			
Return after charges	8.78%	8.51%	16.31%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	34,143	34,979	37,900
Closing number of shares	15,473,525	17,122,276	19,944,462
Operating charges	1.12%	1.13%	1.13%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.04%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	225.8	207.8	194.3
Lowest share price	184.8	185.9	162.8

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M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	16.76
Operating charges	(0.84)
Return after operating charges*	15.92
Distributions	(1.13)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.13
Closing net asset value per share	115.92
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.04
Performance	
Return after charges	15.92%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	1.17%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%
Prices	
Highest share price	118.0
Lowest share price	96.05

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 26 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	16.79
Operating charges	(0.84)
Return after operating charges*	15.95
Distributions	(1.13)
Closing net asset value per share	114.82
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.04
Performance	
Return after charges	15.95%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	1.17%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%
Prices	
Highest share price	117.8
Lowest share price	96.05

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Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (98.62%)		140,333	97.04
Emerging Market Equities (4.10%)		3,340	2.31
Brazil (2.80%)		3,340	2.31
452,827	Banco Bradesco ADR	3,340	2.31
South Africa (1.30%)		-	-
European Equities (13.26%)		19,985	13.81
France (1.78%)		2,610	1.80
23,400	Essilor	2,610	1.80
Germany (3.96%)		3,984	2.75
37,900	Fielmann	2,171	1.50
117,000	Infineon Technology	1,813	1.25
Ireland (2.39%)		3,314	2.29
132,600	Experian	3,314	2.29
Italy (0.00%)		1,273	0.88
48,900	Brunello Cucinelli	1,273	0.88
Sweden (2.61%)		2,495	1.73
98,700	Atlas Copco 'A'	2,495	1.73
Switzerland (2.52%)		6,309	4.36
6,038	Dormakaba	3,636	2.51
18,400	Temenos	2,673	1.85

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Japanese Equities (11.08%)		14,741	10.20
34,800	AIN Holdings	1,563	1.08
20,300	Fanuc	2,982	2.06
164,700	Japan Exchange Group	1,983	1.37
7,300	Keyence	3,466	2.40
97,400	Mitsubishi Estate	1,473	1.02
43,400	Pigeon*	1,312	0.91
16,900	Shimano	1,962	1.36
North American Equities (36.22%)		51,610	35.68
Canada (2.78%)		5,574	3.85
102,400	Ritchie Bros Auctioneers	3,017	2.08
86,700	TELUS*	2,557	1.77
United States (33.44%)		46,036	31.83
3,880	Alphabet 'A'	3,859	2.67
10,000	Autodesk	1,275	0.88
2,000	Booking	3,081	2.13
27,200	CME	4,316	2.98
10,100	Costco Wholesale	2,273	1.57
49,279	EOG Resources	3,455	2.39
25,900	First Republic Bank	2,101	1.45
48,400	Intercontinental Exchange	3,473	2.40
39,800	Microsoft	4,428	3.06
111,100	Schlumberger	3,625	2.51
38,800	Schwab (Charles)	1,369	0.95
84,400	TJX	3,761	2.60
14,200	United Health	2,887	2.00
42,200	Visa	6,133	4.24
Pacific Basin Equities (27.96%)		44,202	30.57
China (0.93%)		3,281	2.27
85,400	Tencent	3,281	2.27

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Hong Kong (8.02%)		8,761	6.06
559,700	AIA	4,718	3.26
20,200	Jardine Matheson	1,004	0.70
2,167,000	Kerry Logistics Network	3,039	2.10
India (1.87%)		2,856	1.98
113,400	Housing Development Finance	2,856	1.98
Israel (2.91%)		3,661	2.53
23,000	Check Point Software Technologies	2,103	1.45
12,500	Nice	1,558	1.08
New Zealand (0.00%)		2,459	1.70
490,600	Auckland International Airport	2,459	1.70
Philippines (1.52%)		2,442	1.69
3,055,000	Ayala Land	2,442	1.69
Singapore (3.95%)		7,029	4.86
558,333	Oversea-Chinese Banking	3,845	2.66
1,607,100	Singapore Telecommunications	3,184	2.20
South Korea (2.25%)		4,226	2.92
6,600	Samsung Electronics	4,226	2.92
Taiwan (4.36%)		6,658	4.60
691,000	Taiwan Mobile	1,987	1.37
134,200	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	4,671	3.23

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Thailand (2.15%)		2,829	1.96
615,800	Kasikornbank (Alien Market)	2,829	1.96
UK Equities (6.00%)		6,455	4.47
Financials (1.73%)		2,784	1.93
411,448	Standard Chartered	2,784	1.93
Technology (1.88%)		3,671	2.54
92,000	AVEVA	3,671	2.54
Telecommunications (2.39%)		-	-
Collective Investment Schemes (1.03%)		3,818	2.64
3,818	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund*	3,818	2.64
Total investment assets		144,151	99.69
Net other assets		456	0.32
Total Net Assets		144,607	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

* A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains	1	10,065	10,661
Revenue	3	2,807	3,309
Expenses	4	(1,751)	(1,932)
Net revenue before taxation		1,056	1,377
Taxation	5	(214)	(217)
Net revenue after taxation		842	1,160
Total return before distributions		10,907	11,821
Distributions	6	(842)	(1,161)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		10,065	10,660

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	146,914	151,775
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	9,577	11,705
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(22,512)	(27,961)
	(12,935)	(16,256)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	10,065	10,660
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	563	735
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	144,607	146,914

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		144,151	146,401
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	510	643
Cash and bank balances		393	518
		903	1,161
Total assets		145,054	147,562
Liabilities:			
Creditors	8	(234)	(305)
Distribution payable		(213)	(343)
		(447)	(648)
Total liabilities		(447)	(648)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		144,607	146,914

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	10,060	10,745
Forward currency contracts	(16)	-
Other gains/(losses)	21	(84)
Net capital gains	10,065	10,661

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	40,350	30,460	55,052	43,728
Collective investment schemes	32,092	35,611	29,782	37,137
Corporate actions	43	-	-	-
Trades in the year before transaction costs	72,485	66,071	84,834	80,865
Commissions				
Equities	18	19	(37)	(24)
Total commissions	18	19	(37)	(24)
Taxes				
Equities	6	11	(13)	(3)
Total taxes	6	11	(13)	(3)
Total transaction costs	24	30	(50)	(27)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	72,509	66,101	84,784	80,838

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.05
Taxes				
Equities	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.01

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.04	0.03
Taxes	0.01	0.01

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.17% (2018: 0.12%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK dividends	325	529
Overseas dividends	2,455	2,762
Taxable distributions on offshore funds	21	8
Bank interest	-	1
Stocklending income	6	9
Total revenue	2,807	3,309

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	1,584	1,744
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	167	188
Total expenses	1,751	1,932

5. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	214	217
Total current tax	214	217

(b)

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is the greater than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	1,056	1,377
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	211	275
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(527)	(632)
Overseas taxes	214	217
Overseas tax expensed	(4)	(4)
Excess allowable expenses	320	361
Total tax charge for year (note 5a)	214	217

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

(c) **Factors that may affect future tax charge**

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £5,146,000 (2018: £4,732,000) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

6. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interim distribution	160	175
Final distribution	672	965
	832	1,140
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	21	42
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(11)	(21)
Net distribution for the year	842	1,161
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	842	1,160
Movement between share classes due to conversions	-	1
Distributions	842	1,161

7. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	108	144
Sales awaiting settlement	46	-
Accrued revenue	261	418
Foreign withholding tax recoverable	95	79
Other debtor	-	2
Total debtors	510	643

8. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	49	146
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	155	159
Capital gains tax payable	30	-
Total creditors	234	305

9. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £3,858,000 (2018: £9,278,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £4,255,000 (2018: £10,177,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bank of Nova Scotia	-	980
BNP Paribas	-	2,716
Credit Suisse	1,321	2,073
Citigroup	2,537	934
JPM Chase	-	1,441
Merrill Lynch	-	309
NATIXIS	-	825
Total securities on loan	3,858	9,278

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	4,255	2,807
Government Bond	-	7,370
Total collateral held	4,255	10,177

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £8,000 (2018: £11,000) and £2,000 (2018: £2,000).

10. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 7 and 8.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 8.

11. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	13,369,135	616,290	(1,373,429)	12,611,996
A Income shares	8,730,155	201,895	(4,412,385)	4,519,665
I Accumulation shares	21,385,879	2,180,545	(2,301,358)	21,265,066

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Closing shares 2019
I Income shares	17,122,276	697,397	(2,346,148)	15,473,525
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	100

12 Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	140,333	-	-	144,893	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	3,818	-	-	1,508	-
Total investment assets	140,333	3,818	-	144,893	1,508	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

13 Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £7,208,000 (2018: £7,320,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £6,551,000 (2018: £6,644,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Currency exposure

An increase or decrease in a particular foreign currency exchange rate will have a proportionate affect on the value of the Fund.

The net foreign currency exposure comprises:

	Net foreign currency assets	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Canadian Dollar	2,557	2,408
Euro	7,976	8,450
Hong Kong Dollar	11,037	13,777
Indian Rupee	2,850	2,754
Japanese Yen	14,773	16,291
New Zealand Dollar	2,459	-
Philippines Peso	2,442	2,230
Singapore Dollar	7,132	5,919
South Africa Rand	-	1,909
Swedish Krona	2,495	3,842
Swiss Franc	6,309	3,704
Taiwan Dollar	2,079	2,306
Thai Baht	2,829	3,161
US Dollar	66,075	66,132

(c) Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(d) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) Financial Derivative Instrument Risk

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018: nil).

(f) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
A Income shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4889	-	0.4889*	0.4846
Group 2	0.2370	0.2519	0.4889*	0.4846
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3455	-	0.3455**	0.3457
Group 2	0.1241	0.2214	0.3455**	0.3457
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.1700	-	0.1700*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.1700	-	0.1700**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019

^A shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 26 November 2018.^B shares purchased between 26 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the six months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7474	-	0.7474*	1.1348
Group 2	0.5943	0.1531	0.7474*	1.1348
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.5599	-	0.5599**	0.8507
Group 2	0.4099	0.1500	0.5599**	0.8507
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.7155	-	1.7155*	2.2001
Group 2	1.1391	0.5764	1.7155*	2.2001
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.2104	-	1.2104**	1.5667
Group 2	0.8459	0.3645	1.2104**	1.5667
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9600	-	0.9600*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.9600	-	0.9600**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Interim Dividend	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%	100.00%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%	0.00%

ASI Global High Yield Bond Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in a portfolio of sub-Investment grade Debt and debt-related securities, denominated in or hedged back to Sterling. A majority of the portfolio will invest in Debt and debt-related securities issued by companies based in Europe and/or North America.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Investment Grade Debt and debt-related securities, Equity and Equity-Related securities, money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

The Fund may also invest to a minority extent in Debt and debt-related securities of companies and governments based in developing countries.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Global High Yield Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 3.17% compared to an increase of 5.15% in the benchmark, the Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield Corporate Index (hedged to GBP).

Source: Lipper, basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

Over the past twelve months, the Barclays Global High Yield Index (GBP hedged) generated a total return of 5.15%. While the overall total return for the period implies a steady, income-only return, in reality it was a year of two halves. The first six months began with a relatively benign period during the summer of 2018. Going into autumn, this quickly reversed with global macro concerns weighing on investor risk appetites.

As the calendar turned to 2019 however, central bank rhetoric became increasingly accommodative, causing a rally in risk assets across the globe that persisted through the rest of the period under review.

Portfolio review

The Fund returned 4.33% gross of fees over the review period, failing to keep pace with the benchmark return due to a combination of security selection and the negative impacts of a cash drag. These shortcomings were partially offset by positive contributions from underweight CCC rated securities as well as positive security selection in the BB rated portion of the market.

The Fund's holding in wind turbine producer Senvion comprised the majority of the underperformance as the company was hindered by a combination of regulatory changes and management issues. Senvion had been working through low-margin contracts and benefited from an attractive, stable and 10-year service contract business on installed wind turbines. Despite a rights issue in the summer of 2018 and the recent installation of a new, experienced management team, the company stumbled too many times in the execution of its strategy, in our view. Liquidity was suddenly an issue and it became apparent that Senvion required an injection of new capital. Therefore, while disappointing, we decided to exit the Fund's position.

Conversely, many of the high-quality bonds that we have been purchasing over the past several quarters, in an effort to increase the Fund's credit quality, performed well over the year. These included liquefied natural-gas terminal owner Corpus Christi, hospital owner-operator HCA and homebuilder MDC Holdings.

Outlook

Investors have become increasingly dependent on anticipated easing in policy by central banks, perhaps best illustrated by the negative reaction to positive economic data at the beginning of July. We are inclined to believe that much of the good news is priced in at current valuations and (ironically) barring a deterioration in economic data, think that the US Federal Reserve (Fed) will fail to deliver on the high expectations of the market. We saw a sneak preview of this after month end when Fed Chairman Jerome Powell's comments on August 1st sent markets lower due to a lack of a dedicated commitment to further easing.

Euro HY and Global Leverage Loans Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 3 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The Fund invests in mortgage- and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The Fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The Fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The Fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	158.15	157.42	144.67
Return before operating charges*	7.11	2.89	15.23
Operating charges	(2.00)	(2.16)	(2.08)
Return after operating charges*	5.11	0.73	13.15
Distributions	(7.93)	(7.49)	(7.48)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	7.93	7.49	7.08
Closing net asset value per share	163.26	158.15	157.42
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	3.23%	0.46%	9.09%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	88	124	93
Closing number of shares	53,593	78,706	58,991
Operating charges	1.26%	1.36%	1.37%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	163.8	161.0	158.1
Lowest share price	151.0	156.4	144.7

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	90.89	94.86	91.31
Return before operating charges*	3.96	1.75	9.23
Operating charges	(1.13)	(1.28)	(1.29)
Return after operating charges*	2.83	0.47	7.94
Distributions	(4.45)	(4.44)	(4.39)
Closing net asset value per share	89.27	90.89	94.86
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	3.11%	0.50%	8.70%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	107,008	90,429	95,371
Closing number of shares	119,865,889	99,489,767	100,540,625
Operating charges	1.26%	1.36%	1.37%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	91.63	96.52	96.43
Lowest share price	85.67	91.05	90.81

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	167.94	166.17	151.84
Return before operating charges*	7.60	3.05	16.04
Operating charges	(1.28)	(1.28)	(1.24)
Return after operating charges*	6.32	1.77	14.80
Distributions	(9.24)	(8.94)	(8.84)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	9.24	8.94	8.37
Closing net asset value per share	174.26	167.94	166.17
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	3.76%	1.07%	9.75%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,452	2,064	3,286
Closing number of shares	1,407,064	1,977,530	811,203
Operating charges	0.76%	0.76%	0.77%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	174.8	170.5	166.9
Lowest share price	160.8	165.7	151.9

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	86.60	90.39	87.00
Return before operating charges*	3.77	1.66	8.78
Operating charges	(0.65)	(0.68)	(0.69)
Return after operating charges*	3.12	0.98	8.09
Distributions	(4.67)	(4.77)	(4.70)
Closing net asset value per share	85.05	86.60	90.39
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	3.60%	1.08%	9.30%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,539	6,708	3,994
Closing number of shares	5,337,041	7,745,664	4,418,778
Operating charges	0.76%	0.76%	0.77%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	87.40	92.10	92.02
Lowest share price	81.69	86.84	86.55

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M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	6.76
Operating charges	(0.56)
Return after operating charges*	6.20
Distributions	(3.85)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.85
Closing net asset value per share	106.20
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	6.20%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.81%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%
Prices	
Highest share price	106.5
Lowest share price	97.87

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^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 27 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	6.83
Operating charges	(0.56)
Return after operating charges*	6.27
Distributions	(3.77)
Closing net asset value per share	102.50
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.00
Performance	
Return after charges	6.27%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.81%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%
Prices	
Highest share price	104.2
Lowest share price	97.87

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P Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	87.23	91.04	87.64
Return before operating charges*	3.81	1.68	8.83
Operating charges	(0.49)	(0.52)	(0.53)
Return after operating charges*	3.32	1.16	8.30
Distributions	(4.87)	(4.97)	(4.90)
Closing net asset value per share	85.68	87.23	91.04
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	3.81%	1.27%	9.47%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	10,910	13,370	21,276
Closing number of shares	12,733,816	15,326,611	23,370,310
Operating charges	0.57%	0.57%	0.58%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	88.07	92.81	92.73
Lowest share price	82.31	87.50	87.18

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P Gross Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	83.93	87.59	84.32
Return before operating charges*	3.66	1.63	8.77
Operating charges	(0.47)	(0.50)	(0.51)
Return after operating charges*	3.19	1.13	8.26
Distributions	(4.69)	(4.79)	(4.99)
Closing net asset value per share	82.43	83.93	87.59
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	3.80%	1.29%	9.80%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	765	548	953
Closing number of shares	927,987	652,717	1,088,038
Operating charges	0.57%	0.57%	0.58%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	84.73	89.29	89.22
Lowest share price	79.19	84.19	83.88

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Q Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	87.24	91.05	87.63
Return before operating charges*	3.80	1.68	8.83
Operating charges	(0.42)	(0.43)	(0.43)
Return after operating charges*	3.38	1.25	8.40
Distributions	(4.94)	(5.06)	(4.98)
Closing net asset value per share	85.68	87.24	91.05
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	3.87%	1.37%	9.59%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	29,711	18,093	22,057
Closing number of shares	34,676,554	20,740,463	24,225,284
Operating charges	0.49%	0.48%	0.48%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	88.08	92.83	92.76
Lowest share price	82.32	87.52	87.19

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Q Gross Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	83.97	87.64	84.32
Return before operating charges*	3.66	1.61	8.77
Operating charges	(0.41)	(0.42)	(0.42)
Return after operating charges*	3.25	1.19	8.35
Distributions	(4.75)	(4.86)	(5.03)
Closing net asset value per share	82.47	83.97	87.64
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	3.87%	1.36%	9.90%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	93	138	271
Closing number of shares	112,519	164,976	309,195
Operating charges	0.49%	0.48%	0.48%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	84.79	89.35	89.29
Lowest share price	79.24	84.24	83.94

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Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	164.48	161.70	146.85
Return before operating charges*	7.46	2.96	15.54
Operating charges	(0.19)	(0.18)	(0.19)
Return after operating charges*	7.27	2.78	15.35
Distributions	(10.16)	(9.79)	(9.57)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	10.16	9.79	9.07
Closing net asset value per share	171.75	164.48	161.70
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.01	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	4.42%	1.72%	10.45%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	547,161	468,821	526,188
Closing number of shares	318,566,885	285,023,487	325,401,058
Operating charges	0.11%	0.11%	0.12%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	172.3	166.4	162.4
Lowest share price	157.9	161.3	146.9

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Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (97.00%)		684,887	97.46
Euro Denominated Bonds (10.73%)		78,715	11.20
Corporate Bonds (10.73%)		78,715	11.20
less than 5 years to maturity			
3,400,000	Bausch Health Companies 4.5% 2023	3,125	0.44
1,500,000	Casino Guichard 3.11% Variable 2023	1,185	0.17
1,600,000	Casino Guichard 3.248% Variable 2024	1,238	0.18
4,365,000	Corral Petroleum 11.75% 2021	4,192	0.60
1,669,000	Dufry 4.5% 2023	1,553	0.22
2,000,000	Galapagos 5.375% 2021*	1,806	0.26
750,000	International Game Technology 3.5% 2024	738	0.11
618,000	Jagaur Land Rover 2.2% 2024	475	0.07
1,712,000	Kleopatra Holdings 1 8.5% 2023	864	0.12
3,455,000	La Financiere Atalian 4% 2024	2,186	0.31
2,970,000	Lincoln Financing 3.625% 2024	2,778	0.39
901,000	Lincoln Financing FRN 2024	824	0.12
3,227,000	Matterhorn Telecom 4.875% 2023	2,964	0.42
3,000,000	OCI 5% 2023	2,865	0.41
4,362,000	PrestigeBidCo 6.25% 2023	4,155	0.59
12,974,000	Teksid Aluminum Luxembourg SARL 11.375% 2011	-	-
1,026,000	Verisure Holdings 3.5% 2023	970	0.14
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
1,183,000	Altice 8% 2027	1,118	0.16
5,000,000	Avantor 4.75% 2024	4,865	0.69
685,000	Banff Merger Sub 8.375% 2026	539	0.08
1,452,000	Cirsa Finance International FRN 2025	1,322	0.19
2,189,000	Energizer Gamma Acquisition 4.625% 2026	2,076	0.30
3,320,000	INEOS 5.375% 2024*	3,081	0.44
4,779,000	International Game Technology 3.5% 2026*	4,583	0.65
3,798,000	InterXion 4.75% 2025	3,757	0.53
4,813,000	Intrum 3.5% 2026	4,403	0.63
1,980,000	IQVIA 2.25% 2028	1,810	0.26
844,000	Jagaur Land Rover 4.5% 2026*	665	0.09
722,000	LeasePlan 7.375% Fixed to Floating 2024	700	0.10
1,804,000	LHC3 4.125% 2024	1,692	0.24
737,000	Nidda BondCo 5% 2025	674	0.09
1,522,000	Nidda Healthcare 3.5% 2024	1,436	0.20
1,633,000	Tele Columbus 3.875% 2025*	1,378	0.20

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
	1,175,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 4.5% 2025	993	0.14
	395,000	Trivium Packaging Finance 3.75% 2026	372	0.05
	175,000	Trivium Packaging Finance FRN 2026	161	0.02
	4,640,000	Unilabs Subholding 5.75% 2025	4,325	0.62
	4,273,000	UPCB Finance VII 3.625% 2029	4,142	0.59
Perpetual				
	2,970,000	Barclays FRN Perpetual	2,705	0.38
Sterling Denominated Bonds (17.14%)			34,217	4.87
Corporate Bonds (17.14%)			34,217	4.87
less than 5 years to maturity				
	2,708,000	Arqiva 6.75% 2023	2,896	0.41
	3,150,000	Newday Bondco 7.375% 2024*	2,950	0.42
	3,400,000	RAC Bond 5% 2022*	3,082	0.44
	2,248,000	TalkTalk 5.375% 2022*	2,299	0.33
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
	4,656,000	AMC Entertainment 6.375% 2024	4,525	0.64
	1,382,000	Ardagh Packaging 4.75% 2027	1,398	0.20
	4,030,000	CYBG 5% 2026	4,048	0.58
	2,335,000	Entertainment One 4.625% 2026	2,395	0.34
	2,956,000	Phoenix 6.625% 2025	3,268	0.46
Perpetual				
	4,085,000	CYBG 8% Perpetual	3,925	0.56
	2,998,000	Lloyds Banking Group 7.875% Perpetual	3,431	0.49
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (69.13%)			571,955	81.39
Corporate Bonds (69.13%)			571,955	81.39
less than 5 years to maturity				
	2,716,000	Ally Financial 3.875% 2024	2,286	0.32
	2,000,000	Altice 8.125% 2024	1,691	0.24
	3,975,000	Ardagh Packaging 7.25% 2024	3,426	0.49
	2,979,000	Avis 5.5% 2023*	2,479	0.35
	3,139,000	Bruin E&P Partners 8.875% 2023	1,934	0.27
	1,900,000	Cablevision 6.5% 2021	1,550	0.22
	3,913,000	Cemex 6% 2024	3,280	0.47
	3,073,000	CenturyLink 5.625% 2020	2,546	0.36
	2,497,000	Cenveo 6% 2019	551	0.08

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
1,141,000	CFS Escrow 6% 2024	986	0.14
1,271,000	Cirsa Finance International 7.875% 2023	1,099	0.16
6,695,000	Consolidated Communications 6.5% 2022	4,967	0.71
3,150,000	DaVita 5.125% 2024	2,579	0.37
2,036,000	Dell International 5.875% 2021	1,692	0.24
3,758,000	Digicel Group One 8.25% 2022	1,865	0.26
2,357,000	Digicel Group Two 8.25% 2022*	373	0.05
4,380,000	DISH DBS 5% 2023	3,439	0.49
4,605,000	DISH DBS 5.875% 2022	3,808	0.54
3,148,000	DKT Finance 9.375% 2023	2,789	0.40
3,695,000	Encompass Health 5.125% 2023	3,063	0.44
3,610,000	First Data 5.75% 2024	3,032	0.43
2,006,000	First Quantum Minerals 7.25% 2023	1,618	0.23
2,635,000	GCI 6.625% 2024	2,285	0.32
2,216,000	GLP Capital 5.375% 2023*	1,960	0.28
740,000	Grupo Posadas 7.875% 2022	611	0.09
604,000	Harland Clarke 8.375% 2022	417	0.06
3,505,000	HCA 7.5% 2022	3,175	0.45
740,000	HTA 9.125% 2022	632	0.09
1,960,000	IHS Netherlands 9.5% 2021	1,655	0.24
670,000	IRSA Propiedades Comerciales 8.75% 2023	528	0.07
2,565,000	KCA Deutag UK Finance 9.625% 2023	1,430	0.20
2,650,000	KOC Holding 5.25% 2023	2,136	0.30
6,322,000	Lennar 4.5% 2024	5,381	0.77
2,590,000	Liquid Telecommunications 8.5% 2022	2,137	0.30
21,698,000	Momentive Performance 8.875% 2020	-	-
4,128,000	New Enterprise Stone & Lime 10.125% 2022	3,451	0.49
1,420,000	Nine Energy Service 8.75% 2023	1,126	0.16
2,164,000	Oasis Petroleum 6.875% 2022	1,755	0.25
5,583,000	Oasis Petroleum 6.875% 2023	4,496	0.64
4,595,000	OI European 4% 2023	3,766	0.54
610,000	Pitney Bowes 3.875% 2021	485	0.07
5,370,000	Rite Aid 6.125% 2023	3,700	0.53
3,860,000	Rivers Pittsburgh Borrower 6.125% 2021	3,204	0.46
2,500,000	Sabine Pass Liquefaction 5.625% 2021	2,115	0.30
1,138,000	Sable International Finance 6.875% 2022	963	0.14
11,530,000	Sprint 7.875% 2023	10,482	1.49
1,095,000	Steel Dynamics 5.125% 2021	899	0.13
5,490,000	Tecnoglass 8.2% 2022	4,820	0.69
6,331,000	Tenet Healthcare 4.625% 2024	5,261	0.75
3,720,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 3.65% 2021	2,899	0.41
3,655,000	TransDigm 6% 2022	3,019	0.43

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
2,380,000	Turk Telekomunikasyon 4.875% 2024*	1,860	0.26
1,225,000	Turkiye Garanti Bankasi 5.875% 2023	989	0.14
2,650,000	United Bank for Africa 7.75% 2022	2,316	0.33
4,400,000	Valeant Pharmaceuticals 7% 2024	3,790	0.54
4,867,000	Valvoline 5.5% 2024	4,114	0.59
3,015,000	WPX Energy 8.25% 2023	2,768	0.39
3,085,000	Wyndham Worldwide 4.15% 2024	2,654	0.38
1,304,000	Zenith Bank 7.375% 2022*	1,147	0.16
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
6,649,000	ACI Worldwide 5.75% 2026	5,657	0.80
3,332,000	AES Andres Dominican Power 7.95% 2026	2,950	0.42
1,694,000	Akbank FRN 2027	1,244	0.18
1,478,000	Altice 7.375% 2026	1,280	0.18
3,615,000	Altice 7.5% 2026*	3,093	0.44
2,233,000	Altice 10.5% 2027	1,909	0.27
1,037,000	Avis 5.25% 2025*	860	0.12
1,679,000	Avis 5.75% 2027	1,385	0.20
3,115,000	Banff Merger Sub 9.75% 2026	2,263	0.32
7,903,000	Bausch Health 8.5% 2027	7,128	1.01
820,000	Berry Global 4.5% 2026	668	0.09
3,758,000	Berry Global Escrow 4.875% 2026	3,190	0.45
5,720,000	Bombardier 7.5% 2025	4,750	0.68
4,414,000	Boyd Gaming 6.375% 2026	3,803	0.54
5,060,000	Builders FirstSource 5.625% 2024	4,288	0.61
409,000	Builders FirstSource 6.75% 2027	352	0.05
3,349,000	C&W Senior Financing DAC 6.875% 2027	2,856	0.41
4,030,000	Calpine 5.25% 2026	3,332	0.47
1,747,000	CCO 5.375% 2029	1,478	0.21
15,025,000	CCO 5.75% 2026	12,916	1.84
3,462,000	Cedar Fair 5.25% 2029	2,922	0.42
3,701,000	Cemex 7.75% 2026	3,276	0.47
4,126,000	Century Communities 5.875% 2025	3,394	0.48
3,696,000	Century Communities 6.75% 2027	3,095	0.44
2,165,000	CFS Escrow 6.375% 2026	1,891	0.27
8,402,000	Change Healthcare 5.75% 2025	6,894	0.98
8,093,000	Cheniere Christi Corpus 5.875% 2025	7,288	1.04
3,008,000	Cheniere Energy Partners 5.25% 2025	2,555	0.36
4,480,000	Chesapeake Energy 8% 2025*	3,088	0.44
4,000,000	Cimpress 7% 2026	3,283	0.47
3,550,000	Clean Harbors 4.875% 2027	2,986	0.42
495,000	Clean Harbors 5.125% 2029	424	0.06

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
1,155,000	Clearwater Seafoods 6.875% 2025	956	0.14
3,831,000	Commercial Metals 5.75% 2026	3,211	0.46
5,665,000	CommScope Finance 6% 2026	4,689	0.67
1,128,000	CommScope Finance 8.25% 2027	909	0.13
2,443,000	CSC Holdings 6.625% 2025	2,126	0.30
4,535,000	CSC Holdings 6.5% 2029	4,070	0.58
6,615,000	CSC Holdings 10.875% 2025	6,174	0.88
3,348,000	Cumulus Media 6.75% 2026	2,792	0.40
5,550,000	CyrusOne LP 5.375% 2027	4,816	0.69
1,690,000	Dell International 6.02% 2026	1,526	0.22
4,715,000	Delta Air Lines 4.375% 2028	4,044	0.58
3,430,000	Diamond Sports 5.375% 2026	2,847	0.40
3,793,000	Diamond Sports 6.625% 2027	3,164	0.45
6,890,000	Diamondback Energy 5.375% 2025	5,908	0.84
4,060,000	ESH Hospitality 5.25% 2025	3,412	0.48
7,776,000	First Quantum Minerals 6.875% 2026	5,975	0.85
2,340,000	GCI 6.875% 2025	2,008	0.29
4,484,000	Getty Images 9.75% 2027	3,827	0.54
3,870,000	Goodyear Tire & Rubber 5% 2026*	3,133	0.45
4,419,000	Graham Holdings 5.75% 2026	3,827	0.54
3,330,000	Gray Escrow 7% 2027	2,972	0.42
7,515,000	HCA 5.875% 2026	6,819	0.97
243,000	HCA 5.875% 2029	221	0.03
4,610,000	Iron Mountain 5.25% 2028	3,795	0.54
5,260,000	j2 Cloud 6% 2025	4,534	0.65
3,165,000	JBS Investments II 5.75% 2028	2,626	0.37
3,930,000	JBS USA Finance 5.75% 2025	3,298	0.47
7,025,000	Lennar 4.75% 2027	6,031	0.86
2,594,000	Magnolia Oil & Gas Operating 6% 2026	2,145	0.31
8,591,000	Meredith 6.875% 2026	7,437	1.06
6,349,000	MGM Resorts International 4.625% 2026	5,315	0.76
1,160,000	MGM Resorts International 5.5% 2027	1,002	0.14
1,933,000	MHP 6.95% 2026	1,620	0.23
2,488,000	Midcontinent Communications 5.375% 2027	2,083	0.30
3,600,000	Mineral Resources 8.125% 2027	3,075	0.44
3,860,000	Moss Creek Resources 7.5% 2026	2,467	0.35
1,350,000	Moss Creek Resources 10.5% 2027	979	0.14
2,666,000	MPT Operating Partnership 5% 2027	2,255	0.32
4,434,000	NBM 7% 2026*	3,736	0.53
3,255,000	Netflix 5.875% 2028	2,924	0.42
9,300,000	Netflix 6.375% 2029	8,523	1.21
2,745,000	Novelis 5.875% 2026	2,328	0.33

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
2,045,000	Novelis 6.25% 2024	1,742	0.25
1,805,000	NRG Energy 5.25% 2029	1,551	0.22
2,060,000	NRG Energy 7.25% 2026	1,821	0.26
6,920,000	Parsley Energy 5.625% 2027	5,837	0.83
5,160,000	Perrigo Finance 4.375% 2026	4,274	0.61
7,800,000	Petrobras 8.75% 2026	8,001	1.14
6,850,000	Post Holdings 5% 2026	5,711	0.81
4,010,000	Qwest Capital Funding 6.875% 2028	3,008	0.43
3,300,000	Sabine Pass Liquefaction 5% 2027	2,937	0.42
3,531,000	Sabine Pass Liquefaction 5.875% 2026	3,280	0.47
3,905,000	Six Flags Entertainment 4.875% 2024	3,257	0.46
3,925,000	SM Energy 6.75% 2026*	2,864	0.41
5,625,000	Staples 7.5% 2026	4,697	0.67
2,760,000	Staples 10.75% 2027	2,333	0.33
1,665,000	Steel Dynamics 4.125% 2025	1,367	0.19
1,595,000	Steel Dynamics 5.5% 2024	1,341	0.19
4,655,000	SunCoke Energy Partners 7.5% 2025	3,768	0.54
580,000	Targa Resources 6.5% 2027	517	0.07
3,080,000	Tenet Healthcare 6.25% 2027	2,602	0.37
10,990,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 3.15% 2026	6,998	1.00
6,115,000	T-Mobile 6.5% 2026	5,330	0.76
1,220,000	Transportadora de Gas del Sur 6.75% 2025	937	0.13
4,450,000	Trivium Packaging Finance 5.5% 2026	3,739	0.53
3,650,000	USA Compression Partners 6.875% 2027	3,124	0.44
4,195,000	Vedanta Resources 6.125% 2024	3,215	0.46
4,710,000	Viking Cruises 6.25% 2025	3,975	0.57
8,025,000	Virgin Media 5.75% 2025	6,814	0.97
1,870,000	Western Gas Partners 4.75% 2028	1,530	0.22
729,000	Western Midstream Operating 4.5% 2028	593	0.08
3,666,000	Wind Tre 5% 2026	2,979	0.42
4,040,000	WPX Energy 5.75% 2026	3,390	0.48
2,950,000	Wyndham Worldwide 5.1% 2025	2,629	0.37
10,590,000	Ziggo 5.5% 2027	8,833	1.26
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
7,672,000	Dell International 5.3% 2029*	6,652	0.95
4,409,000	JBS USA Finance 5.5% 2030	3,596	0.51
4,040,000	Qwest Capital Funding 7.75% 2031	3,058	0.44
3,470,000	Sappi Papier 7.5% 2032	2,891	0.41
1,760,000	Tenet Healthcare 6.875% 2031	1,271	0.18

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
7,159,000	MDC 6% 2043	5,759	0.82
5,865,000	Telecom Italia Capital 6% 2034	4,874	0.69
Perpetual			
2,685,000	Bank of America FRN Perpetual	2,392	0.34
3,768,000	Credit Agricole FRN Perpetual	3,103	0.44
4,355,000	Credit Suisse 6.25% Perpetual	3,752	0.53
4,935,000	General Motors Financial FRN Perpetual	3,763	0.53
5,185,000	Goldman Sachs 5.375% Perpetual	4,280	0.61
3,756,000	ING FRN Perpetual	3,206	0.46
4,480,000	JPMorgan Chase FRN Perpetual	3,570	0.51
5,000,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 8.625% Perpetual	4,344	0.62
3,201,000	UBS FRN Perpetual	2,874	0.41
Equities (0.00%)		-	-
North America Equities (0.00%)			
United States (0.00%)		-	-
20	New Cotal Participation	-	-
1	Quad Graphics	-	-
Exchange Traded Funds (0.00%)		14,911	2.12
210,000	iShares iBoxx High Yield Corporate Bond ETF	14,911	2.12
Derivatives (-0.98%)		(17,322)	(2.46)
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.99%)		(17,322)	(2.46)
Buy EUR 1,299,000 Sell GBP 1,169,039 15/08/2019		12	-
Buy GBP 2,082,356 Sell EUR 2,273,000 15/08/2019		14	-
Buy GBP 70,735,231 Sell EUR 78,858,000 15/08/2019		(1,006)	(0.14)
Buy GBP 2,462,637 Sell USD 3,000,000 15/08/2019		14	-
Buy GBP 3,387,122 Sell USD 4,250,000 15/08/2019		(81)	(0.01)
Buy GBP 12,017,362 Sell USD 15,000,000 15/08/2019		(224)	(0.03)
Buy GBP 143,474,585 Sell USD 180,750,000 15/08/2019		(4,036)	(0.57)
Buy GBP 143,490,185 Sell USD 180,751,000 15/08/2019		(4,021)	(0.57)
Buy GBP 143,502,606 Sell USD 180,750,000 15/08/2019		(4,008)	(0.57)
Buy GBP 143,502,606 Sell USD 180,750,000 15/08/2019		(4,008)	(0.57)
Buy USD 1,250,000 Sell GBP 998,304 15/08/2019		22	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Futures (0.01%)		-	-
Total investment assets and liabilities		682,476	97.12
Net other assets		20,249	2.88
Total Net Assets		702,725	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.
The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

* A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Net capital losses	1	(9,114)	(26,934)
Revenue	3	39,182	38,769
Expenses	4	(1,965)	(2,169)
Interest payable and similar charges*	5	(17)	(2)
Net revenue before taxation		37,200	36,598
Taxation	6	(109)	(50)
Net revenue after taxation		37,091	36,548
Total return before distributions		27,977	9,614
Distributions	7	(37,090)	(36,548)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(9,113)	(26,934)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	600,295	673,489
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	138,019	24,991
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(56,940)	(100,558)
	81,079	(75,567)
Dilution adjustment	226	122
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	(9,113)	(26,934)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	30,237	29,183
Unclaimed distributions	3	2
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	702,727	600,295

* For presentation purposes this line is now shown separately from expenses.

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Investment assets		699,862	582,609
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	11,380	10,757
Cash and bank balances	9	35,652	21,667
		47,032	32,424
Total assets		746,894	615,033
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities		(17,384)	(6,188)
Creditors	10	(24,803)	(6,770)
Bank overdrafts		-	(49)
Distribution payable		(1,980)	(1,731)
		(26,783)	(8,550)
Total liabilities		(44,167)	(14,738)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		702,727	600,295

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	33,058	(20,638)
Derivative contracts	(2)	1,306
Forward currency contracts	(46,475)	(7,459)
Other (losses)/gains	4,305	4
Class Actions	-	(147)
Net capital losses	(9,114)	(26,934)

2. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bonds	451,087	287,821	373,174	305,820
Collective investment schemes	42,142	-	28,620	-
Corporate actions	1,438	-	16,004	-
Trades in the year before transaction costs	494,667	287,821	417,798	305,820
Commissions				
Collective investment schemes	21	-	(14)	-
Total commissions	21	-	(14)	-
Taxes				
Collective investment schemes	-	-	(1)	-
Total taxes	-	-	(1)	-
Total transaction costs	21	-	(15)	-
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	494,688	287,821	417,783	305,820

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Collective investment schemes	0.05	-	0.05	-
Taxes				

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Bonds	-	-	-	-
Collective investment schemes	-	-	-	-
			2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value				
Commissions			0.01	-

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.41% (2018: 0.75%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Taxable distribution on offshore funds	197	-
Interest on debt securities	38,670	38,232
Derivative revenue	1	-
Bank interest	83	213
Stocklending income	231	324
Total revenue	39,182	38,769

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	1,326	1,469
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	639	700
Total expenses	1,965	2,169

5. Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	17	2
Total interest payable & similar charges	17	2

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Corporation tax	-	10
Double taxation relief	-	(10)
Overseas taxes	109	50
Total current tax	109	50

(b)

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	37,200	36,598
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	7,440	7,320
Effects of:		
Overseas taxes	109	50
Overseas tax expensed	(22)	(10)
Distributions treated as tax deductible	(7,418)	(7,310)
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	109	50

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

7. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
First interim distribution	9,133	9,625
Second interim distribution	8,668	8,514
Third interim distribution	9,396	8,835
Final distribution	10,367	9,135
	37,564	36,109
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	440	622
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(914)	(183)
Net distribution for the year	37,090	36,548
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	37,091	36,548
Undistributed revenue carried forward	(1)	-
Total distributions	37,090	36,548

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	57	46
Tax recoverable	-	203
Sales awaiting settlement	1,361	-
Accrued revenue	9,962	9,794
Merger debtor	-	706
Other debtor	-	8
Total debtors	11,380	10,757

9. Cash and Bank Balances

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers	-	343
Cash and bank balances	35,652	21,324
Total cash and bank balances	35,652	21,667

10. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	1,941	1,171
Purchases awaiting settlement	22,619	5,371
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	243	165
Other creditors	-	63
Total creditors	24,803	6,770

11. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £30,915,000 (2018: £46,918,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £33,285,000 (2018: £52,198,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Barclays	-	8,055
BNP Paribas	-	9,529
Credit Suisse	30,915	7,778
JPM Chase	-	15,511
Nomura	-	6,045
Total securities on loan	30,915	46,918

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Government Bond	33,285	52,198
Total collateral held	33,285	52,198

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £289,000 (2018: £405,000) and £58,000 (2018: £81,000).

12. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 10.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 10.

13. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	78,706	2,160	(27,273)	-	53,593
A Income shares	99,489,767	20,692,382	(309,249)	(7,011)	119,865,889
I Accumulation shares	1,228,989	451,210	(273,135)	-	1,407,064
I Income shares	7,745,664	1,426,978	(3,980,354)	144,754	5,337,042
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100
P Income shares	15,326,611	8,090,832	(10,654,942)	(28,685)	12,733,816
P Gross Income shares	652,717	482,645	(207,375)	-	927,987
Q Income shares	20,740,463	18,868,694	(4,742,517)	(190,086)	34,676,554
Q Gross Income shares	164,976	123,116	(175,573)	-	112,519
Z Accumulation shares	285,023,487	57,109,192	(23,565,794)	-	318,566,885

14. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Bonds	-	684,887	-	-	582,560	-
Collective Investment Schemes	14,911	-	-	-	-	-
Derivatives	-	63	-	49	-	-
Total investment assets	14,911	684,950	-	49	582,560	-
Derivatives	-	(17,383)	-	-	(6,188)	-
Total investment liabilities	-	(17,383)	-	-	(6,188)	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

15. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market Price Risk

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Manager using VaR analysis. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VAR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

The table below indicated the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 5 day loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99 percent confidence level. Calculated on this basis, the table indicates that the net value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities could be expected to change by more than the stated amount on only two days out of 200, in response to either price, interest rate, inflation or foreign currency exchange rate changes.

The VaR measures of the Fund are detailed below.

	2019	2018
Minimum VaR	1.42%	1.64%
Maximum VaR	1.82%	2.18%
Average VaR	1.65%	1.94%

VaR table

	FX risk	Interest rate risk	Inflation risk	Contribution from credit risk	Overall VaR
31 July 2019	-	0.82%	-	0.62%	1.44%
31 July 2018	0.02%	1.02%	-	0.67%	1.71%

The ACD must calculate the global exposure of any Fund it manages either as:

- 1) the incremental exposure and leverage generated through the use of derivatives and forward transactions, which may not exceed 100% of the net value of the scheme property. This is known as the Commitment Approach and is a measure of leverage or;
- 2) The market risk of the scheme property by way of the value at risk (VaR) approach. Although, the sensitivity analysis of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions described above uses VaR analysis, the global exposure calculations for Funds may be calculated on the Commitment Basis. The Prospectus provides further details on which method is used to calculate Global Exposure for each Fund.

(b) Foreign currency risk

The income and capital value of the Fund's investments are mainly denominated in sterling, the Fund's functional currency; therefore, the financial statements are not subject to any significant risk of currency movements. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(c) Interest rate risk

Interest receivable on bank deposits or payable on bank overdrafts will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates. The Fund Manager continuously reviews interest rates and inflation expectations. The assessment of this may result in a change in investment strategy.

Bond yields are affected by market and economic conditions, including inflation rates and government policy. An analysis of the interest rates and maturity of bond listings is detailed below.

In addition, changes to prevailing rates or changes in expectations of future rates may result in an increase or decrease in the value of the securities held. In general, if interest rates rise, the income potential of the Fund also rises but the value of fixed rate securities will decline (along with certain expenses calculated by reference to the assets of the Fund). A decline in interest rates will, in general, have the opposite effect.

The interest rate risk profile of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities is:

	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets/ (liabilities) not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
2019				
Currency				
UK Sterling	20,338	22,813	658,963	702,114
Euro	6,444	73,003	(78,354)	1,093
US Dollar	73,425	539,427	(613,333)	(480)
2018				
Currency				
UK Sterling	29,704	41,580	(7,748)	63,536
Euro	4,176	90,950	1,185	96,311
US Dollar	13,844	423,641	2,963	440,448

(d) **Credit risk**

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

	Market Value 2019 £'000	Market Value 2018 £'000
Credit Rating Analysis		
Investment grade securities (AAA - BBB)	47,461	28,859
Below investment grade (BB and below)	619,677	549,158
Unrated securities	17,749	4,259
Collective Investment Schemes	14,911	-
Derivatives	(17,320)	(5,855)
Other net assets	20,249	23,874
Net assets	702,727	600,295

(e) **Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk***

At the year end the Fund held derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management or to meet the Fund's investment objectives. These types of transaction can introduce market exposure greater than the market value of the instrument. These transactions exchange benefits with a third party at a future date creating both counterparty and concentration risk. The Investment Adviser's policies for managing these risks are outlined in the Fund's prospectus.

At the balance sheet date the Fund had the following exposures:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Market Exposure		
Forward Currency Contracts	684,211	570,351
Total Market Exposure	684,211	570,351

The total market exposure is the sum of the notional derivative contracts on a gross basis with no offsetting.

Counterparty Exposure

Derivative instruments involve an agreement to exchange a benefit at a future date. This introduces counterparty risk where an agreement is bilateral (between two parties) and concentration risk where a clearing broker operates on an exchange. Where the counterparty or clearing broker is not solvent the market exposure obtained would be lost.

At 31 July 2019 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Counterparty or clearer		
BNP Paribas	(81)	(81)
Citigroup	(4,021)	(4,021)
Goldman Sachs	(1,005)	(1,005)
HSBC	(8,016)	(8,016)
Morgan Stanley	(4,000)	(4,000)
Royal Bank of Canada	(210)	(210)
StateStreet	13	13
Total	(17,320)	(17,320)

At 31 July 2018 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Counterparty or clearer		
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	(2,048)	(2,048)
Barclays	(1,435)	(1,435)
Citigroup	(1,338)	(1,338)
Morgan Stanley	139	139
StateStreet	143	143
UBS	(1,365)	(1,365)
Total	(5,904)	(5,904)

* Following the change in administrators the methodology used for compiling this note has changed.

(f)

Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table

For the three months ended 31 October 2018

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.0604	-	2.0604*	1.8585
Group 2	1.3201	0.7403	2.0604*	1.8585
A Income shares				
Group 1	1.1842	-	1.1842**	1.1198
Group 2	0.6823	0.5019	1.1842**	1.1198
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.4436	-	2.4436*	2.2161
Group 2	0.9650	1.4786	2.4436*	2.2161
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.2601	-	1.2601**	1.2054
Group 2	0.4674	0.7927	1.2601**	1.2054
P Income shares				
Group 1	1.3114	-	1.3114**	1.2573
Group 2	0.4992	0.8122	1.3114**	1.2573
P Gross Income shares				
Group 1	1.2617	-	1.2617**	1.2094
Group 2	0.3717	0.8900	1.2617**	1.2094
Q Income shares				
Group 1	1.3298	-	1.3298**	1.2811
Group 2	0.6497	0.6801	1.3298**	1.2811
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	1.2801	-	1.2801**	1.2281
Group 2	-	-	-	1.2281
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.6655	-	2.6655*	2.4234
Group 2	-	-	-	2.4234

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2018.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2019.

For the three months ended 31 January 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.0604	-	2.0604*	1.7398
Group 2	1.3201	0.7403	2.0604*	1.7398
A Income shares				
Group 1	1.1842	-	1.1842**	1.0362
Group 2	0.6823	0.5019	1.1842**	1.0362
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.4436	-	2.4436*	2.0963
Group 2	0.9650	1.4786	2.4436*	2.0963
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.2601	-	1.2601**	1.1253
Group 2	0.4674	0.7927	1.2601**	1.1253
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	-	-	-	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	-	-	-	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
P Income shares				
Group 1	1.3114	-	1.3114*	1.1780
Group 2	0.4992	0.8122	1.3114**	1.1780
P Gross Income shares				
Group 1	1.2617	-	1.2617**	1.1332
Group 2	0.3717	0.8900	1.2617**	1.1332
Q Income shares				
Group 1	1.3298	-	1.3298**	1.2011
Group 2	0.6497	0.6801	1.3298**	1.2011

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	1.2801	-	1.2801**	1.1565
Group 2	-	-	-	1.1565
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.6655	-	2.6655*	2.3256
Group 2	-	-	-	2.3256

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the shareclass on 27 November 2018.

^B Shares purchased between 27 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the three months ended 30 April 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 30 April 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.8522	-	1.8522*	1.9004
Group 2	0.9644	0.8878	1.8522*	1.9004
A Income shares				
Group 1	1.0375	-	1.0375**	1.1195
Group 2	0.5990	0.4385	1.0375**	1.1195
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.1593	-	2.1593*	2.2611
Group 2	0.7654	1.3939	2.1593*	2.2611
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.0829	-	1.0829**	1.1988
Group 2	0.2893	0.7936	1.0829**	1.1988
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.3900	-	1.3900*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	1.3500	-	1.3500**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
P Income shares				
Group 1	1.1305	-	1.1305**	1.2486
Group 2	0.5429	0.5876	1.1305**	1.2486
P Gross Income shares				
Group 1	1.0875	-	1.0875**	1.2014
Group 2	0.1056	0.9819	1.0875**	1.2014
Q Income shares				
Group 1	1.1457	-	1.1457**	1.2680
Group 2	0.8310	0.3147	1.1457**	1.2680

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	1.1039	-	1.1039**	1.2204
Group 2	-	-	-	1.2204
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.3869	-	2.3869*	2.4683
Group 2	1.4968	0.8901	2.3869**	2.4683

* Distribution accumulated on 30 April 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 July 2019.

For the three months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 May 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 May 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.0380	-	2.0380*	1.9949
Group 2	0.6863	1.3517	2.0380*	1.9949
A Income shares				
Group 1	1.1284	-	1.1284**	1.1611
Group 2	0.3767	0.7517	1.1284**	1.1611
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.3695	-	2.3695*	2.3701
Group 2	0.9935	1.3760	2.3695*	2.3701
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.1726	-	1.1726**	1.2397
Group 2	0.6065	0.5661	1.1726**	1.2397
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.4900	-	1.4900*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	1.4500	-	1.4500**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
P Income shares				
Group 1	1.2226	-	1.2226**	1.2909
Group 2	0.7204	0.5022	1.2226**	1.2909
P Gross Income shares				
Group 1	1.1763	-	1.1763**	1.2417
Group 2	1.0491	0.1272	1.1763**	1.2417
Q Income shares				
Group 1	1.2400	-	1.2400**	1.3091
Group 2	0.6260	0.6140	1.2400**	1.3091

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	1.1937	-	1.1937**	1.2598
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.6115	-	2.6115*	2.5873
Group 2	1.2937	1.3178	2.6115*	2.5873

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

ASI Global Opportunistic Bond Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The Fund's investment objective is long-term total return to be achieved by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of global investment and sub-investment grade debt and debt related securities issued by companies, governments, government related bodies and supranational institutions.

Additionally, the Fund may invest in other transferable securities and units in collective investments schemes, including those managed by the ACD or companies affiliated with the ACD. The Fund's assets will primarily be either denominated in Sterling or denominated in currencies other than Sterling and hedged back to Sterling.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes or efficient portfolio management including hedging where appropriate.

Note: The term 'total return' means a combination of income and capital growth and no positive return is implied.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Global Opportunistic Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 7.03% compared to an increase of 7.81% in the benchmark, the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Credit (Hedged GBP 100%) Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

The same themes continued to dominate the global bond market over the review period. The ongoing trade war between the US and China was a prominent factor. After a challenging end to 2018, 2019 has, so far, largely been a story of recovery in risk sentiment which has benefited all forms of credit, including sterling Investment Grade (IG) credit.

Amid continuing poor economic data, the key driver has been increasing expectations of central bank dovishness. At the end of the review period, on 31 July, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) cut interest rates for the first time in a decade. Likewise, expectations had steadily increased by the end of the period that the European Central Bank would soon cut interest rates and embark on a new round of asset purchases. In the UK, concern about a potential 'no-deal' Brexit scenario was magnified after the outcome of the Conservative Party leadership contest. As such, this also suggested an impending switch to a more dovish approach from the Bank of England.

Portfolio review

The Fund outperformed the benchmark (gross of fees).

There was a great deal of market volatility in the fourth quarter of 2018. Credit spreads widened across financial and non-financial issuers, as well as higher volatility segments of the market. We maintained a marginal overweight in credit throughout this period, adding selectively to securities which we believed were oversold. Our overweight position was rewarded as investor sentiment recovered significantly from its year-end lows on a surprisingly dovish tone from the Fed.

Throughout 2019 we have seen lower credit quality, higher volatility sectors of the market outperform. Fund outperformance was driven by overweight allocations to financials, RMBS and emerging markets. Our overweight position in lower quality investment grade securities also benefited.

A positive amidst the year-end volatility was a recovery in Italian assets, reflecting a receding threat that the European Union would impose an 'excessive deficit procedure' on the country. This proved beneficial for the Fund's exposure to Unicredit bonds. However, energy names such as Haliburton and Cenovus negatively contributed to performance as oil reverted most of the price gains experienced throughout the first half of 2019.

In terms of individual securities, off-benchmark exposure to Tesco contributed positively, with the UK supermarket company continuing to progress its turnaround efforts and securing an upgrade from Moody's in June. The Fund's positioning in Western Gas and Anadarko Petroleum also generated a significant positive performance as Chevron launched a takeover bid for the latter. We trimmed our position following the bid announcement as the risk reward was skewed to the downside.

Outlook

Credit markets will remain torn between trade war and growth worries on the one hand, and more dovish central banks on the other. There was some initial disappointment regarding the Fed's attempt to portray its July interest rates cut as a 'mid-cycle adjustment'. However with President Trump announcing a 10% tariff on the remaining USD300 billion of the previously unaffected Chinese imports in early August, the trade war is clearly re-escalating. In turn, the market has rallied in a 'flight to quality', pushing US treasury yields lower.

In Europe, the negative yield environment in rates and the potential restarting of the ECB's asset purchase programme ('QE2') in the autumn this year, creates a very strong technical backdrop that should provide a buffer in periods of higher political and economic uncertainty. Given that QE2 is now more or less expected, an additional surprise source could be the size, duration and mix of the programme, which we expect to be announced during the ECB's meeting in September.

More specifically, we think that additional upside could come from a higher share of corporate bonds in QE2 as the ECB has already reached its self-imposed limits in government bonds. The market share of corporate bonds is relatively small so far and it would be less politically toxic to buy more of them. We feel this possibility is probably not adequately reflected in market pricing at present.

In terms of positioning, we continue to prefer euro-denominated credits over USD-denominated credits as expectations of the ECB resuming its corporate bond-buying programme is supportive for these assets. We remain defensively positioned in more cyclical and trade-exposed sectors such as autos and technology. Finally, we have actively been reducing our exposure to UK assets based on the expectation of more volatility heading towards the end-October Brexit deadline.

Global Aggregate Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 3 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The Fund invests in mortgage and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The Fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The Fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The Fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	111.13	112.86	111.18
Return before operating charges*	9.12	(0.47)	2.93
Operating charges	(1.22)	(1.26)	(1.25)
Return after operating charges*	7.90	(1.73)	1.68
Distributions	(3.50)	(3.42)	(3.53)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.50	3.42	3.53
Closing net asset value per share	119.03	111.13	112.86
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.11%	(1.53%)	1.51%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	133	138	143
Closing number of shares	111,704	123,868	126,768
Operating charges	1.08%	1.12%	1.13%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	119.2	114.6	113.3
Lowest share price	109.2	110.4	108.0

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	93.53	97.95	99.64
Return before operating charges*	7.84	(0.40)	2.55
Operating charges	(1.07)	(1.08)	(1.11)
Return after operating charges*	6.77	(1.48)	1.44
Distributions	(3.04)	(2.94)	(3.13)
Closing net asset value per share	97.26	93.53	97.95
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.24%	(1.51%)	1.45%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	6	2
Closing number of shares	499	6,469	1,569
Operating charges	1.08%	1.12%	1.13%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	98.94	99.42	100.6
Lowest share price	91.95	94.42	96.26

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	113.88	115.07	112.79
Return before operating charges*	9.37	(0.48)	2.99
Operating charges	(0.71)	(0.71)	(0.71)
Return after operating charges*	8.66	(1.19)	2.28
Distributions	(3.59)	(3.49)	(3.59)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.59	3.49	3.59
Closing net asset value per share	122.54	113.88	115.07
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.60%	(1.03%)	2.02%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	309	328	389
Closing number of shares	251,716	287,659	338,459
Operating charges	0.61%	0.62%	0.63%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	122.7	117.0	115.5
Lowest share price	112.1	113.0	109.8

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	96.00	100.03	101.24
Return before operating charges*	7.80	(0.40)	2.62
Operating charges	(0.60)	(0.62)	(0.63)
Return after operating charges*	7.20	(1.02)	1.99
Distributions	(3.01)	(3.01)	(3.20)
Closing net asset value per share	100.19	96.00	100.03
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.50%	(1.02%)	1.97%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	56	72	109
Closing number of shares	56,294	75,082	108,482
Operating charges	0.61%	0.62%	0.63%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	101.8	101.7	102.2
Lowest share price	94.50	96.80	98.06

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	10.32
Operating charges	(0.46)
Return after operating charges*	9.86
Distributions	(2.26)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.26
Closing net asset value per share	109.86
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	9.86%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.66%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	110.0
Lowest share price	99.94

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

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Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 30 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	10.21
Operating charges	(0.46)
Return after operating charges*	9.75
Distributions	(2.25)
Closing net asset value per share	107.50
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	9.75%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.66%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	109.3
Lowest share price	99.94

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Income share class was launched on 30 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	108.70	109.29	106.65
Return before operating charges*	8.97	(0.46)	2.78
Operating charges	(0.12)	(0.13)	(0.14)
Return after operating charges*	8.85	(0.59)	2.64
Distributions	(3.44)	(3.33)	(3.37)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.44	3.33	3.37
Closing net asset value per share	117.55	108.70	109.29
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	8.14%	(0.54%)	2.48%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,834	4,467	4,488
Closing number of shares	4,111,909	4,109,848	4,106,643
Operating charges	0.11%	0.12%	0.13%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	117.7	111.4	109.7
Lowest share price	107.2	107.8	103.9

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The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

Z Gross Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	101.66	102.21	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	8.39	(0.43)	2.34
Operating charges	(0.11)	(0.12)	(0.13)
Return after operating charges*	8.28	(0.55)	2.21
Distributions	(3.21)	(3.11)	(3.15)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.21	3.11	3.15
Closing net asset value per share	109.94	101.66	102.21
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	8.14%	(0.54%)	2.21%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	116,899	107,662	126,300
Closing number of shares	106,330,066	105,903,100	123,564,400
Operating charges	0.11%	0.12%	0.13%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	110.1	104.2	102.6
Lowest share price	100.2	100.8	97.26

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A Z Gross Accumulation share class was launched on 1 August 2016.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (97.81%)		119,491	97.76
Australian Dollar Denominated Bonds (1.40%)		1,043	0.86
Corporate Bonds (0.86%)		1,043	0.86
less than 5 years to maturity			
250,000	Barclays 3.25% 2024	143	0.12
1,000,000	Credit Suisse 3.5% 2020	571	0.47
560,000	General Motors Financial 3.85% 2023	329	0.27
Government Bonds (0.54%)		-	-
Canadian Dollar Denominated Bonds (1.42%)		881	0.72
Corporate Bonds (1.42%)		881	0.72
less than 5 years to maturity			
590,000	Molson Coors International 2.84% 2023	368	0.30
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
130,000	Rogers Communications 6.11% 2040	108	0.09
greater than 25 years to maturity			
618,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev Finance 4.32% 2047	405	0.33
Euro Denominated Bonds (16.67%)		38,916	31.84
Corporate Bonds (15.65%)		31,566	25.83
less than 5 years to maturity			
249,000	Abbott Ireland Financing 0.875% 2023	236	0.19
100,000	Abertis Infraestructuras 1.5% 2024	96	0.08
540,000	Arion Banki 1% 2023	493	0.40
400,000	Atos 0.75% 2022	373	0.30
400,000	Banco Sabadell 1.75% 2024	373	0.31
400,000	BBVA 1.125% 2024	378	0.31
500,000	BPCE 0.875% 2024	469	0.38
700,000	CaixaBank 2.375% 2024	688	0.56
394,000	CEZ 0.875% 2022	368	0.30
330,000	China National Chemical 1.75% 2022	309	0.25
278,000	Chorus 1.125% 2023	263	0.21
260,000	Danske Bank 0.875% 2023	240	0.20
258,000	Danske Bank 1.375% 2022	242	0.20

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Holding	Investment		
125,000	FCA Bank 1.25% 2022	117	0.10
306,000	FCA Bank Ireland 1% 2022	284	0.23
118,000	Fidelity National Information Services 0.75% 2023	111	0.09
236,000	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (Singapore) 0.25% 2022	216	0.18
198,000	Logicor Financing 0.5% 2021	182	0.15
486,000	Logicor Financing 0.75% 2024	443	0.36
200,000	LVMH 0% 2021	183	0.15
200,000	LVMH 0.125% 2023	184	0.15
174,000	Medtronic Global 0.375% 2023	161	0.13
189,000	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial 0.98% 2023	178	0.15
460,000	Morgan Stanley 0.637% Fixed to Floating 2023	427	0.35
193,000	NE Property 2.625% 2023	182	0.15
530,000	Nykredit Realkredit 0.5% 2022	488	0.40
100,000	Orange 0.5% 2022	92	0.08
200,000	Orange 1.125% 2024	192	0.16
113,000	RCI Banque 0.75% 2022	105	0.09
160,000	Royal Bank of Scotland Group 2% 2023	150	0.12
117,000	Schaeffler 1.125% 2022	109	0.09
150,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 0.375% 2020	134	0.11
348,000	TOTAL 1.75% Fixed to Floating 2024	328	0.27
487,000	United Technologies 1.15% 2024	465	0.38
337,000	Volkswagen Leasing 0.5% 2022	310	0.25
223,000	Volkswagen Leasing 1% 2023	208	0.17
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
200,000	Abertis Infraestructuras 2.375% 2027	201	0.16
600,000	ABN Amro 2.875% 2028	594	0.49
394,000	America Movil 0.75% 2027	368	0.30
399,000	Amphenol Technologies Holding 2% 2028	405	0.33
619,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 1.15% 2027	602	0.49
400,000	APT Pipelines 2% 2027	396	0.32
200,000	Atos 2.5% 2028	211	0.17
400,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 1.7875% 2029	387	0.32
445,000	Barclays 2% 2028	395	0.32
269,000	BP Capital Markets 0.831% 2027	256	0.21
300,000	BPCE 1.375% 2026	291	0.24
458,000	Cheung Kong Infrastructure Finance 1% 2024	427	0.35
289,000	Citigroup FRN 2026	281	0.23
163,000	CNH Industrial Finance Europe 1.75% 2027	158	0.13
100,000	Credit Agricole 1.75% 2029	101	0.08
200,000	Credit Agricole 2% 2029	196	0.16
754,000	Deutsche Telekom 0.5% 2027	701	0.57

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Holding	Investment		
313,000	Emirates Telecom 2.75% 2026	324	0.26
700,000	Engie 1.625% Fixed to Floating 2025	635	0.52
740,000	Experian Finance 1.375% 2026	714	0.58
542,000	GELF 1.125% 2029	501	0.41
253,000	HeidelbergCement Finance Luxembourg 1.125% 2027	240	0.20
100,000	Iberdrola 3.25% Fixed to Floating 2025	99	0.08
200,000	JAB Holdings 1.75% 2026	195	0.16
645,000	JPMorgan Chase 1.09% Fixed to Floating 2026	615	0.50
548,000	Logicor Financing 1.625% 2027	508	0.42
223,000	Medtronic Global 0.25% 2025	206	0.17
132,000	Medtronic Global 1.125% 2027	128	0.10
402,000	Mondi Finance 1.625% 2026	392	0.32
669,000	Morgan Stanley FRN 2026	645	0.53
235,000	Nederlandse Waterschapsbank 0.625% 2029	229	0.19
100,000	Orange 2.375% Fixed to Floating 2025	95	0.08
200,000	Schneider Electric 1.5% 2028	201	0.16
750,000	SELP Finance 1.5% 2025	721	0.59
201,000	SELP Finance 1.5% 2026	190	0.16
162,000	Sika Capital 0.875% 2027	155	0.13
230,000	Smiths 2% 2027	224	0.18
300,000	Societe Generale FRN 2028	278	0.23
500,000	Telefonica 1.447% 2027	492	0.40
352,000	Terna Rete Elettrica Nazionale 0.125% 2025	320	0.26
330,000	Thermo Fisher Scientific 0.75% 2024	311	0.25
316,000	Thermo Fisher Scientific 1.4% 2026	310	0.25
697,000	UniCredit 1.625% Fixed to Floating 2024	649	0.53
250,000	UniCredit 4.375% 2027	244	0.20
293,000	Unitymedia 4% 2025	276	0.23
386,000	Verizon Communications 0.875% 2027	367	0.30
156,000	Vesteda Finance 1.5% 2027	152	0.12
320,000	Vesteda Finance 2% 2026	321	0.26
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
300,000	Aeroports de Paris 1.125% 2034	288	0.24
400,000	Autoroutes du Sud de la France 1.375% 2031	402	0.33
224,000	BP Capital Markets 1.231% 2031	219	0.18
117,000	Fidelity National Information Services 2% 2030	118	0.10
104,000	Medtronic Global 1.625% 2031	105	0.09
214,000	Prologis International Funding II 2.375% 2030	227	0.19
145,000	Sika Capital 1.5% 2031	145	0.12
247,000	Verizon Communications 1.25% 2030	239	0.20

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between 15 and 25 years to maturity				
	100,000	Engie 1.375% 2039	97	0.08
	200,000	Investor 1.5% 2039	197	0.16
	346,000	Medtronic Global 1.5% 2039	325	0.27
	160,000	NN Group FRN 2044	166	0.14
	388,000	Siemens 1.75% 2039	408	0.33
Perpetual				
	200,000	Credit Agricole Assurances FRN Perpetual	205	0.17
	1,200,000	Societe Generale 9.375% Fixed to Floating Perpetual	1,099	0.90
	500,000	Telefonica FRN Perpetual	464	0.38
	400,000	Volkswagen International Finance 3.375% Perpetual	378	0.31
Government Bonds (1.02%)			7,350	6.01
less than 5 years to maturity				
	2,560,000	European Stability Mechanism FRN 2022	2,370	1.94
	920,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 2.15% 2024	893	0.73
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
	829,000	European Investment Bank 0.625% 2029	812	0.66
	1,366,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 1.625% 2026	1,284	1.05
	690,000	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of) 0.75% 2027	645	0.53
between 15 and 25 years to maturity				
	1,300,000	European Investment Bank 1.125% 2036	1,346	1.10
Sterling Denominated Bonds (15.67%)			10,650	8.71
Corporate Bonds (15.67%)			10,559	8.64
less than 5 years to maturity				
	586,000	Barclays 2.375% 2023	590	0.48
	170,000	Citigroup 2.75% 2024	179	0.15
	311,000	CPUK 4.25% 2022	315	0.26
	600,000	Deutsche Bank 1.75% 2021	596	0.49
	150,000	Lend Lease Europe 6.125% 2021	163	0.13
	342,000	New York Life Global Funding 1.625% 2023	350	0.29
	600,000	Petróleos Mexicanos 8.25% 2022	657	0.54
	151,000	Tesco 6.125% 2022	169	0.14
	200,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.875% 2021	202	0.16
	560,000	Western Power 3.625% 2023	600	0.49

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	Holding	Investment		
	between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
	170,000	AT&T 2.9% 2026	181	0.15
	407,000	Credit Suisse FRN 2025	411	0.34
	282,000	CYBG 5% 2026	283	0.23
	171,000	Land Securities 2.375% 2029	180	0.15
	235,000	Lloyds Banking Group 2.25% 2024	239	0.19
	107,000	Orsted 2.125% 2027	113	0.09
	340,000	Petroleos Mexicanos 3.75% 2025	316	0.26
	570,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 2.875% 2026	583	0.48
	320,000	Stagecoach Group 4% 2025	344	0.28
	435,000	Westfield Stratford City Finance 1.642% 2026	441	0.36
	between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
	100,000	Fidelity National Information Services 3.36% 2031	110	0.09
	150,000	HSBC 3% Fixed to Floating 2029	157	0.13
	145,000	Wal-Mart 5.625% 2034	218	0.18
	between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
	600,000	CNP Assurances 7.375% 2041	664	0.54
	225,000	Connect Plus 2.607% 2039	244	0.20
	250,000	E.ON Finance 5.875% 2037	370	0.30
	242,000	Tesco 5.744% 2040	306	0.25
	greater than 25 years to maturity			
	150,000	America Movil 6.375% Fixed to Floating 2073	157	0.13
	394,000	Gatwick 2.875% 2049	399	0.33
	165,000	Vodafone 3.375% 2049	167	0.14
	241,000	Vodafone 4.875% FRN 2078	249	0.20
	Perpetual			
	100,000	HBOS 7.881% Fixed to Floating Perpetual	151	0.12
	450,000	SSE 3.875% Fixed to Floating Perpetual	455	0.37
	Government Bonds (0.00%)		91	0.07
	between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
	64,827	UK (Govt of) 3.25% 2044	91	0.07

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US Dollar Denominated Bonds (62.65%)		68,001	55.63
Corporate Bonds (59.18%)		66,500	54.40
less than 5 years to maturity			
267,000	AIG Global Funding 2.3% 2022	217	0.18
531,000	American Tower 3.375% 2024	446	0.37
179,000	Ball 4% 2023	152	0.12
6,000	Ball 4.375% 2020	5	-
388,000	Ball 5% 2022	333	0.27
401,000	Bank of America FRN 2023	330	0.27
200,000	Bank Rakyat Indonesia 3.95% 2024	169	0.14
540,000	Bank Rakyat Indonesia 4.625% 2023	466	0.38
340,000	BBVA Bancomer 6.5% 2021	292	0.24
400,000	Braskem Finance 5.375% 2022	343	0.28
462,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb 2.9% 2024	385	0.31
281,000	Cardinal Health 3.079% 2024	230	0.19
540,000	CCO 5.125% 2023	448	0.37
1,560,000	Citigroup FRN 2023	1,284	1.05
613,000	Citizens Bank 3.7% 2023	520	0.43
700,000	CNOOC 4.5% 2023	611	0.50
450,000	Continental Resources 4.5% 2023	384	0.31
632,000	Continental Resources 5% 2022	521	0.43
517,000	Crown Castle International 2.25% 2021	419	0.34
591,000	CVS Health 3.5% 2022	495	0.41
200,000	Danske Bank 5.375% 2024	178	0.15
433,000	DBS 2.85% 2022	357	0.29
420,000	Deutsche Telekom 2.82% 2022	346	0.28
605,000	Dollar Tree 3.7% 2023	510	0.42
609,000	Exelon 3.497% 2022	508	0.42
700,000	First Abu Dhabi Bank 3% 2022	578	0.47
361,000	Huntington National Bank 3.55% 2023	307	0.25
700,000	ICICI Bank 3.5% 2020	574	0.47
700,000	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (New York) 2.452% 2021	568	0.46
520,000	JPMorgan Chase FRN 2024	444	0.36
757,000	Kraft Heinz 3.5% 2022	631	0.52
710,000	Lennar 4.75% 2021	593	0.49
200,000	Lukoil International Finance 4.563% 2023	172	0.14
350,000	Mexichem 4.875% 2022	299	0.25
280,000	MGM Resorts International 6.625% 2021	248	0.20
214,000	Nordea Bank 3.75% 2023	181	0.15
660,000	NTPC 5.625% 2021	566	0.46
974,000	Penske Truck Leasing 3.375% 2022	810	0.66

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Holding	Investment		
488,000	Perrigo Finance 3.5% 2021	395	0.32
604,000	Royal Bank of Canada 2.55% 2024	494	0.40
500,000	Sabine Pass Liquefaction 6.25% 2022	441	0.36
150,000	Schlumberger 3.75% 2024	128	0.10
370,000	Shimao Property 6.125% 2024	318	0.26
777,000	Shire Acquisitions Investments Ireland 2.4% 2021	633	0.52
148,000	Synchrony Financial 2.85% 2022	121	0.10
300,000	Tenet Healthcare 4.375% 2021	250	0.20
520,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 2.2% 2021	400	0.33
800,000	Thai Oil 3.625% 2023	668	0.55
91,000	UnitedHealth 3.5% 2024	78	0.06
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
400,000	AbbVie 3.2% 2026	328	0.27
800,000	ABN Amro FRN 2028	673	0.55
759,000	American Tower 3.95% 2029	651	0.53
192,000	American Tower 4% 2025	167	0.14
720,000	APT Pipelines 4.2% 2025	618	0.51
514,000	Athene 4.125% 2028	423	0.35
900,000	Bank of America 3.248% 2027	753	0.62
766,000	Bank of America 3.559% Fixed to Floating 2026	652	0.53
380,000	Barclays 3.932% Fixed to Floating 2024	313	0.26
325,000	Boston Properties 4.5% 2028	298	0.24
289,000	BP Capital Markets 3.41% 2026	247	0.20
143,000	Cigna 4.125% 2025	124	0.10
435,000	Citigroup 4.4% 2025	378	0.31
236,000	Citizens Financial 4.3% 2025	203	0.17
143,000	Continental Resources 4.375% 2028	121	0.10
674,000	Credit Agricole 3.25% 2024	560	0.46
400,000	Dell International 6.02% 2026	361	0.30
181,000	Diamondback Energy 5.375% 2025	155	0.13
512,000	Digital Realty Trust 4.45% 2028	455	0.37
372,000	Dominion Energy 3.071% 2024	307	0.25
134,000	DowDuPont 4.725% 2028	123	0.10
600,000	Electronic Arts 4.8% 2026	546	0.45
84,000	Energy Transfer 4.75% 2026	74	0.06
302,000	Entergy Texas 4% 2029	267	0.22
200,000	Experian Finance 4.25% 2029	180	0.15
299,000	Fiserv 3.2% 2026	250	0.20
1,124,000	General Motors Financial 4% 2026	928	0.76
41,000	Graham Holdings 5.75% 2026	36	0.03
760,000	HCA 5.25% 2026	688	0.56

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Holding	Investment		
634,000	HSBC FRN 2025	536	0.44
162,000	Ingersoll-Rand Luxembourg Finance 3.5% 2026	137	0.11
995,000	JPMorgan Chase FRN 2024	861	0.70
1,429,000	JPMorgan Chase FRN 2028	1,216	0.99
136,000	Kilroy Realty 3.45% 2024	114	0.09
1,505,000	Metropolitan Life Global Funding I 3% 2027	1,250	1.02
300,000	Microsoft 3.125% 2025	256	0.21
348,000	Mississippi Power 3.95% 2028	302	0.25
333,000	Moody's 4.25% 2029	300	0.25
492,000	Morgan Stanley 2.72% Fixed to Floating 2024	401	0.33
390,000	MPLX 4.875% 2025	347	0.28
400,000	Mylan 3.95% 2026	333	0.27
99,000	National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance 3.4% 2028	85	0.07
587,000	New York Life Global Funding 3% 2028	490	0.40
151,000	Noble Energy 3.85% 2028	126	0.10
227,000	PacifiCorp 3.5% 2029	199	0.16
193,000	RELX 4% 2029	168	0.14
211,000	Republic Services 2.5% 2024	172	0.14
560,000	Sabine Pass Liquefaction 4.2% 2028	478	0.39
250,000	Sabine Pass Liquefaction 5.625% 2025	227	0.19
400,000	Santos 4.125% 2027	325	0.27
200,000	Saudi Arabian Oil 3.5% 2029	168	0.14
202,000	Schlumberger 3.9% 2028	173	0.14
540,000	Shire Acquisitions Investments Ireland 3.2% 2026	448	0.37
200,000	Suzano Austria 5.75% 2026	181	0.15
384,000	Suzano Austria 6% 2029	346	0.28
200,000	Syngenta Finance 4.892% 2025	171	0.14
430,000	Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line 3.85% 2025	372	0.30
421,000	United Technologies 3.95% 2025	370	0.30
290,000	Verizon Communications 4.329% 2028	262	0.21
221,000	Welltower 4.25% 2026	194	0.16
124,000	Western Gas Partners 4.75% 2028	101	0.08
48,000	Western Midstream Operating 4.5% 2028	39	0.03
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
318,000	Alexandria Real Estate Equities 3.375% 2031	264	0.22
833,000	Bank of America 3.194% Fixed to Floating 2029	685	0.56
159,000	Boston Gas 3.001% 2029	131	0.11
296,000	Dell International 5.3% 2029	257	0.21
424,000	Essex Portfolio 3% 2030	343	0.28
317,000	Kraft Heinz 6.75% 2032	318	0.26
197,000	Oklahoma Gas & Electric 3.3% 2030	165	0.13

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between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
404,000	Alfa 6.875% 2044	379	0.31
370,000	American International 6.25% 2036	378	0.31
79,000	Anadarko Petroleum 6.45% 2036	79	0.06
430,000	Anheuser-Busch Inbev 4.7% 2036	393	0.32
190,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide 5.45% 2039	187	0.15
260,000	AT&T 5.25% 2037	240	0.20
350,000	Bank of America 5.875% 2042	384	0.31
560,000	Charter Communications 6.384% 2035	539	0.44
500,000	Citigroup 8.125% 2039	655	0.54
541,000	Comcast 4.6% 2038	511	0.42
270,000	EOG Resources 5.1% 2036	259	0.21
4,280,000	GreenPoint Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-1 FRN 2034	211	0.17
300,000	JPMorgan Chase 6.4% 2038	342	0.28
130,000	Microsoft 4.1% 2037	122	0.10
394,000	Morgan Stanley 6.375% 2042	454	0.37
260,000	Rogers Communications 5% 2044	246	0.20
315,000	Saudi Arabian Oil 4.25% 2039	267	0.22
3,230,000	STARM Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-2 FRN 2037	243	0.20
140,000	Tesco 6.15% 2037	132	0.11
100,000	Tesco 6.15% 2037	95	0.08
219,000	Texas Instruments 3.875% 2039	198	0.16
256,000	Union Pacific 3.55% 2039	211	0.17
353,000	United Technologies 4.45% 2038	329	0.27
300,000	Walt Disney 6.4% 2035	340	0.28
2,810,000	WaMu Mortgage Series 2006-AR12 Trust FRN 2036	255	0.21
3,315,000	WaMu Mortgage Series 2006-AR18 Trust FRN 2037	396	0.32
2,200,000	WaMu Mortgage Series 2007-HY7 Trust FRN 2037	257	0.21
greater than 25 years to maturity			
172,000	AbbVie 4.45% 2046	139	0.11
510,000	Apple 3.45% 2045	419	0.34
240,000	Baker Hughes 4.08% 2047	192	0.16
3,030,000	Bear Stearns ARM Trust 2007-4 FRN 2047	301	0.25
174,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb 4.25% 2049	156	0.13
206,000	Cigna 4.9% 2048	185	0.15
346,000	Comcast 3.969% 2047	296	0.24
156,000	Connecticut Light & Power 4% 2048	141	0.12
200,000	CSX 4.75% 2048	189	0.15
554,000	CVS Health 5.05% 2048	492	0.40
190,000	Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health 4.178% 2048	170	0.14
127,000	DowDuPont 5.419% 2048	126	0.10

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Holding	Investment		
465,000	DTE Electric 4.05% 2048	423	0.35
160,000	Energy Transfer Operating 5.3% 2047	137	0.11
367,000	Enterprise Products Operating 4.8% 2049	335	0.27
311,000	Exelon 4.45% 2046	278	0.23
612,000	Florida Power & Light 4.125% 2048	568	0.46
346,000	Fox 5.576% 2049	344	0.28
723,000	Halliburton 5% 2045	646	0.53
127,000	Ingersoll-Rand Luxembourg Finance 4.5% 2049	112	0.09
314,000	International Paper 4.4% 2047	257	0.21
900,000	JP Morgan Mortgage Trust 2018-6 3.5% 2048	605	0.50
152,585	JP Morgan Mortgage Trust 2018-9 4% 2049	105	0.09
216,000	Kroger 3.875% 2046	158	0.13
298,000	Moody's 4.875% 2048	283	0.23
290,000	MPLX 5.5% 2049	264	0.22
106,000	National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance 4.3% 2049	99	0.08
250,000	National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance 4.4% 2048	236	0.19
240,000	Noble Energy 4.95% 2047	206	0.17
338,000	PepsiCo 3.375% 2049	277	0.23
180,000	Plains All American Pipeline 4.9% 2045	147	0.12
265,000	Port Authority of New York & New Jersey 4.031% 2048	240	0.20
470,000	Prudential Financial 3.935% 2049	407	0.33
310,000	Quest Diagnostics 4.7% 2045	266	0.22
719,566	Sequoia Mortgage Trust 2018-6 4% 2048	434	0.36
708,000	Southern Power 4.95% 2046	623	0.51
210,000	Sunoco Logistics Partners Operations 5.4% 2047	183	0.15
216,000	UnitedHealth 3.875% 2059	177	0.15
150,000	UnitedHealth 4.25% 2048	135	0.11
199,000	Ventas Realty 4.875% 2049	181	0.15
326,000	Verizon Communications 4.522% 2048	294	0.24
343,000	Verizon Communications 5.012% 2049	330	0.27
373,000	Virginia Electric & Power 4% 2046	328	0.27
95,000	Virginia Electric & Power 4.6% 2048	92	0.08
120,000	Vulcan Materials 4.7% 2048	100	0.08
375,000	Walmart 4.05% 2048	352	0.29
480,000	Walt Disney 7.55% 2093	466	0.38
418,000	Williams Partners 5.1% 2045	371	0.30
Perpetual			
1,128,000	Nordea Bank FRN Perpetual	921	0.75
204,000	UBS Group Funding Switzerland FRN Perpetual	176	0.14

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Government Bonds (3.47%)		1,501	1.23
less than 5 years to maturity			
200,000	US Treasury 2% 2024	165	0.14
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
400,000	US Treasury 2.5% 2026	339	0.28
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
300,000	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of) 4.5% 2030	273	0.22
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
100,000	Chicago Transit Authority 6.899% 2040	111	0.09
490,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 4.75% 2044	412	0.34
greater than 25 years to maturity			
220,000	US Treasury 3.125% 2048	201	0.16
Derivatives (-0.81%)		(2,519)	(2.06)
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.79%)		(2,517)	(2.06)
	Buy AUD 1,081,000 Sell GBP 609,883 15/08/2019	(1)	-
	Buy EUR 67,000 Sell GBP 60,243 15/08/2019	1	-
	Buy EUR 81,000 Sell GBP 72,649 15/08/2019	1	-
	Buy GBP 1,589,009 Sell AUD 2,848,000 15/08/2019	(14)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 61,217 Sell CAD 100,000 15/08/2019	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 798,015 Sell CAD 1,312,000 15/08/2019	(18)	(0.02)
	Buy GBP 85,065 Sell EUR 94,000 15/08/2019	-	-
	Buy GBP 98,893 Sell EUR 109,000 15/08/2019	-	-
	Buy GBP 122,455 Sell EUR 136,000 15/08/2019	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 134,723 Sell EUR 151,000 15/08/2019	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 159,006 Sell EUR 177,000 15/08/2019	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 366,780 Sell EUR 406,000 15/08/2019	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 517,249 Sell EUR 575,000 15/08/2019	(6)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 617,739 Sell EUR 688,000 15/08/2019	(8)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 650,066 Sell EUR 724,000 15/08/2019	(9)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 714,531 Sell EUR 796,000 15/08/2019	(10)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 17,813,799 Sell EUR 19,853,000 15/08/2019	(247)	(0.20)
	Buy GBP 17,816,876 Sell EUR 19,853,000 15/08/2019	(244)	(0.20)
	Buy GBP 179,440 Sell EUR 202,000 06/09/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 98,049 Sell USD 122,000 15/08/2019	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 121,746 Sell USD 152,000 15/08/2019	(2)	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy GBP 135,276 Sell USD 165,000 15/08/2019	1	-
	Buy GBP 145,975 Sell USD 184,000 15/08/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 180,916 Sell USD 228,000 15/08/2019	(5)	-
	Buy GBP 182,640 Sell USD 228,000 15/08/2019	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 183,384 Sell USD 229,000 15/08/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 188,142 Sell USD 235,000 15/08/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 290,486 Sell USD 363,000 15/08/2019	(6)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 304,915 Sell USD 382,000 15/08/2019	(7)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 316,796 Sell USD 399,000 15/08/2019	(9)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 566,378 Sell USD 698,000 15/08/2019	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 644,841 Sell USD 804,000 15/08/2019	(11)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 22,924,285 Sell USD 28,881,000 15/08/2019	(646)	(0.53)
	Buy GBP 22,924,976 Sell USD 28,881,000 15/08/2019	(645)	(0.53)
	Buy GBP 22,925,078 Sell USD 28,882,000 15/08/2019	(646)	(0.53)
	Buy GBP 142,487 Sell USD 182,000 09/09/2019	(6)	(0.01)
	Buy USD 74,000 Sell GBP 60,760 15/08/2019	-	-
	Buy USD 76,000 Sell GBP 60,772 15/08/2019	1	-
	Buy USD 76,000 Sell GBP 61,112 15/08/2019	1	-
	Buy USD 91,000 Sell GBP 72,417 15/08/2019	2	-
	Buy USD 106,000 Sell GBP 84,858 15/08/2019	2	-
	Buy USD 181,000 Sell GBP 145,744 15/08/2019	2	-
	Buy USD 197,000 Sell GBP 156,780 15/08/2019	4	-
	Buy USD 319,000 Sell GBP 253,895 15/08/2019	6	0.01
	Buy USD 335,000 Sell GBP 266,994 15/08/2019	6	0.01
	Buy USD 1,104,000 Sell GBP 877,745 15/08/2019	23	0.02
	Buy USD 211,000 Sell GBP 165,254 05/09/2019	7	0.01
Futures (-0.02%)		(2)	0.00
4	Long 10 Year Mini JGB Future 11/09/2019	1	-
9	Long Australian 10 Year Bond Future 16/09/2019	12	0.01
18	Long Canadian 10 Year Bond Future 19/06/2019	7	0.01
19	Long Euro Schatz Future 06/09/2019	4	-
33	Long US 10 Year Note Future 19/09/2019	24	0.02
14	Long US Long Bond (CBT) Future 19/09/2019	40	0.03
8	Long US Ultra Bond (CBT) Future 19/09/2019	6	-
(15)	Short Euro Bond Future 06/09/2019	(39)	(0.03)
(3)	Short Euro Buxl 30 Year Future 06/09/2019	(23)	(0.02)
(45)	Short Euro-Bobl Future 06/09/2019	(17)	(0.01)
(7)	Short Long Gilt Future 26/09/2019	(16)	(0.01)
(7)	Short US 10 Year Ultra Future 19/09/2019	(2)	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
(23)	Short US 2 Year Note Future 30/09/2019	(1)	-
(20)	Short Us 5 Year Note Future 30/09/2019	2	-
Total investment assets and liabilities		116,972	95.70
Net other assets		5,259	4.30
Total Net Assets		122,231	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.
The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains/(losses)	1	5,644	(4,432)
Revenue	3	3,707	3,917
Expenses	4	(130)	(156)
Interest payable and similar charges*	5	(2)	(1)
Net revenue before taxation		3,575	3,760
Taxation	6	(8)	(4)
Net revenue after taxation		3,567	3,756
Total return before distributions		9,211	(676)
Distributions	7	(3,571)	(3,760)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		5,640	(4,436)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	112,673	131,431
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	634	371
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(290)	(18,403)
	344	(18,032)
Dilution adjustment	-	29
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	5,640	(4,436)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	3,574	3,681
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	122,231	112,673

* For presentation purposes this line is now shown separately from expenses.

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		119,644	110,262
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	4,708	2,820
Cash and bank balances	9	1,513	1,652
		6,221	4,472
Total assets		125,865	114,734
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities		(2,672)	(965)
Creditors	10	(961)	(1,057)
Bank overdrafts		-	(38)
Distribution payable		(1)	(1)
		(962)	(1,096)
Total liabilities		(3,634)	(2,061)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		122,231	112,673

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	12,881	(3,877)
Derivative contracts	327	(198)
Forward currency contracts	(5,288)	(200)
Other losses	(2,276)	(157)
Net capital gains/(losses)	5,644	(4,432)

2. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bonds	80,753	98,472	80,319	107,547
Equities	-	1,211	-	15
Corporate actions	225	-	1,056	-
Total trades in the year	80,978	99,683	81,375	107,046

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.35% (2018: 0.44%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest on debt securities	3,697	3,903
Derivative revenue	1	-
Bank interest	6	7
Stocklending income	3	7
Total revenue	3,707	3,917

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	3	4
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	127	152
Total expenses	130	156

5. Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	2	1
Total interest payable & similar charges	2	1

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	8	4
Total current tax	8	4
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	3,575	3,760
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	715	752
Effects of:		
Overseas taxes	8	4
Overseas tax expensed	(2)	-
Distributions treated as tax deductible	(713)	(752)
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	8	4

7. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interim distribution	1,764	1,896
Final distribution	1,812	1,788
	3,576	3,684
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	2	80
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(7)	(4)
Net distribution for the year	3,571	3,760
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	3,567	3,756
Capitalised fees	4	4
Total distributions	3,571	3,760

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Sales awaiting settlement	3,568	1,528
Accrued revenue	1,140	1,292
Total debtors	4,708	2,820

9. Cash and Bank Balances

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers	271	324
Cash and bank balances	1,242	1,328
Total cash and bank balances	1,513	1,652

10. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	57	1
Purchases awaiting settlement	879	1,045
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	11	11
Capital gains tax payable	14	-
Total creditors	961	1,057

11. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £8,609,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £9,494,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Barclays	-	587
BNP Paribas	-	2,579
JPM Chase	-	4,873
Nomura	-	570
Total securities on loan	-	8,609

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Government Bond	-	9,494
Total collateral held	-	9,494

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £4,000 (2018: £9,000) and £1,000 (2018: £2,000).

12. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 10.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 10.

13. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	123,868	2,924	(15,088)	111,704
A Income shares	6,469	-	(5,970)	499
I Accumulation shares	287,659	37,360	(73,303)	251,716
I Income shares	75,082	18,325	(37,113)	56,294
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	4,109,848	5,013	(2,952)	4,111,909
Z Gross Accumulation shares	105,903,100	563,186	(136,220)	106,330,066

14. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Bonds	907	118,584	-	-	110,211	-
Derivatives	96	57	-	38	13	-
Total investment assets	1,003	118,641	-	38	110,224	-
Derivatives	(98)	(2,574)	-	(63)	(902)	-
Total investment liabilities	(98)	(2,574)	-	(63)	(902)	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

15. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market Price Risk

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Manager using VaR analysis. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VAR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

The table below indicated the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 5 day loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99 percent confidence level.

Calculated on this basis, the table indicates that the net value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities could be expected to change by more than the stated amount on only two days out of 200, in response to either price, interest rate, inflation or foreign currency exchange rate changes.

The VaR measures of the Fund are detailed below.

	2019	2018
Minimum VaR	0.97%	1.68%
Maximum VaR	1.74%	1.81%
Average VaR	1.45%	1.74%

VaR table

	FX risk	Interest rate risk	Inflation risk	Contribution from credit risk	Overall VaR
31 July 2019	(0.02%)	0.87%	-	0.17%	1.01%
31 July 2018	0.05%	1.53%	-	0.14%	1.73%

(b) Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk*

At the year end the Fund held derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management or to meet the Fund's investment objectives. These types of transaction can introduce market exposure greater than the market value of the instrument.

These transactions exchange benefits with a third party at a future date creating both counterparty and concentration risk.

The Investment Adviser's policies for managing these risks are outlined in the Fund's prospectus.

At the balance sheet date the Fund had the following exposures:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Market Exposure		
Forward Currency Contracts	119,576	100,525
Futures	27,252	-
Total Market Exposure	146,828	100,525

The total market exposure is the sum of the notional derivative contracts on a gross basis with no offsetting.

Counterparty Exposure

Derivative instruments involve an agreement to exchange a benefit at a future date. This introduces counterparty risk where an agreement is bilateral (between two parties) and concentration risk where a clearing broker operates on an exchange. Where the counterparty or clearing broker is not solvent the market exposure obtained would be lost.

At 31 July 2019 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows:

Counterparty or clearer	Forward Currency Contracts £'000	Futures £'000	Total by Counterparty £'000
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	(4)	(2)	(6)
Barclays	(6)	-	(6)
BNP Paribas	(19)	-	(19)
Citigroup	(11)	-	(11)
Goldman Sachs	2	-	2
HSBC	(248)	-	(248)
Morgan Stanley	(676)	-	(676)
Royal Bank of Canada	(8)	-	(8)
StateStreet	(1,559)	-	(1,559)
UBS	12	-	12
Total exposure	(2,517)	(2)	(2,519)

At 31 July 2018 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows:

Counterparty	Forward Currency Contracts £'000	Total by Counterparty £'000
Merrill Lynch	2	2
Morgan Stanley	2	2
Royal Bank of Canada	9	9
Total exposure	13	13

* Following the change in administrators the methodology used for compiling this note has changed.

(c) **Liquidity risk**

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.7280	-	1.7280*	1.6488
Group 2	0.9785	0.7495	1.7280*	1.6488
A Income shares				
Group 1	1.4719	-	1.4719**	1.4309
Group 2	-	-	-	1.4309
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.7726	-	1.7726*	1.6829
Group 2	0.6091	1.1635	1.7726*	1.6829
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.4943	-	1.4943**	1.4629
Group 2	0.2864	1.2079	1.4943**	1.4629
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.6000	-	0.6000*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.6000	-	0.6000**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.6942	-	1.6942*	1.6005
Group 2	0.8243	0.8699	1.6942*	1.6005
Z Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5845	-	1.5845*	1.4969
Group 2	0.4281	1.1564	1.5845*	1.4969

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share on 30 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 30 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the six months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.7689	-	1.7689*	1.7688
Group 2	1.1005	0.6684	1.7689*	1.7688
A Income shares				
Group 1	1.5661	-	1.5661**	1.5127
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.8192	-	1.8192*	1.8112
Group 2	0.2494	1.5698	1.8192*	1.8112
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.5114	-	1.5114**	1.5515
Group 2	0.6368	0.8746	1.5114**	1.5515
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.6600	-	1.6600*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	1.6500	-	1.6500**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.7429	-	1.7429*	1.7250
Group 2	1.0417	0.7012	1.7429*	1.7250
Z Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.6301	-	1.6301*	1.6137
Group 2	-	-	-	1.6137

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

ASI Japanese Equity Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy:

The objective of the Fund is to produce capital growth. The objective will be achieved through investment in a diversified portfolio of Japanese securities.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Japanese Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares decreased by 2.08% compared to an increase of 2.76% in the benchmark, the MSCI Japan Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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Market review

The benchmark rose over the period under review, rallying last September and giving up its gains for the rest of 2018 in tandem with global markets. It remained a laggard in 2019 relative to the broad recovery in global markets.

The initial rally amid upbeat corporate results gave way to fears of a global economic slowdown, trade war worries and tighter monetary conditions. The market rebounded in the first quarter of 2019, boosted by the US Federal Reserve's dovish outlook, rosy US data, and perceived progress in US-China trade talks. This was despite an ominous recession signal as US yield curves inverted and uncertainty after the European Union pushed back the Brexit deadline. An appreciating yen and a subdued outlook for corporate earnings further weighed on the market. However, expectations of monetary policy easing by major central banks limited losses.

Portfolio review

The Fund's performance was due primarily to stock-specific issues. Our exposure to the consumer sector was a major detractor. We divested online fashion retailer Zozo in February. Issues with the rollout of its private brand led to a de-rating, while a membership scheme based on discounts faced backlash from several major brands on its platform. Other detractors to the Fund included Stanley Electric and Sysmex. Automotive lighting maker Stanley Electric hinted that its forecast earnings could disappoint with a quiet product outlook for new automobile models. On a positive note, the share price of blood analysis device maker Sysmex recaptured some losses from last year's earnings disappointment.

A key contributor was Chugai Pharmaceutical, a subsidiary of Roche. The stock was lifted by healthy export sales of rheumatoid arthritis medication Actemra, optimism on the surprising success of haemophilia therapy Hemlibra, as well as contribution from its oncology treatments. Asahi Intecc, a leading developer of interventional guide wires and catheters, gained on news of its exclusive direct sales in the US which began at the start of 2019. The company recently announced a tie-up with medical-device giant Medtronic to sell neurovascular guidewires and catheters. We believe that Chugai's strength in research and development and Asahi Intecc's product development capability position them well for mid-term growth.

In addition to the portfolio changes already mentioned in the interim report, we exited Coca-Cola Bottlers Japan and Honda Motor. We also introduced Taiyo Nippon Sanso, Recruit Holdings, and As One.

Taiyo Nippon Sanso is Japan's largest industrial gas producer and one of the top five worldwide. The company's growth in the domestic market is muted, but industry consolidation has allowed Taiyo, through two recent acquisitions, to expand abroad where profitability is higher. The industry's oligopolistic structure also allows for a relatively resilient business.

Human resources technology giant Recruit Holdings owns the world's leading job search websites alongside several lifestyle-related domains. Its investment in HR technology overseas, particularly in job-search engine Indeed, allows it to capture the hiring needs of the vast majority of SMEs worldwide. We believe this platform, as well as the potential to expand into job placements and staffing, will be key sources of future growth. It also has one of the world's largest temporary-staffing businesses.

Laboratory and scientific equipment wholesaler As One commands a dominant share of the domestic market. Its competitive edge lies in its broad product offering, fast delivery speed and a unique private-brand strategy. Its management has a clear roadmap for increasing market share -- extending product mix, broadening and deepening its e-commerce channel, and becoming more cost efficient via central procurement and a new distribution centre.

We exited Honda Motor as the auto maker faces an increasingly difficult operating environment, given its lack of scale and business alliances relative to its global peers. This is especially acute in view of rising investment needs for next-generation vehicles.

Outlook

Japan is anticipating a sales tax hike in October even as signs of a pick-up in global growth remain elusive. However, we see indications of a bottoming in the economy, even though corporate earnings in cyclical sectors still point to a slowdown. In our opinion, expectations of normalising trade flows could buoy investor sentiment if the US and China reach an agreement, and if Chinese government intervention stabilises its economy.

From our regular company visits, we still see widespread caution over the prospects for an economic recovery. At this juncture, we believe that it is important to discern between shorter-term cyclical issues and longer-term structural growth. Our challenge is to sift through these opportunities to find companies that we feel have wide competitive moats, solid balance sheets, and the resilience to weather these difficult times. We believe that our patience will be rewarded.

Asia Pacific Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The Fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	238.93	228.44	213.29
Return before operating charges*	(3.31)	14.35	18.75
Operating charges	(3.19)	(3.86)	(3.60)
Return after operating charges*	(6.50)	10.49	15.15
Distributions	(0.67)	-	(0.27)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.67	-	0.27
Closing net asset value per share	232.43	238.93	228.44
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.08	0.01	-
Performance			
Return after charges	(2.72%)	4.59%	7.10%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	12,848	34,437	35,634
Closing number of shares	5,527,850	14,412,523	15,599,268
Operating charges	1.44%	1.62%	1.61%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.01%	-
Prices			
Highest share price	243.9	254.7	237.6
Lowest share price	202.0	220.8	208.1

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	258.77	245.56	227.55
Return before operating charges*	(3.59)	15.43	20.07
Operating charges	(2.07)	(2.22)	(2.06)
Return after operating charges*	(5.66)	13.21	18.01
Distributions	(2.06)	(1.68)	(2.16)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.06	1.68	2.16
Closing net asset value per share	253.11	258.77	245.56
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.08	0.02	-
Performance			
Return after charges	(2.19%)	5.38%	7.91%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	61,105	93,898	424,674
Closing number of shares	24,141,348	36,286,413	172,941,989
Operating charges	0.87%	0.87%	0.86%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.01%	-
Prices			
Highest share price	264.5	274.8	255.2
Lowest share price	219.4	237.6	222.6

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The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	8.14
Operating charges	(0.61)
Return after operating charges*	7.53
Distributions	(0.77)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.77
Closing net asset value per share	107.53
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.02
Performance	
Return after charges	7.53%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.92%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%
Prices	
Highest share price	108.9
Lowest share price	92.96

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 27 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	284.89	268.31	246.79
Return before operating charges*	(8.47)	16.92	21.80
Operating charges	(0.34)	(0.34)	(0.28)
Return after operating charges*	(8.81)	16.58	21.52
Distributions	-	(3.85)	(4.31)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	3.85	4.31
Redemption value as at 20 September 2018	(276.08)		
Closing net asset value per share	-	284.89	268.31
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.10	0.02	-
Performance			
Return after charges	(3.09%)	6.18%	8.72%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1	55
Closing number of shares	-	368	20,368
Operating charges	0.12%	0.12%	0.11%
Direct transaction costs	0.04%	0.01%	-
Prices			
Highest share price	287.1	301.3	278.6
Lowest share price	273.0	259.9	241.5

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A Z Accumulation share class closed on 20 September 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (99.79%)		73,004	98.72
Japanese Equities (99.79%)		73,004	98.72
Communication Services (5.34%)		4,339	5.87
135,000	KDDI	2,897	3.92
599,000	Yahoo Japan	1,442	1.95
Consumer Discretionary (17.86%)		12,004	16.23
45,000	Denso Corporation	1,570	2.12
13,500	Nitori	1,494	2.02
9,500	Shimano	1,103	1.49
71,200	Stanley Electric	1,448	1.96
43,000	Toyota Motor	2,272	3.07
92,200	USS	1,502	2.03
67,500	Yamaha	2,615	3.54
Consumer Staples (19.97%)		10,917	14.76
31,000	Calbee	719	0.97
58,000	Japan Tobacco	1,055	1.43
13,000	Mandom	251	0.34
71,500	Pigeon*	2,162	2.92
64,760	Seven & I	1,815	2.45
46,000	Shiseido	2,784	3.77
56,000	Welcia	2,131	2.88
Financials (4.97%)		5,737	7.76
56,500	AEON Financial Service	749	1.01
172,000	Japan Exchange Group	2,071	2.80
66,900	Tokio Marine	2,917	3.95
Health Care (10.34%)		10,446	14.13
13,000	As One	882	1.19
102,000	Asahi Intecc	2,198	2.97
56,000	Chugai Pharmaceutical	3,281	4.44
40,500	Shionogi	1,845	2.50
37,500	Sysmex	2,240	3.03

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Industrials (25.00%)		12,885	17.42
150,000	Amada	1,363	1.84
21,620	Daikin Industries	2,208	2.99
34,500	East Japan Railway	2,596	3.51
5,000	Fanuc	735	0.99
20,000	Komatsu	368	0.50
53,000	Makita	1,433	1.94
60,800	MISUMI	1,130	1.53
67,000	Nabtesco	1,488	2.01
56,000	Recruit	1,564	2.11
Information Technology (5.33%)		7,638	10.33
5,814	Keyence	2,760	3.73
65,000	Otsuka	2,112	2.86
130,000	Renesas Electronics	634	0.86
54,600	SCSK	2,132	2.88
Materials (10.98%)		9,038	12.22
122,000	Kansai Paint	1,978	2.67
71,000	Nippon Paint	2,534	3.43
35,500	Shin-Etsu Chemical	2,977	4.02
92,000	Taiyo Nippon Sanso	1,549	2.10
Collective Investment Schemes (0.00%)		1	-
1	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund*	1	-
Total investment assets		73,005	98.72
Net other assets		948	1.28
Total Net Assets		73,953	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

* A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital (losses)/gains	1	(5,715)	13,331
Revenue	3	1,693	2,965
Expenses	4	(903)	(1,860)
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(1)	-
Net revenue before taxation		789	1,105
Taxation	6	(164)	(293)
Net revenue after taxation		625	812
Total return before distributions		(5,090)	14,143
Distributions	7	(625)	(833)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(5,715)	13,310

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	128,336	460,363
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	20,420	22,884
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(69,653)	(72,622)
Amounts payable on inspecie transfers ^A	-	(296,241)
	(49,233)	(345,979)
Dilution adjustment	30	32
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	(5,715)	13,310
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	535	610
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	73,953	128,336

^A Relating to an in specie transfer to HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Limited on 29 August 2017.

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		73,005	128,064
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	498	603
Cash and bank balances		729	145
		1,227	748
Total assets		74,232	128,812
Liabilities:			
Creditors	9	(279)	(476)
		(279)	(476)
Total liabilities		(279)	(476)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		73,953	128,336

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital (Losses)/Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	(5,676)	13,493
Forward currency contracts	(9)	-
Other losses	(30)	(162)
Net capital (losses)/gains	(5,715)	13,331

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	23,686	39,490	73,100	86,884
Collective investment schemes	-	7,153	-	7,153
Trades in the year before transaction costs	23,686	46,643	73,100	94,037
Commissions				
Equities	9	17	(23)	(26)
Total commissions	9	17	(23)	(26)
Total transaction costs	9	17	(23)	(26)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	23,695	46,660	73,077	94,011

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.04	0.02

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.24% (2018: 0.22%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Overseas dividends	1,667	2,930
Taxable distributions on offshore funds	19	-
Bank interest	1	1
Stocklending income	6	34
Total revenue	1,693	2,965

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	796	1,639
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	107	221
Total expenses	903	1,860

5 Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	1	-
Total interest payable & similar charges	1	-

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	164	293
Total current tax	164	293
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is the greater than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	789	1,105
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	158	221
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(333)	(586)
Overseas taxes	164	293
Excess allowable expenses	175	365
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	164	293

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

(c) Factors that may affect future tax charge

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £9,434,000 (2018: £9,259,000) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

7. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Distribution	535	610
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	135	253
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(45)	(30)
Net distribution for the year	625	833
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	625	812
Shortfall transfer from capital to revenue	-	20
Movement between share classes due to conversions	-	1
Total distributions	625	833

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	-	3
Sales awaiting settlement	411	372
Accrued revenue	87	228
Total debtors	498	603

9. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	221	359
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	58	117
Total creditors	279	476

10. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £2,177,000 (2018: £11,278,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £2,353,000 (2018: £12,371,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
BNP Paribas	-	3,184
Citigroup	2,177	3,789
JPM Chase	-	2,464
Merrill Lynch	-	1,841
Total securities on loan	2,177	11,278

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	2,353	9,682
Government Bond	-	2,689
Total collateral held	2,353	12,371

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £8,000 (2018: £43,000) and £2,000 (2018: £9,000).

11. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 9.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 9.

12. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	14,412,523	6,479,978	(15,210,970)	(153,681)	5,527,850
I Accumulation shares	36,286,413	2,707,760	(14,994,136)	141,311	24,141,348
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	368	-	(368)	-	-

13. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	73,004	-	-	128,063	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	1	-	-	1	-
Total investment assets	73,004	1	-	128,063	1	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

14 Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at 31 July 2019 by £3,650,000 (2018: £6,403,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at 31 July 2019 by £3,676,000 (2018: £6,414,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Currency exposure

An increase or decrease in a particular foreign currency exchange rate will have a proportionate affect on the value of the Fund.

The net foreign currency exposure comprises:

	Net foreign currency assets	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK Sterling	427	53
Japanese Yen	73,526	128,283

(c) **Interest rate risk**

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(d) **Credit risk**

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) **Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk**

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018 - nil).

(f) **Liquidity risk**

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the year ended 31 July 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6655	-	0.6655*	-
Group 2	0.3903	0.2752	0.6655*	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.0626	-	2.0626*	1.6820
Group 2	1.0744	0.9882	2.0626*	1.6820
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.7700	-	0.7700*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	3.8497
Group 2	-	-	-	3.8497

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 27 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 27 November 2018 and 31 July 2019.**Equalisation**

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividend shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%

ASI Latin American Equity Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The Fund's investment objective is long-term total return to be achieved by investing in equities and equity-related securities of Latin American companies or companies with significant activities in Latin America.

Note: The term 'total return' means a combination of income and capital growth and no positive return is implied.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Latin American Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 20.47% compared to an increase of 16.39% in the benchmark, the MSCI EM Latin America 10/40 NR Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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Market review

Latin American equities advanced in the year under review. Optimism was fuelled by continued loose monetary policy by the US Federal Reserve and regional central banks. Gains were, however, capped by escalating trade disputes between the US and its major partners, which weighed on global growth forecasts.

Across regional markets, Brazil was the best performer, buoyed by positive political developments.

Brazil stocks rose in the first half as investors cheered the election of far-right candidate Jair Bolsonaro to office on his business-friendly policies. The market subsequently gained on expectations that his pension reform plans would be approved by lawmakers.

Mexican equities retreated over the period as investors remained cautious over deteriorating macroeconomic data, domestic political developments, as well as signals from the current administration with regard to economic policies and its stance towards the private sector. News that moderate finance minister Carlos Urzua abruptly resigned in July due to conflicts with President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador's administration also weighed on sentiment.

The Argentine market was volatile throughout the reporting period as investors weighed a weak macroeconomic backdrop against positive expectations ahead of the presidential elections, with incumbent Mauricio Macri closing the gap at the polls. Local equities subsequently sold off sharply after the reporting period as left-wing candidate Alberto Fernandez scored a resounding victory in the primary elections held on August 11.

Meanwhile, the Chilean market lagged the region as its economic growth continued to slow amid the ongoing US-China trade tensions.

Portfolio review

The bulk of the outperformance was due to our stocks selection in Brazil. Lojas Renner, Localiza and Multiplan all delivered strong results and benefited from improved sentiment in Brazil. Our slight underweight to Petrobras, however, weighed on performance. Its shares performed well, due to renewed optimism around the new administration and its plan to maximise returns to shareholders, and an improved operating environment for the state-owned company.

In Mexico, our lack of exposure to Televisa and Cemex benefited, given pressured advertising revenues for the former and downward earnings revisions for the latter.

Elsewhere, our holding in IT services company Globant lifted performance, due to a promising growth outlook and the firm's consistency in achieving earnings targets.

Conversely, not holding protein processor JBS cost the Fund, as its shares rallied on the back of the African Swine Fever-led protein supply crisis in China. This was partially offset by positive contributions from BRF which will benefit from the same improving trends in the global protein trade.

Additionally, the Fund's performance was negatively affected by steel pipe maker Tenaris, due to share price weakness as oil prices fell. Lender Banorte and retailer Falabella also weighed because of the dimmer economic outlook in Mexico, and softer consumer environment in Chile.

In addition to the portfolio activity mentioned in the interim review, we exited Valid following a share-price rebound, as well as Hering and Bancolombia on low conviction and their relative outperformance. The proceeds were subsequently reinvested in other high-conviction names. We also sold Iguatemi to fund better opportunities elsewhere.

Against these, we introduced regional oil-and-gas firm Geopark due to its solid exploration and production track record, as well as its attractive valuation. We also initiated Brazilian railway operator, Rumo, based on our conviction in its long-term growth prospects. Additionally, we introduced Notre Dame, taking advantage of the discount on its follow-on offer, and given our increased conviction in the healthcare company. During the period, we initiated Petrobras, given its improved outlook and attractive valuations.

Outlook

Volatility is expected to remain as US-China trade tensions continue to flare up and recede, weighing on global growth prospects. Nevertheless, there is cause for optimism in Latin America. The US Federal Reserve and regional central banks are keeping monetary policy loose, which should stimulate growth in their respective economies. In Brazil, investors are confident that President Jair Bolsonaro's pension reform plans will be approved by lawmakers. While Mexico's economic outlook remains dismal, the suspension of trade tariffs imposed by the US should support sentiment. In Argentina, the short-term outlook remains uncertain after left-wing presidential candidate Alberto Fernandez scored a solid victory in the primary vote. This means he is in the lead over incumbent Mauricio Macri.

Against this backdrop, our holdings' solid fundamentals will allow them to sustain their earnings momentum, tapping on the region's rising consumption and expanding infrastructural demand. We are also encouraged by the growing acceptance of best practices in corporate governance. Notably, our engagement efforts with Petrobras and Lojas Renner have been fruitful. Staying true to our bottom-up approach, we will continue to seek high-quality businesses with progressive management to ensure the portfolio is well-placed to weather future challenges.

Global Emerging Markets Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	102.64	106.80	89.70
Return before operating charges*	22.78	(2.01)	19.08
Operating charges	(1.88)	(2.15)	(1.98)
Return after operating charges*	20.90	(4.16)	17.10
Distributions	(1.31)	(0.80)	(0.87)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.31	0.80	0.87
Closing net asset value per share	123.54	102.64	106.80
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.09	0.01	0.02
Performance			
Return after charges	20.36%	(3.90%)	19.06%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	33,294	102,211	142,237
Closing number of shares	26,949,426	99,581,435	133,186,933
Operating charges	1.74%	1.99%	2.02%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.01%	0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	125.9	117.9	107.8
Lowest share price	90.88	90.98	84.95

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	109.31	112.88	94.11
Return before operating charges*	24.36	(2.16)	20.08
Operating charges	(1.37)	(1.41)	(1.31)
Return after operating charges*	22.99	(3.57)	18.77
Distributions	(1.93)	(1.71)	(1.69)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.93	1.71	1.69
Closing net asset value per share	132.30	109.31	112.88
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.09	0.01	0.03
Performance			
Return after charges	21.03%	(3.16%)	19.94%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	103,053	86,087	84,439
Closing number of shares	77,895,363	78,754,626	74,802,023
Operating charges	1.19%	1.24%	1.27%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%	0.01%	0.03%
Prices			
Highest share price	134.9	124.7	113.8
Lowest share price	96.87	96.82	89.36

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	27.90
Operating charges	(0.69)
Return after operating charges*	27.21
Distributions	(2.00)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.00
Closing net asset value per share	127.21
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.05
Performance	
Return after charges	27.21%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	1.24%
Direct transaction costs	0.08%
Prices	
Highest share price	129.7
Lowest share price	101.5

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 27 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (98.62%)		135,485	99.37
Emerging Market Equities (69.64%)		103,067	75.59
Argentina (2.37%)		3,528	2.59
158,613	BBVA Frances ADR	1,502	1.10
23,405	Globant	2,026	1.49
Brazil (55.78%)		87,542	64.20
1,033,915	AmBev	4,513	3.31
254,340	Arezzo Industria e Comercio	2,764	2.03
531,954	B3 SA - Brasil Bolsa Balcao	4,869	3.57
1,542,666	Banco Bradesco	10,417	7.64
167,175	Banco Bradesco (Preference)	1,252	0.92
47,056	Banco Bradesco ADR	347	0.25
774,074	Bradespar (Preference)	5,293	3.88
376,099	BRF	2,719	1.99
1,233,093	Itau Unibanco	8,003	5.87
1,562,235	Itaúsa (Preference)	4,228	3.10
221,568	LINX	1,558	1.14
390,645	Localiza	3,722	2.73
544,244	Lojas Renner	5,599	4.11
669,621	Multiplan	4,112	3.02
213,089	Notre Dame Intermedica	1,998	1.47
387,810	Odontoprev	1,470	1.08
1,835,711	Petrol Brasileiros (Preference)	10,392	7.62
76,048	Raia Drogasil	1,370	1.00
433,700	Rumo	2,052	1.51
201,527	TOTVS	2,120	1.55
137,070	Ultrapar	591	0.43
322,464	Ultrapar Participacoes ADR	1,372	1.01
396,353	Vale ADR	4,202	3.08
498,819	WEG	2,579	1.89
Chile (8.05%)		9,760	7.16
92,754	Banco Santander (Chile) ADR	2,194	1.61
757,415	Embotelladora Andina (Preference)	1,871	1.37
88,897	Geopark	1,382	1.02
1,135,816	Parque Arauco	2,527	1.85
352,369	SACI Falabella	1,786	1.31

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Colombia (1.40%)		-	-
Peru (2.04%)		2,237	1.64
862,555	Cementos Pacasmayo	1,261	0.92
413,937	Fossal	15	0.01
403,113	Grana y Montero ADR	961	0.71
European Equities (1.12%)		1,432	1.05
Luxembourg (1.12%)		1,432	1.05
70,202	Tenaris ADR	1,432	1.05
North America Equities (27.86%)		30,986	22.73
Bermuda (1.44%)		1,313	0.97
173,786	Wilson Sons BDR	1,313	0.97
Mexico (26.42%)		29,673	21.76
670,242	Arca Continental	2,936	2.15
1,432,309	Banco Santander (Mexico)	1,679	1.23
73,748	Fomento Economico Mexicano ADR	5,463	4.01
52,579	Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte ADR	2,112	1.55
237,939	Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste	2,969	2.18
1,287,098	Grupo Financiero Banorte	5,309	3.89
374,227	Grupo Lala	334	0.24
1,331,385	Hoteles City Express	1,090	0.80
574,261	Infraestructura Energetica Nova	1,821	1.34
844,599	Kimberly-Clark de Mexico	1,445	1.06
1,860,803	Wal-Mart de Mexico	4,515	3.31
Total investment assets		135,485	99.37
Net other assets		862	0.63
Total Net Assets		136,347	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains/(losses)	1	22,934	(7,345)
Revenue	3	4,370	6,299
Expenses	4	(2,090)	(3,533)
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(2)	-
Net revenue before taxation		2,278	2,766
Taxation	6	(372)	(556)
Net revenue after taxation		1,906	2,210
Total return before distributions		24,840	(5,135)
Distributions	7	(1,906)	(2,211)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		22,934	(7,346)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	188,298	226,676
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	36,902	24,436
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(113,727)	(57,659)
	(76,825)	(33,223)
Dilution adjustment	81	53
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	22,934	(7,346)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	1,859	2,138
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	136,347	188,298

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		135,485	185,703
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	266	943
Cash and bank balances		1,159	2,582
		1,425	3,525
Total assets		136,910	189,228
Liabilities:			
Creditors	9	(556)	(930)
Bank overdrafts		(7)	-
		(563)	(930)
Total liabilities		(563)	(930)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		136,347	188,298

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	22,997	(7,399)
Forward currency contracts	(3)	-
Other (losses)/gains	(60)	54
Net capital gains/(losses)	22,934	(7,345)

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	43,583	35,778	116,854	65,622
Corporate actions	-	-	2	-
Trades in the year before transaction costs	43,583	35,778	116,856	65,622
Commissions				
Equities	33	28	(63)	(36)
Total commissions	33	28	(63)	(36)
Taxes				
Equities	5	-	(16)	-
Total taxes	5	-	(16)	-
Total transaction costs	38	28	(79)	(36)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	43,621	35,806	116,777	65,586

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.08	0.08	0.05	0.05
Taxes				
Equities	0.01	-	0.01	-

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.07	0.03
Taxes	0.01	-

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.20% (2018: 0.42%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Overseas dividends	4,349	6,287
Bank interest	4	5
Stocklending income	17	7
Total revenue	4,370	6,299

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	1,814	3,026
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	276	507
Total expenses	2,090	3,533

5 Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	2	-
Total interest payable & similar charges	2	-

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	372	556
Total current tax	372	556

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	2,278	2,766
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	456	553
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(497)	(775)
Overseas taxes	372	556
Overseas tax expensed	(56)	(72)
Excess allowable expenses	97	294
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	372	556

(c) Factors that may affect future tax charge

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £1,465,000 (2018: £1,368,000) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

7. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Distribution	1,859	2,138
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	325	191
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(278)	(118)
Net distribution for the year	1,906	2,211
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	1,906	2,210
Movement between share classes due to conversions	-	1
Total distributions	1,906	2,211

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	26	753
Sales awaiting settlement	160	-
Accrued revenue	80	187
Other debtor	-	3
Total debtors	266	943

9. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	408	163
Purchases awaiting settlement	-	525
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	148	242
Total creditors	556	930

10. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £1,150,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £1,274,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bank of Nova Scotia	-	693
Citigroup	-	457
Total securities on loan	-	1,150

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	-	1,210
Government Bond	-	64
Total collateral held	-	1,274

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £21,000 (2018: £9,000) and £4,000 (2018: £2,000).

11. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 9.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 9.

12. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	99,581,435	18,285,457	(88,988,635)	(1,928,831)	26,949,426
I Accumulation shares	78,754,626	12,949,474	(15,612,547)	1,803,810	77,895,363
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100

13. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019	2019	2019	2018	2018	2018
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	135,485	-	-	185,703	-	-
Total investment assets	135,485	-	-	185,703	-	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

14 Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £6,774,000 (2018: £9,285,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £6,793,000 (2018: £9,267,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Currency exposure

An increase or decrease in a particular foreign currency exchange rate will have a proportionate affect on the value of the Fund.

The net foreign currency exposure comprises:

	Net foreign currency assets	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Brazilian Real	83,189	87,900
Chilean Peso	6,177	11,752
Colombian Peso	-	2,627
Mexican Peso	22,098	36,879
Peruvian New Sol	1,403	2,508
US Dollar	22,992	43,683

(c) Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(d) Financial Derivative Instrument Risk

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018: nil).

(e) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the year ended 31 July 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.3133	-	1.3133*	0.7960
Group 2	0.5574	0.7559	1.3133*	0.7960
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.9325	-	1.9325*	1.7082
Group 2	1.0721	0.8604	1.9325*	1.7082
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	2.0000	-	2.0000*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 27 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 27 November 2018 and 31 July 2019.**Equalisation**

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividend shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%

ASI Multi-Asset Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The investment objective of ASI Multi-Asset Fund is to provide long term total return from a diversified portfolio. The Fund may invest in transferable securities and may also hold units in collective investment schemes (in particular, schemes managed by the Investment Adviser), money market instruments, warrants, derivatives and forward transactions, cash and near cash and deposits.

Note: The term 'total return' means a combination of income and capital growth and no positive return is implied.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Multi-Asset Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 6.41% compared to an increase of 5.18% in the composite benchmark (40% FTSE ALL Share, 25% MSCI World ex UK, 15% FTSE A Brit All Stocks, 5% HFRI Offshore Conservative, 5% FTSE Small Cap, 7.5% 7 Day Libid, 2.5% Macquarie Global Infrastructure 100 Index).

Source: Lipper, BPSS, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

Global equities were turbulent at the start of the review period. Investors balanced generally positive economic news with political upsets. US trade policy, political discord in Europe and ongoing Brexit uncertainty dominated headlines. The US economy remained robust, propelling US equities to new highs. However, economic data from Europe and the UK were mixed, and equities in these regions struggled. Stalemate on Brexit and Italy's controversial budget proposals further unnerved investors.

Towards the end of 2018 sentiment towards emerging market assets worsened on worries over the impact of US interest rate hikes and a strong dollar. The US-China trade war added to investors' unease towards emerging markets, many of which have close trade ties with China. These fears persisted, and equities ended 2018 on a negative footing. US equities had a particularly bruising December after the rate hike, with many observers questioning its validity at a time when global growth seemed to be faltering. Adding to this was political discord with an impasse over the budget leading to a US government shutdown.

In fixed income, much of the second half of 2018 was characterised by a shift in central bank stance towards tighter monetary policy and higher interest rates. Government bond markets were volatile in the face of interest rate rises, a slowing world economy and political discord. Safe-haven assets gained support as 2018 ended, reflecting increased risk aversion and continued macroeconomic uncertainty.

In the first quarter of 2019 optimism prevailed driving solid gains in global equities. UK equities benefited from a robust manufacturing sector, although this in part was due to pre-Brexit stockpiling, and rising crude prices, which led to good performance in the oil and gas sector. US stocks also performed well, while Europe was up in local-currency terms. The whipsaw action of deal or no-deal between the US and China continued to dominate markets for the rest of the review period, with equity market selloffs followed by periods of optimism and recovery.

So far in 2019, the main factors influencing global government bonds have been the outlook for world economic growth and US monetary policy. An escalation of risk aversion in March drove German bund and UK gilt yields to its lowest points since 2016 and 2017 respectively. Meanwhile, the US yield curve inverted for the first time since 2007. These came as investors were reassured by the US Federal Reserve's more patient approach to interest-rate hikes. Indeed, bond markets expect the Fed to cut rates later this year. Dovish tones from the Fed in June also benefited government bonds, with US Treasuries and European government bonds rallying strongly as markets priced in further interest rate cuts. UK government bonds rose, partly on the back of increased fears of a 'no-deal' Brexit.

Portfolio review

During the review period, the Fund outperformed the benchmark by over 2.6% with positive returns from almost all asset classes. From a tactical perspective, holding cash detracted from the Fund's performance, but this was partially offset by our lack of exposure to commodities.

Over the second half of 2018, UK equities outperformed other regions, although they initially suffered as caution underpinned a preference for value over growth. This severely hampered returns in September and October. However, our focus on quality stocks such as Rentokil, Intertek and Spirax Sarco, which produce resilient earnings and sound balance sheets, held up well during some challenging market conditions. An improvement in investor sentiment, at the turn of the year, also saw UK equities start 2019 on a positive note, with 7% returns in January.

Returns from European, North American, emerging and Asian markets were more or less in line with the benchmark from August to December. However stock selection within Japanese equities proved to be one of the key detractors from the Fund's performance during this period. A lack of exposure to Softbank detracted as did Renesas, given worries that it had overpaid to acquire IDT. Other key detractors included Sysmex, which reported sluggish results as sales of medical instruments faltered and Zozo, which weakened on the back of concerns that its private-brand business may result in higher expenses.

The second half of 2018 saw positive returns from alternatives, driven by infrastructure and the relative performance of our private equity holdings. Infrastructure benefited from the cash offer for John Laing Infrastructure Fund, elevating its share price by almost 20%. This in turn had a positive effect on other infrastructure holdings such as 3i Infrastructure and HICL. The Alternative Strategies Fund had a good start to the year with all but one of the strategies making a positive contribution to returns. The strongest gains came from the equity long/short strategy as all three managers rebounded following a more challenging fourth quarter. UK equities were the main contributor to performance during the remainder of the review period. Stock selection accounted for most of the outperformance with an overweight position to industrials and underweight to Financials. US and European equity returns were in line with the benchmark, with the former benefiting from better-than-expected corporate earnings and the latter from positive economic data. Government bonds benefited from a longer duration stance taken at the start of the second quarter. More duration was added in Australia and the UK and as yields fell, the Fund took profits. Alternatives underperformed; positive contributions from infrastructure failed to offset negative contributions from private equity and hedge funds.

There were several changes made to the composition of the Fund over the reporting period. August saw proceeds from some alternative and European equity sales redistributed into UK government bonds and emerging market equities, given an improved outlook for these assets. In September we reduced our US equities position over growing concerns for a market correction; the proceeds were converted into cash. During the last quarter of 2018, we made a small tactical change by neutralising our underweight to UK equities as our analysis suggested the market was oversold. Following a brief recovery in equity prices in December, we reduced our European equity exposure with proceeds recycled into UK government bonds and cash. There were no significant changes to the tactical positioning of the Fund in the first quarter of the year, but towards the end of the reporting period we reduced our equity exposure with a view to take some profit.

Outlook

Structurally we expect equity returns to be a little lower than their long-term average. This is partly a function of subdued long-term economic growth expectations, but also due to cyclically-stretched profit margins and full valuations, especially in the US. The UK is an exception – it is unusually cheap due to Brexit uncertainty and so offers higher return potential. We are increasingly concerned about the outlook for the business cycle. While our base case is for a continuation of sluggish growth, there is a relatively high risk of a global recession. Our forecasts are averages across scenarios so this downside risk skews our outlook over this period.

This year, bond yields have again fallen towards historical lows. Low-starting yields make for low long-term bond returns; our 10-year bond return forecasts are at least 2% per annum below historic averages. Yields are expected to increase gradually over the next few years, but not by much. This is due to low equilibrium real interest rates and compressed term premia, which are held down by slow-moving and persistent demographic forces. This results in return forecasts from government bonds that are little different from cash. This is not a robust case for taking duration risk.

The higher yields on offer from some alternative assets, such as infrastructure have made them very attractive to investors in a low bond yield environment. Healthy demand has compressed risk premia, although expected returns remain competitive. Listed and private infrastructure assets continue to offer relatively attractive returns and useful diversification from equities as we move to the later stages of the business cycle.

Strategic Clients Solution Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 4 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The Fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	279.84	261.34	235.60
Return before operating charges*	21.46	22.92	29.94
Operating charges	(4.09)	(4.42)	(4.20)
Return after operating charges*	17.37	18.50	25.74
Distributions	(1.83)	(2.86)	(3.22)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.83	2.86	3.22
Closing net asset value per share	297.21	279.84	261.34
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.24	-	0.06
Performance			
Return after charges	6.21%	7.08%	10.93%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	83,659	82,398	329,375
Closing number of shares	28,148,434	29,444,655	126,035,030
Operating charges	1.49%	1.67%	1.68%
Direct transaction costs	0.09%	-	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	299.5	280.9	266.3
Lowest share price	253.2	255.8	232.6

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	234.08	221.06	201.84
Return before operating charges*	17.88	19.38	25.56
Operating charges	(3.41)	(3.75)	(3.59)
Return after operating charges*	14.47	15.63	21.97
Distributions	(1.53)	(2.61)	(2.75)
Closing net asset value per share	247.02	234.08	221.06
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.20	-	0.05
Performance			
Return after charges	6.18%	7.07%	10.88%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,813	3,705	3,750
Closing number of shares	1,543,687	1,582,575	1,696,103
Operating charges	1.49%	1.67%	1.68%
Direct transaction costs	0.09%	-	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	249.9	237.1	227.0
Lowest share price	211.8	216.1	199.3

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	304.01	281.75	252.11
Return before operating charges*	23.45	24.90	32.10
Operating charges	(2.81)	(2.64)	(2.46)
Return after operating charges*	20.64	22.26	29.64
Distributions	(3.64)	(5.29)	(5.49)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.64	5.29	5.49
Closing net asset value per share	324.65	304.01	281.75
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.26	-	0.06
Performance			
Return after charges	6.79%	7.90%	11.76%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	49,298	46,678	45,327
Closing number of shares	15,184,487	15,353,987	16,087,733
Operating charges	0.93%	0.92%	0.93%
Direct transaction costs	0.09%	-	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	327.1	305.1	286.8
Lowest share price	275.9	277.2	248.9

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	138.27	130.56	119.20
Return before operating charges*	10.56	11.48	15.12
Operating charges	(1.26)	(1.22)	(1.18)
Return after operating charges*	9.30	10.26	13.94
Distributions	(1.65)	(2.56)	(2.58)
Closing net asset value per share	145.92	138.27	130.56
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.12	-	0.03
Performance			
Return after charges	6.73%	7.87%	11.69%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	11,189	11,288	11,743
Closing number of shares	7,667,952	8,163,759	8,994,243
Operating charges	0.93%	0.92%	0.93%
Direct transaction costs	0.09%	-	0.02%
Prices			
Highest share price	148.0	140.5	134.4
Lowest share price	125.5	127.8	117.7

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	14.44
Operating charges	(0.69)
Return after operating charges*	13.75
Distributions	(1.12)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.12
Closing net asset value per share	113.75
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.06
Performance	
Return after charges	13.75%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.98%
Direct transaction costs	0.09%
Prices	
Highest share price	114.6
Lowest share price	96.37

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 28 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	14.35
Operating charges	(0.69)
Return after operating charges*	13.66
Distributions	(1.11)
Closing net asset value per share	112.55
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.06
Performance	
Return after charges	13.66%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.98%
Direct transaction costs	0.09%
Prices	
Highest share price	114.3
Lowest share price	96.37

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Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (60.17%)		84,771	57.30
Africa Equities (0.07%)		-	-
South Africa (0.07%)		-	-
Emerging Market Equities (0.18%)		165	0.11
Brazil (0.18%)		165	0.11
22,326	Banco Bradesco ADR	165	0.11
European Equities (2.68%)		3,062	2.08
France (0.12%)		303	0.20
600	L'Oreal	132	0.09
500	LVMH	171	0.11
Germany (0.43%)		97	0.07
6,300	Infineon Technology	97	0.07
Ireland (1.29%)		1,772	1.20
70,900	Experian	1,772	1.20
Sweden (0.21%)		141	0.10
5,600	Atlas Copco 'A'	141	0.10
Switzerland (0.63%)		749	0.51
3,300	Nestle	288	0.20
3,200	Novartis	241	0.16
1,000	Roche	220	0.15
Japanese Equities (0.87%)		830	0.56
1,200	Fanuc	176	0.12
500	Keyence	238	0.16
1,900	Shin-Etsu Chemical	159	0.11
4,300	Sysmex	257	0.17

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Middle East Equities (0.17%)		110	0.07
Israel (0.17%)		110	0.07
1,200	Check Point Software Technologies	110	0.07
North America Equities (3.26%)		3,962	2.68
Canada (0.12%)		195	0.13
4,340	Nutrien	195	0.13
Mexico (0.16%)		178	0.12
2,400	Fomento Economico Mexicano SAB de	178	0.12
United States (2.98%)		3,589	2.43
290	Alphabet 'A'	288	0.19
1,000	Autodesk	127	0.09
150	Booking	231	0.16
1,700	CME	270	0.18
3,800	EOG Resources	266	0.18
1,500	Estee Lauder	226	0.15
2,000	First Republic Bank	162	0.11
3,175	Intercontinental Exchange	228	0.15
900	Johnson & Johnson	96	0.06
2,900	Microsoft	323	0.22
2,200	PepsiCo	230	0.16
2,400	PRA Health Sciences	195	0.13
7,200	Schlumberger	235	0.16
2,900	Schwab (Charles)	102	0.07
5,200	TJX	232	0.16
2,600	Visa	378	0.26
Pacific Basin Equities (1.73%)		2,425	1.64
Australia (0.08%)		445	0.30
1,800	CSL	232	0.16
21,600	Treasury Wine Estates	213	0.14
China (0.07%)		196	0.13
5,100	Tencent	196	0.13

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Hong Kong (0.42%)		352	0.24
31,800	AIA	268	0.18
1,700	Jardine Matheson	84	0.06
India (0.29%)		447	0.30
11,100	Housing Development Finance	280	0.19
52,050	ITC	167	0.11
Singapore (0.26%)		237	0.16
34,361	Oversea-Chinese Banking	237	0.16
South Korea (0.22%)		321	0.22
501	Samsung Electronics	321	0.22
Taiwan (0.22%)		254	0.17
7,300	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	254	0.17
Thailand (0.17%)		173	0.12
37,600	Kasikornbank	173	0.12
UK Equities (51.21%)		74,217	50.16
Basic Materials (1.27%)		3,458	2.34
31,921	Croda	1,496	1.01
55,700	Johnson Matthey	1,790	1.21
1,100	Linde	172	0.12
Consumer Goods (7.16%)		11,901	8.04
52,000	Associated British Foods	1,258	0.85
580,000	Boohoo.com	1,388	0.94
58,000	British American Tobacco	1,712	1.15
402,000	Countryside Properties	1,181	0.80
95,000	Diageo	3,271	2.21

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
51,300	Fever Tree Drinks		1,198	0.81
38,200	Unilever		1,893	1.28
Consumer Services (7.23%)			9,093	6.15
56,700	Compass		1,180	0.80
78,437	Euromoney Institutional Investor		1,081	0.73
234,500	Just Eat		1,785	1.21
132,800	RELX		2,594	1.75
200,000	Rightmove		1,057	0.72
66,000	WH Smith		1,396	0.94
Financials (19.99%)			28,856	19.50
377,176	3i Infrastructure		1,073	0.73
636,178	Aberdeen Diversified Income and Growth Trust		698	0.47
139,339	Aberdeen Private Equity Fund		1	-
358,500	Ashmore		1,922	1.30
102,000	Close Brothers		1,357	0.92
716,375	Funding Circle SME Income Fund		605	0.41
1,165,360	Greencoat UK Wind		1,615	1.09
1,350,839	HICL Infrastructure		2,223	1.50
769	HIE Ventures		-	-
40,500	London Stock Exchange		2,683	1.81
271,898	Pantheon International		6,240	4.22
152,000	Prudential		2,580	1.74
1,240,886	Renewables Infrastructure Group		1,573	1.06
111,033	Riverstone Energy		932	0.63
527,150	Sequoia Economic Infrastructure Income		597	0.40
112,000	St James's Place		1,102	0.74
251,400	Standard Chartered		1,701	1.15
18,735	Standard Chartered		127	0.09
246,300	Standard Life UK Smaller Companies Trust		1,192	0.81
415,546	Tritax Big Box REIT		635	0.43
Health Care (4.75%)			6,857	4.63
124,100	Abcam		1,622	1.09
65,800	Dechra Pharmaceuticals		1,937	1.31
70,000	Genus		1,847	1.25
78,100	Smith & Nephew		1,451	0.98

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Industrials (9.22%)		10,305	6.97
668,906	Amedeo Air Four Plus	592	0.40
158,000	Bodycote	1,163	0.79
19,900	Intertek	1,135	0.77
155,400	Marshalls	988	0.67
443,400	Rentokil	1,928	1.30
142,500	Rolls-Royce	1,228	0.83
157,900	Smart Metering Systems	792	0.53
10,500	Spirax-Sarco Engineering	944	0.64
102,600	Weir	1,535	1.04
Oil & Gas (0.00%)		1,345	0.91
237,000	Hunting	1,207	0.82
5,329	Royal Dutch Shell 'A'	138	0.09
Technology (1.48%)		2,402	1.62
60,200	AVEVA	2,402	1.62
Collective Investment Schemes (39.03%)		62,906	42.51
644,934	Aberdeen Alternative Strategies Fund ⁺	6,560	4.43
3,557,886	Aberdeen European Equity Enhanced Index Fund ⁺	4,934	3.33
1,067,308	Aberdeen Standard SICAV I - Japanese Equity Fund ⁺	3,626	2.45
11,150,984	Aberdeen Northern American Equity Enhanced Index Fund ⁺	21,700	14.67
2,330	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund ⁺	2,330	1.58
25,582	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Ultra Short Duration Sterling Fund ⁺	3,422	2.31
17,825,476	Aberdeen Sterling Government Bond Fund ⁺	20,334	13.74
Total investment assets		147,677	99.81
Net other assets		282	0.19
Total Net Assets		147,959	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

⁺ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains	1	7,328	10,888
Revenue	3	2,870	5,274
Expenses	4	(1,637)	(2,969)
Net revenue before taxation		1,233	2,305
Taxation	5	(4)	(83)
Net revenue after taxation		1,229	2,222
Total return before distributions		8,557	13,110
Distributions	6	(1,230)	(2,343)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		7,327	10,767

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	144,069	390,195
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	11,196	2,282
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(15,703)	(261,569)
	(4,507)	(259,287)
Dilution adjustment	-	618
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	7,327	10,767
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	1,070	1,776
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	147,959	144,069

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		147,677	142,921
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	382	1,242
Cash and bank balances		1,830	1,280
		2,212	2,522
Total assets		149,889	145,443
Liabilities:			
Creditors	8	(1,843)	(1,202)
Distribution payable		(87)	(172)
Total liabilities		(1,930)	(1,374)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		147,959	144,069

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	7,342	10,561
Forward currency contracts	(1)	-
Other (losses)/gains	(13)	327
Net capital gains	7,328	10,888

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Trades in the year				
Equities	28,447	46,027	32,106	222,475
Collective investment schemes	12,187	78,588	12,387	155,319
Corporate actions	562	-	-	-
Trades in the year before transaction costs	41,196	124,615	44,493	377,794
Commissions				
Equities	46	25	(16)	(104)
Collective investment schemes	-	-	(1)	(4)
Total commissions	46	25	(17)	(108)
Taxes				
Equities	55	168	(1)	(4)
Total taxes	55	168	(1)	(4)
Total transaction costs	101	193	(18)	(112)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	41,297	124,808	44,475	377,682

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.05
Collective investment schemes	-	-	0.01	-
Taxes				
Equities	0.29	0.37	-	-

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.01	0.05
Taxes	0.04	0.06

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.13% (2018: 0.12%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK dividends	1,799	2,715
Overseas dividends	316	1,443
Stock dividends	-	66
Franked dividend distributions	491	359
Taxable distributions on offshore funds	3	278
Interest distributions	216	239
Bank interest	4	4
Stocklending income	2	31
ACD fee rebate on collective investment scheme holdings	39	69
UK REITs PID Income	-	70
Total revenue	2,870	5,274

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	1,498	2,757
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	139	212
Total expenses	1,637	2,969

5. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	4	83
Total current tax	4	83
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	1,233	2,305
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	247	461
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(515)	(615)
Overseas taxes	4	-
Excess allowable expenses	268	336
Irrecoverable tax	-	83
Non-taxable overseas dividends	-	(299)
Realised gains on non-reporting offshore funds	-	117
Total tax charge for year (note 5a)	4	83

(c) Factors that may affect future tax charge

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £7,949,000 (2018: £7,681,000) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

6. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interim distribution	470	570
Final distribution	751	1,461
	1,221	2,031
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	40	324
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(31)	(12)
Net distribution for the year	1,230	2,343
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	1,229	2,222
Undistributed revenue carried forward	1	-
Tax effect of items in capital account	-	117
Movement between share classes due to conversions	-	4
Total distributions	1,230	2,343

7. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	247	309
Tax recoverable	-	67
Sales awaiting settlement	10	750
Accrued revenue	105	96
Foreign withholding tax recoverable	20	20
Total debtors	382	1,242

8. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	594	62
Purchases awaiting settlement	1,111	983
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	138	157
Total creditors	1,843	1,202

9. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £7,534,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £8,163,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bank of Nova Scotia	-	1,121
BNP Paribas	-	164
Credit Suisse	-	5,480
JPM Chase	-	114
NATIXIS	-	655
Total securities on loan	-	7,534

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	-	2,279
Government Bond	-	5,884
Total collateral held	-	8,163

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £3,000 (2018: £39,000) and £1,000 (2018: £8,000).

10. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 7 and 8.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 8.

11. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	29,444,655	1,345,151	(2,334,819)	(306,553)	28,148,434
A Income shares	1,582,575	19,606	(58,032)	(462)	1,543,687
I Accumulation shares	15,353,987	974,718	(1,425,017)	280,799	15,184,487
I Income shares	8,163,759	2,528,680	(3,025,268)	781	7,667,952
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100

12. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	83,839	932	-	88,908	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	62,906	-	-	54,013	-
Total investment assets	83,839	63,838	-	88,908	54,013	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

13. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market Price Risk

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Manager using VaR analysis. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VAR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

The table below indicated the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 5 day loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99 percent confidence level.

Calculated on this basis, the table indicates that the net value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities could be expected to change by more than the stated amount on only two days out of 200, in response to either price, interest rate, inflation or foreign currency exchange rate changes.

The VaR measures of the Fund are detailed below.

	2019	2018*
Minimum VaR	2.32%	2.41%
Maximum VaR	2.63%	2.61%
Average VaR	2.49%	2.52%

* One outlier point was smoothed over, on 13/11/2017.

VaR table

	FX risk	Interest rate risk	Inflation risk	Contribution from credit risk	Overall VaR
31 July 2019	0.03%	1.37%	-	0.93%	2.32%
31 July 2018	0.03%	1.48%	-	0.95%	2.46%

The ACD must calculate the global exposure of any Fund it manages either as:

- 1) the incremental exposure and leverage generated through the use of derivatives and forward transactions, which may not exceed 100% of the net value of the scheme property. This is known as the Commitment Approach and is a measure of leverage or;
- 2) The market risk of the scheme property by way of the value at risk (VaR) approach. Although, the sensitivity analysis of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions described above uses VaR analysis, the global exposure calculations for Funds may be calculated on the Commitment Basis. The Prospectus provides further details on which method is used to calculate Global Exposure for each Fund.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

Currency exposure

The net foreign currency exposure comprises:

	Net foreign currency assets	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Australian Dollar	445	118
Canadian Dollar	195	167
Euro	540	1,062
Hong Kong Dollar	591	849
Indian Rupee	435	429
Japanese Yen	830	1,252
Singapore Dollar	237	373
South Africa Rand	-	104
Swedish Krona	142	296
Swiss Franc	749	901
Thai Baht	173	239
US Dollar	4,909	8,039

(c) **Interest rate risk**

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(d) **Credit risk**

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) **Financial Derivative Instrument Risk**

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018: nil).

(f) **Liquidity risk**

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5799	-	0.5799*	0.6526
Group 2	0.2353	0.3446	0.5799*	0.6526
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4851	-	0.4851**	0.5520
Group 2	0.2485	0.2366	0.4851**	0.5520
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5910	-	1.5910*	1.8194
Group 2	0.7602	0.8308	1.5910*	1.8194
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.7236	-	0.7236**	0.8431
Group 2	0.5078	0.2158	0.7236**	0.8431
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.2200	-	0.2200*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.2200	-	0.2200**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 28 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 28 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the six months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2517	-	1.2517*	2.4356
Group 2	0.4370	0.8147	1.2517*	2.4356
A Income shares				
Group 1	1.0447	-	1.0447**	2.0552
Group 2	0.7927	0.2520	1.0447**	2.0552
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.0534	-	2.0534*	3.7222
Group 2	0.9942	1.0592	2.0534*	3.7222
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.9288	-	0.9288**	1.7139
Group 2	0.5970	0.3318	0.9288**	1.7139
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9000	-	0.9000*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.8900	-	0.8900**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Interim Dividend	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%	100.00%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%	0.00%

ASI Sterling Bond Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in Sterling-denominated Debt and debt-related securities issued by the UK government, other governments, public bodies and supra-national issuers, and Investment grade corporate Debt and debt-related securities.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Investment grade and sub-Investment grade Debt and debt-related securities denominated in any currency, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Sterling Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 6.95% compared to an increase of 7.88% in the benchmark, the Markit iBoxx Sterling Overall Tracker Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

The period in question has been dominated in the UK by Brexit, but the driver of gilt yields over the period has been more global in nature. The change in direction from the US Federal Reserve (Fed) and escalating tensions between Trump and China over trade has seen gilt yields peak at 1.70% in October, ending the period close to 0.60%. For the UK, the issue of Brexit negotiations became almost as paralysing and severely intractable as the worst of fears. While the direct contagion of Brexit was limited, the issue was stacked onto concerns over Italian budget negotiations, excess oil supply, disappointing Chinese growth, trade war chatter from the US administration and the effect of widening credit spreads. Prime Minister Theresa May failed three times in the House of Commons to get her EU Withdrawal Agreement passed. In March she admitted defeat and asked the EU for an extension to Article 50, pushing the exit date to 31 October. Following a humiliating night in the local elections, the pressure on May got too much and she finally resigned. May's resignation signalled the start of the Conservative leadership contest, which resulted in Boris Johnson's accession to Prime Minister. Johnson has inherited a weak majority of just one, heading into what will be one of most politically volatile periods in modern UK history.

After suffering some volatility earlier in the year, corporate bond markets were materially calmer over the summer of 2018. A more challenging environment for risk assets emerged in the following months as a deteriorating global economic outlook was priced into the market. Stocks and commodities fell sharply and credit spreads widened, resulting in some losses for corporate bond funds.

Trade tensions between the US and China and the challenges of Brexit added to the worries for investors. As we moved into 2019, financial markets stabilised, recovering as trade tensions eased and the Fed adopted a materially more dovish tone. By mid-January the Fed appeared to have paused its interest rate-hiking cycle. Headline data remained soft in many developed market economies. The technical backdrop also improved, as new bond supply failed to meet expectations. Lower-quality credit, which had underperformed in late 2018, recovered in this environment. Returns from high-yield corporates and emerging debt were very strong. In investment grade, sectors such as energy and financials more than recouped the losses they had suffered in the final months of 2018. There was further volatility in May as economic data deteriorated and the trade conflict between the US and some of its trading partners rumbled on. Once again, however, more dovish tones from both US and European central banks provided some relief. Financial markets are fully expecting central banks to provide support if economies slow, with expectations of rate cuts and unconventional methods being priced in. Investors continue to hunt for yield but the environment remains somewhat febrile. In the UK, Brexit potentially provides some additional risks for credit markets.

Portfolio review

Within the government bond portfolio, duration positions made a positive contribution to Fund performance. The Fund was short duration until February, when the bias moved to holding long positions. From February onwards the Fund has held long positions in the UK, Australia, Austria, Belgium, France and the US. The Fund ended the period long duration. The Fund held numerous cross-market positions. In the last six months of 2018, the Fund held positions predominantly in Australia. As we headed into 2019, the Fund added positions in France. This was on the rationale that the downturn in European data would bring the European Central Bank into play and, subsequently, talk of quantitative easing would drive French government bonds lower in yield. The Fund ended the period with few cross-market positions. This is on the basis that Brexit no-deal risks are increasing; and therefore we struggle to see gilts underperforming in this environment. A positive driver of performance has been our positions in US inflation. At the end of January the Fund bought 30-year US Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities. The Fund has held this position a number of times as yields have been driven lower over 2019. At the end of June, the Fund added further positioning, this time at the 10-year point of the curve. Yield curve positioning acted as a drag on performance. The Fund went into the period holding flatteners (selling 10-year, buying 30-year). The UK curve was volatile, and after significant steepening of the curve, we closed the position in November. The Fund has held other curve positions over the period, making a small contribution to performance. The Fund held numerous relative-value type trades over the period, adding positively to performance.

Higher-risk areas of the corporate bond portfolio – such as low-quality investment grade, high yield and emerging markets – were damaging in times of market weakness, but overall delivered some strong benefits to the Fund. Banks and insurers typically display more volatility than the market as a whole. As a result of an overweight position in these sectors, the Fund suffered underperformance in late 2018, before the sector recovered strongly after the turn of the year. The best performers were sectors such as utilities and telecoms, with longer-dated paper in both sectors delivering notably strong returns as yields fell and yield curves flattened. An underweight position in US conglomerate GE was beneficial as the issuer announced a number of earnings disappointments and negative headlines. However, our holding in UK funeral home operator Dignity Finance delivered a more negative outcome. Dignity is suffering as a result of a highly competitive market, leading to its bonds being downgraded. A long duration position relative to the benchmark boosted performance.

Outlook

While the rally in global yields has been impressive in both speed and magnitude, this theme shows little sign of abating given the catalogue of risks facing the global economy. The trend of central bank policy is now very firmly pointed in an expansionary direction, as they look to extend the cycle and avert the signs of recession we have seen appearing, especially in Europe. As the UK hurtles towards another Brexit deadline, the stakes have been raised by the notably firmer stance adopted by Boris Johnson since assuming office, with the chances of a no-deal outcome significantly higher. The Irish Backstop continues to be the major point of contention, and may require some inventive policymaking to overcome. There will, as a result, undoubtedly be further volatility in markets as we head towards 31 October, with the outcome very difficult to call at present.

Euro IG and Aggregate Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 4 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The Fund invests in mortgage- and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The Fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The Fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	155.92	155.63	158.24
Return before operating charges*	13.10	2.05	(0.83)
Operating charges	(1.73)	(1.76)	(1.78)
Return after operating charges*	11.37	0.29	(2.61)
Distributions	(1.15)	(1.09)	(1.90)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.15	1.09	1.90
Closing net asset value per share	167.29	155.92	155.63
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.29%	0.19%	(1.65%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,407	6,386	8,307
Closing number of shares	3,232,325	4,095,511	5,337,812
Operating charges	1.09%	1.13%	1.14%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	167.4	159.0	162.9
Lowest share price	151.8	152.1	150.2

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	119.15	119.77	123.30
Return before operating charges*	9.97	1.57	(0.67)
Operating charges	(1.31)	(1.35)	(1.38)
Return after operating charges*	8.66	0.22	(2.05)
Distributions	(0.88)	(0.84)	(1.48)
Closing net asset value per share	126.93	119.15	119.77
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.27%	0.18%	(1.66%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,403	3,000	4,898
Closing number of shares	1,893,300	2,517,484	4,089,984
Operating charges	1.09%	1.13%	1.14%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	127.5	122.4	127.0
Lowest share price	116.0	116.6	117.1

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	122.79	121.95	123.38
Return before operating charges*	10.34	1.61	(0.65)
Operating charges	(0.77)	(0.77)	(0.78)
Return after operating charges*	9.57	0.84	(1.43)
Distributions	(1.49)	(1.47)	(2.10)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.49	1.47	2.10
Closing net asset value per share	132.36	122.79	121.95
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.79%	0.69%	(1.16%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	989	955	964
Closing number of shares	747,175	777,831	790,931
Operating charges	0.61%	0.63%	0.64%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	132.4	124.7	127.1
Lowest share price	119.7	119.5	117.3

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	114.14	114.74	118.13
Return before operating charges*	9.56	1.51	(0.65)
Operating charges	(0.71)	(0.73)	(0.74)
Return after operating charges*	8.85	0.78	(1.39)
Distributions	(1.38)	(1.38)	(2.00)
Closing net asset value per share	121.61	114.14	114.74
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.75%	0.68%	(1.18%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	62	57	231
Closing number of shares	50,657	50,422	201,522
Operating charges	0.61%	0.63%	0.64%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	122.4	117.3	121.7
Lowest share price	111.2	111.7	112.3

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K Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	106.88	105.99	107.08
Return before operating charges*	2.73	1.40	(0.57)
Operating charges	(0.31)	(0.51)	(0.52)
Return after operating charges*	2.42	0.89	(1.09)
Distributions	(0.70)	(1.44)	(1.97)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.70	1.44	1.97
Redemption value as at 11 March 2019	(109.30)	-	-
Closing net asset value per share	-	106.88	105.99
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.26%	0.84%	(1.02%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	4,173	4,004
Closing number of shares	-	3,904,515	3,777,815
Operating charges	0.29%	0.48%	0.49%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	109.3	108.4	110.3
Lowest share price	104.9	103.9	101.8

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^A K Accumulation share class closed on 11 March 2019.

L Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	97.84	97.07	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	8.24	1.29	(2.49)
Operating charges	(0.51)	(0.52)	(0.44)
Return after operating charges*	7.73	0.77	(2.93)
Distributions	(1.29)	(1.26)	(1.56)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.29	1.26	1.56
Closing net asset value per share	105.57	97.84	97.07
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.90%	0.79%	(2.93%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	974	950	28
Closing number of shares	922,392	970,800	28,400
Operating charges	0.51%	0.53%	0.54%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	105.6	99.24	99.67
Lowest share price	95.35	95.16	93.32

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^A L Accumulation share class was launched on 30 September 2016.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

L Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	95.02	95.51	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	7.96	1.26	(2.51)
Operating charges	(0.49)	(0.51)	(0.43)
Return after operating charges*	7.47	0.75	(2.94)
Distributions	(1.25)	(1.24)	(1.55)
Closing net asset value per share	101.24	95.02	95.51
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	7.86%	0.79%	(2.94%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	19	18	197
Closing number of shares	18,495	19,600	205,900
Operating charges	0.51%	0.53%	0.54%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	101.9	97.64	99.67
Lowest share price	92.60	92.97	93.32

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^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	10.73
Operating charges	(0.46)
Return after operating charges*	10.27
Distributions	(1.81)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.81
Closing net asset value per share	110.27
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	10.27%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.66%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	110.3
Lowest share price	99.74

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^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 28 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	10.68
Operating charges	(0.46)
Return after operating charges*	10.22
Distributions	(1.80)
Closing net asset value per share	108.42
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	10.22%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.66%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	109.7
Lowest share price	99.74

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Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	175.56	173.49	174.60
Return before operating charges*	14.83	2.30	(0.87)
Operating charges	(0.20)	(0.23)	(0.24)
Return after operating charges*	14.63	2.07	(1.11)
Distributions	(3.03)	(2.97)	(3.87)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.03	2.97	3.87
Closing net asset value per share	190.19	175.56	173.49
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	8.33%	1.19%	(0.64%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	138,273	134,620	117,820
Closing number of shares	72,703,533	76,682,248	67,910,949
Operating charges	0.11%	0.13%	0.14%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	190.2	177.5	179.9
Lowest share price	171.2	170.4	166.2

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Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (95.12%)		143,538	96.90
Australian Dollar Denominated Bonds (4.18%)		-	-
Government Bonds (4.18%)		-	-
Euro Denominated Bonds (0.11%)		3,826	2.58
Corporate Bonds (0.11%)		701	0.47
less than 5 years to maturity			
100,000	Deutsche Bank 1.625% 2021	92	0.06
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
100,000	American Tower 1.95% 2026	99	0.07
100,000	International Consolidated Airlines 1.5% 2027	92	0.06
250,000	Nationwide Building Society FRN 2029	227	0.15
Perpetual			
200,000	Telefonica 3.875% Perpetual	191	0.13
Government Bonds (0.00%)		3,125	2.11
greater than 25 years to maturity			
2,100,000	France (Govt of) 3.25% Index-Linked 2045	3,125	2.11
Sterling Denominated Bonds (90.66%)		136,994	92.49
Corporate Bonds (25.54%)		39,810	26.88
less than 5 years to maturity			
100,000	AIG 5% 2023	112	0.08
350,000	Barclays 10% 2021	401	0.27
350,000	Barclays 2.375% 2023	353	0.24
100,000	BUPA 2% 2024	102	0.07
139,000	Citigroup 6.25% 2019	140	0.09
205,000	Commonwealth Bank of Australia 1.125% 2021	206	0.14
900,000	Dwr Cymru Financing 6.907% 2021	989	0.67
100,000	Fidelity National Information Services 1.7% 2022	102	0.07
100,000	FirstGroup 8.75% 2021	111	0.07
100,000	Heathrow Funding 7.125% 2024	123	0.08
228,000	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (London) 1.5% 2022	229	0.15
100,000	Intu (SGS) Finance 4.125% 2023	95	0.06
182,000	Lloyds Bank Corporate Markets 1.75% 2024	182	0.12
200,000	MetLife Global Funding I 1.125% 2021	200	0.14

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
200,000	NatWest 6.5% 2021	220	0.15
269,000	Pension Insurance 6.5% 2024	304	0.21
170,000	Principality Building Society 2.375% 2023	173	0.12
300,000	Scentre 2.375% 2022	309	0.21
100,000	Scottish Widows 5.5% 2023	112	0.08
243,000	Severn Trent 1.625% 2022	248	0.17
210,000	SGSP Australia Assets 5.125% 2021	222	0.15
69,000	South East Water 5.6577% 2019	69	0.05
400,000	Southern Water 5% 2021	425	0.29
100,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.875% 2021	101	0.07
100,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 2.125% 2024	101	0.07
200,000	Westpac Banking 1% 2022	200	0.13
90,000	Yorkshire Water 6% 2019	90	0.06
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
100,000	Abertis Infraestructuras 3.375% 2026	106	0.07
100,000	Assura Financing 3% 2028	109	0.07
100,000	Banco Santander 1.375% 2024	100	0.07
300,000	Bank of America 2.3% 2025	314	0.21
276,000	Barclays 3% 2026	280	0.19
500,000	BP 2.03% 2025	521	0.35
100,000	BP 2.274% 2026	106	0.07
100,000	BP Capital Markets 1.827% 2025	103	0.07
390,000	British American Tobacco 4% 2026	435	0.29
100,000	BUPA Finance 5% 2026	113	0.08
287,000	Citigroup 5.15% 2026	351	0.24
170,000	CPUK 3.69% 2028	184	0.12
200,000	Credit Suisse FRN 2025	202	0.14
339,000	CYBG 4% 2026	344	0.23
120,000	CYBG 5% 2026	120	0.08
50,000	Daily Mail & General Trust 6.375% 2027	59	0.04
350,000	Enel 5.625% 2024	418	0.28
100,000	Fidelity National Information Services 2.602% 2025	105	0.07
100,000	Fiserv 2.25% 2025	103	0.07
341,000	General Motors Financial 2.25% 2024	342	0.23
30,000	Hammerson 6% fixed to floating 2026	35	0.02
400,000	Heathrow Finance 5.75% 2025	438	0.30
535,000	HSBC 2.256% 2026	544	0.37
400,000	InterContinental Hotels 3.75% 2025	442	0.30
214,000	Lloyds Bank 5.75% fixed to floating 2025	222	0.15
341,000	Lloyds Bank 7.625% 2025	439	0.30
285,000	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 2.625% 2028	298	0.20

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
110,000	Marks & Spencer 4.75% 2025	121	0.08
300,000	Motability Operations 4.375% 2027	362	0.24
500,000	National Grid 4% 2027	597	0.40
214,000	NewRiver REIT 3.5% 2028	217	0.15
200,000	NIE Finance 6.375% 2026	260	0.18
100,000	Orsted 2.125% 2027	105	0.07
241,000	Paragon FRN 2026	256	0.17
100,000	Phoenix 6.625% 2025	111	0.07
240,000	Rabobank 4.625% 2029	284	0.19
180,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 2.875% 2026	184	0.12
100,000	Scentre Management 3.875% 2026	112	0.08
270,000	Smith (DS) 2.875% 2029	279	0.19
200,000	Southern Gas Networks 2.5% 2025	212	0.14
160,000	Stagecoach Group 4% 2025	172	0.12
120,000	Thames Water 2.875% 2027	121	0.08
200,000	Total Capital 1.66% 2026	206	0.14
170,000	Total Capital International 1.25% 2024	172	0.12
140,000	Trafford Centre 7.03%% 2029	93	0.06
167,000	Unite Group 3.5% 2028	179	0.12
120,000	Vicinity Centres 3.375% 2026	129	0.09
200,000	Virgin Media 5% 2027	207	0.14
200,000	Virgin Money 3.375 Fixed to Floating 2025	206	0.14
123,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 2.25% 2025	126	0.08
200,000	Volkswagen International Finance 3.375% 2026	214	0.14
162,000	Welltower 4.8% 2028	195	0.13
100,000	Western Power 5.875% 2027	129	0.09
157,000	Westfield Stratford City Finance 1.642% 2026	159	0.11
180,000	Yorkshire Building Society 3.5% 2026	194	0.13
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
60,000	America Movil 5.75% 2030	82	0.06
130,000	Amgen 4% 2029	154	0.10
130,000	Apple 3.05% 2029	151	0.10
134,000	APT Pipelines 3.125% 2031	145	0.10
200,000	APT Pipelines 3.5% 2030	222	0.15
114,000	Barclays 3.25% 2033	112	0.08
123,000	British Land 2.375% 2029	126	0.09
200,000	Broadgate Financing 5.098% 2035	224	0.15
915,000	Canary Wharf Finance 6.455% 2033	239	0.16
71,000	Comcast 5.5% 2029	97	0.07
100,000	CRH 4.125% 2029	119	0.08
218,000	Digital Stout 3.75% 2030	243	0.16

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
400,000	EDF 5.875% fixed to floating 2031	564	0.38
200,000	EDF 6.125% 2034	294	0.20
110,000	Fidelity National Information Services 3.36% 2031	121	0.08
300,000	Great Rolling Stock 6.5% 2031	331	0.22
54,000	Greene King FRN 2033	39	0.03
250,000	Northern Powergrid Yorkshire 4.375% 2032	318	0.21
100,000	Orange 3.25% 2032	112	0.08
160,000	Premiertel 6.175% 2032	173	0.12
251,000	Quadgas Finance 3.375% 2029	260	0.18
100,000	Saint-Gobain 4.625% 2029	124	0.08
130,000	Santander UK 3.875% 2029	154	0.10
120,000	Standard Chartered 5.125% 2034	139	0.09
100,000	Thames Water Utilities Cayman 2.625% 2032	103	0.07
50,000	Time Warner Cable 5.75% 2031	62	0.04
191,000	Tritax Big Box REIT 3.125% 2031	203	0.14
100,000	Verizon Communications 2.5% 2031	105	0.07
220,000	Wal-Mart 5.625% 2034	330	0.22
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
200,000	America Movil 4.375% 2041	260	0.18
100,000	American International FRN 2067	82	0.06
205,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 2.85% 2037	215	0.14
200,000	Aspire Defence 4.674% 2040 'A'	236	0.16
200,000	Aspire Defence 4.674% 2040 'B'	236	0.16
100,000	Aster Treasury 4.5% 2043	136	0.09
170,000	AT&T 4.875% 2044	216	0.15
150,000	AT&T 7% 2040	236	0.16
100,000	Berkshire Hathaway Finance 2.375% 2039	105	0.07
100,000	BG Energy Capital 5% 2036	146	0.10
50,000	British American Tobacco 5.75% 2040	66	0.04
250,000	Cadent Finance 2.625% 2038	257	0.17
150,000	Circle Anglia 7.25% 2038	262	0.18
70,000	Citigroup 7.375% 2039	124	0.08
135,000	Connect Plus 2.607% 2039	147	0.10
250,000	E.ON Finance 6.75% 2039	407	0.27
100,000	Eastern Power Networks 6.25% 2036	156	0.11
100,000	EDF 5.5% 2041	147	0.10
150,000	Enel 5.75% 2037	210	0.14
100,000	Eversholt 3.529% 2042	103	0.07
100,000	Gatwick 6.5% 2041	161	0.11
150,000	GlaxoSmithKline 5.25% 2042	226	0.15
150,000	HSBC 6% 2040	201	0.14

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
150,000	HSBC 7% 2038		219	0.15
250,000	innogy Finance 6.125% 2039		385	0.26
190,000	Morhomes 3.4% 2038		205	0.14
100,000	Orsted 5.75% 2040		157	0.11
112,000	QBE Insurance 6.115% 2042		123	0.08
120,000	Scotland Gas Networks 4.875% 2034		162	0.11
150,000	Segro 5.75% 2035		215	0.15
100,000	Severn Trent 4.875% 2042		142	0.10
200,000	Southern Electric 4.625% 2037		258	0.17
100,000	Southern Gas Networks 3.1% 2036		112	0.08
100,000	TC Dudgeon Ofco 3.158% 2038		109	0.07
100,000	Tesco 5.6611% 2041		127	0.09
100,000	Tesco 5.8006% 2040		129	0.09
160,000	Tesco 7.6227% 2039		205	0.14
200,000	Thames Water 5.125% 2037		269	0.18
220,000	Transport for London 3.875% 2042		289	0.20
200,000	UPP Bond 1 Issuer 4.9023% 2040		237	0.16
100,000	Verizon Communications 3.375% 2036		114	0.08
100,000	Vinci 2.75% 2034		111	0.07
100,000	Wells Fargo 4.875% 2035		129	0.09
100,000	Western Power 5.75% 2040		151	0.10
100,000	Western Power 5.75% 2040		151	0.10
greater than 25 years to maturity				
100,000	Accent Capital 2.625% 2049		102	0.07
240,000	Annington Funding 3.935% 2047		268	0.18
200,000	Aviva 5.125% 2050		223	0.15
100,000	Berkshire Hathaway Finance 2.625% 2059		110	0.07
100,000	Blend Funding 3.459% 2047		116	0.08
100,000	British American Tobacco 2.25% 2052		74	0.05
100,000	Bromford Housing 3.125% 2048		113	0.08
100,000	Cadent Finance 2.75% 2046		102	0.07
100,000	Channel Link 3.043% 2050		104	0.07
100,000	Clarion Housing 3.125% 2048		110	0.07
100,000	EDF 5.125% 2050		147	0.10
100,000	EDF 6% 2114		160	0.11
100,000	Engie 5% 2060		167	0.11
200,000	Gatwick 2.625% 2046		194	0.13
190,000	Income Contingent Student Loans 2 2007-2009 2.5% 2058		171	0.12
70,000	LCR Finance 5.1% 2051		130	0.09
100,000	Notting Hill Housing Trust 3.25% 2048		104	0.07
200,000	Notting Hill Housing Trust 4.375% 2054		259	0.17

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
100,000	Orange 5.375% 2050		156	0.11
200,000	Orbit Capital 3.5% 2045		226	0.15
100,000	Paragon 3.625% 2047		115	0.08
100,000	Paragon FRN 2050		99	0.07
100,000	Peabody Capital 3.25% 2048		109	0.07
250,000	Precise Mortgage Funding 2018-2B FRN 2055		198	0.13
200,000	Prudential 5% 2055		216	0.15
139,000	Prudential 5.625% FRN 2051		154	0.10
290,000	Reseau Ferre de France 4.83% 2060		506	0.34
102,000	RSA Insurance FRN 2045		113	0.08
400,000	SSE 3.625% 2077		402	0.27
100,000	Vodafone 3% 2056		94	0.06
100,000	Wellcome Trust 2.517% 2118		108	0.07
100,000	WM Treasury 2 3.25% 2048		111	0.07
Perpetual				
690,000	Aviva 6.125% fixed to floating Perpetual		746	0.50
200,000	AXA 5.453% fixed to floating Perpetual		224	0.15
200,000	AXA 6.6862% fixed to floating Perpetual		237	0.16
200,000	Bank of Scotland 7.281% Perpetual		244	0.16
200,000	Barclays 7% Perpetual		200	0.14
251,000	Dignity 4.6956% Perpetual		205	0.14
200,000	Direct Line 4.75% Perpetual		166	0.11
100,000	HBOS 7.881% fixed to floating Perpetual		151	0.10
129,000	HSBC 5.862% Perpetual		132	0.09
200,000	HSBC 5.875% Fixed to Floating Perpetual		210	0.14
Government Bonds (65.12%)			97,184	65.61
less than 5 years to maturity				
300,000	Council Of Europe Development Bank 0.625% 2022		299	0.20
700,000	European Investment Bank 2.25% 2020		707	0.48
350,000	European Investment Bank 5.375% 2021		380	0.26
2,026,000	UK (Govt of) 0.5% 2022		2,034	1.37
2,124,000	UK (Govt of) 0.75% 2023		2,155	1.46
1,035,000	UK (Govt of) 1% 2024		1,065	0.72
2,140,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2022		2,232	1.51
2,098,000	UK (Govt of) 2.25% 2023		2,259	1.52
292,000	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2021		313	0.21
2,795,000	UK (Govt of) 4% 2022		3,059	2.06
338,000	UK (Govt of) 8% 2021		385	0.26

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
	16,961,000	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2028	18,492	12.48
	1,061,000	UK (Govt of) 2% 2025	1,164	0.79
	3,849,000	UK (Govt of) 2.75% 2024	4,308	2.91
	2,033,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2027	2,654	1.79
	2,688,000	UK (Govt of) 5% 2025	3,370	2.28
between 10 and 15 years to maturity				
	204,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2032	288	0.19
	688,000	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2030	990	0.67
	409,000	UK (Govt of) 0.875% 2029	416	0.28
between 15 and 25 years to maturity				
	122,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2037	134	0.09
	2,011,000	UK (Govt of) 3.25% 2044	2,828	1.91
	4,468,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2036	6,626	4.47
	1,647,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2039	2,543	1.72
	1,863,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2040	2,917	1.97
	2,212,000	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2034	3,299	2.23
	2,045,000	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2042	3,381	2.28
	1,045,000	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2038	1,697	1.15
greater than 25 years to maturity				
	5,933,000	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2047	6,177	4.17
	3,075,000	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2054	3,362	2.27
	148,000	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2071	169	0.11
	648,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2049	715	0.48
	256,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2057	292	0.20
	2,568,000	UK (Govt of) 2.5% 2065	3,675	2.48
	498,000	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2045	734	0.50
	1,701,000	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2068	3,080	2.08
	1,743,000	UK (Govt of) 4% 2060	3,246	2.19
	1,351,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2046	2,259	1.52
	332,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2049	576	0.39
	1,562,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2055	2,904	1.96
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (0.17%)			2,718	1.83
Corporate Bonds (0.17%)			480	0.32
less than 5 years to maturity				
	200,000	UBS 2.45% 2020	164	0.11

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
130,000	Energy Transfer Partners 4.95% 2028	116	0.08
greater than 25 years to maturity			
211,000	BHP Billiton Finance FRN 2075	200	0.13
Government Bonds (0.00%)		2,238	1.51
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
2,581,000	US Treasury 0.875% Index-Linked 2029	2,238	1.51
Collective Investment Schemes (3.07%)		3,297	2.23
350,165	Aberdeen Standard SICAV I - European Convertibles Bond Fund*	3,297	2.23
Derivatives (-0.06%)		(415)	(0.28)
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.06%)		(372)	(0.25)
	Buy AUD 4,519,000 Sell GBP 2,480,552 12/09/2019	62	0.04
	Buy AUD 5,787,000 Sell GBP 3,210,246 12/09/2019	45	0.03
	Buy EUR 108,000 Sell GBP 97,667 12/09/2019	1	-
	Buy EUR 420,000 Sell GBP 378,196 12/09/2019	4	-
	Buy EUR 951,000 Sell GBP 854,688 12/09/2019	11	0.01
	Buy EUR 1,427,000 Sell GBP 1,283,350 12/09/2019	16	0.01
	Buy GBP 158,391 Sell AUD 291,000 12/09/2019	(5)	-
	Buy GBP 5,482,654 Sell AUD 10,015,000 12/09/2019	(151)	(0.10)
	Buy GBP 89,017 Sell EUR 99,000 12/09/2019	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 99,100 Sell EUR 111,000 12/09/2019	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 99,532 Sell EUR 112,000 12/09/2019	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 645,566 Sell EUR 726,000 12/09/2019	(16)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 1,035,425 Sell EUR 1,145,000 12/09/2019	(7)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 1,268,031 Sell EUR 1,420,000 12/09/2019	(25)	(0.02)
	Buy GBP 2,440,881 Sell EUR 2,745,000 12/09/2019	(59)	(0.04)
	Buy GBP 3,373,662 Sell EUR 3,794,000 12/09/2019	(81)	(0.06)
	Buy GBP 437,357 Sell USD 558,000 12/09/2019	(17)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 2,158,568 Sell USD 2,744,000 12/09/2019	(78)	(0.05)
	Buy GBP 2,371,860 Sell USD 2,990,000 12/09/2019	(65)	(0.04)
	Buy GBP 2,962,742 Sell USD 3,780,000 12/09/2019	(118)	(0.08)
	Buy USD 1,217,000 Sell GBP 993,596 12/09/2019	(2)	-
	Buy USD 2,728,000 Sell GBP 2,166,031 12/09/2019	57	0.04
	Buy USD 2,968,000 Sell GBP 2,357,739 12/09/2019	61	0.04

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Futures (0.00%)		(43)	(0.03)
(11)	Short Long Gilt Future 26/09/2019	(43)	(0.03)
Total investment assets and liabilities		146,420	98.85
Net other assets		1,707	1.15
Total Net Assets		148,127	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains/(losses)	1	9,128	(657)
Revenue	3	2,638	2,728
Expenses	4	(260)	(318)
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(2)	-
Net revenue before taxation		2,376	2,410
Taxation	6	-	-
Net revenue after taxation		2,376	2,410
Total return before distributions		11,504	1,753
Distributions	7	(2,376)	(2,410)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		9,128	(657)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	150,159	136,450
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	6,274	30,175
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(19,730)	(18,281)
	(13,456)	11,894
Dilution adjustment	-	26
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	9,128	(657)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	2,296	2,446
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	148,127	150,159

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		147,092	147,440
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	14,209	2,620
Cash and bank balances	9	764	816
		14,973	3,436
Total assets		162,065	150,876
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities		(672)	(83)
Creditors	10	(13,256)	(624)
Distribution payable		(10)	(10)
		(13,266)	(634)
Total liabilities		(13,938)	(717)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		148,127	150,159

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	9,530	(1,659)
Derivative contracts	(111)	(7)
Forward currency contracts	(189)	936
Other (losses)/gains	(102)	73
Net capital gains/(losses)	9,128	(657)

2. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bonds	325,271	219,081	276,921	202,096
Collective investment schemes	-	745	1,430	414
Corporate actions	-	-	92	646
Total trades in the year	325,271	219,826	278,443	203,156

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.26% (2018: 0.23%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Taxable distributions on offshore funds	65	-
Interest on debt securities	2,566	2,719
Bank interest	4	2
Stocklending income	3	7
Total revenue	2,638	2,728

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	99	135
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	161	183
Total expenses	260	318

5 Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	2	-
Total interest payable & similar charges	2	-

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Total current tax	-	-
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	2,376	2,410
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	475	482
Effects of:		
Distributions treated as tax deductible	(475)	(477)
UK Indexation relief	-	(5)
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	-	-

7. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interim distribution	1,125	1,322
Final distribution	1,189	1,149
	2,314	2,471
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	89	58
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(27)	(119)
Net distribution for the year	2,376	2,410

Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	-	50
Sales awaiting settlement	13,100	1,151
Accrued revenue	1,109	1,419
Total debtors	14,209	2,620

9. Cash and Bank Balances

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers	65	61
Cash and bank balances	699	755
Total cash and bank balances	764	816

10. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	76	600
Purchases awaiting settlement	13,159	-
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	21	24
Total creditors	13,256	624

11. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £34,443,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £36,426,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Barclays	-	13,824
JPM Chase	-	835
Morgan Stanley	-	19,784
Total securities on loan	-	34,443

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Government Bond	-	36,246
Total collateral held	-	36,246

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £4,000 (2018: £9,000) and £1,000 (2018: £2,000).

12. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 10.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 10.

13. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	4,095,511	40,721	(903,907)	3,232,325
A Income shares	2,517,484	68,146	(692,330)	1,893,300
I Accumulation shares	777,831	255,699	(286,355)	747,175
I Income shares	50,422	7,378	(7,143)	50,657
K Accumulation shares	3,904,515	179,391	(4,083,906)	-
L Accumulation shares	970,800	-	(48,408)	922,392
L Income shares	19,600	-	(1,105)	18,495
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	76,682,248	3,143,930	(7,122,645)	72,703,533

14. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Bonds	101,161	42,377	-	95,752	47,085	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	3,297	-	-	4,603	-
Derivatives	-	257	-	-	-	-
Total investment assets	101,161	45,931	-	95,752	51,688	-
Derivatives	(43)	(629)	-	(2)	(81)	-
Total investment liabilities	(43)	(629)	-	(2)	(81)	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

15. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market Price Risk

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Manager using VaR analysis. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VaR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

The table below indicated the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 5 day loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99 percent confidence level. Calculated on this basis, the table indicates that the net value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities could be expected to change by more than the stated amount on only two days out of 200, in response to either price, interest rate, inflation or foreign currency exchange rate changes.

The VaR measures of the Fund are detailed below.

	2019*	2018
Minimum VaR	1.05%	1.12%
Maximum VaR	2.58%	2.23%
Average VaR	1.52%	1.53%

* One outlier point was smoothed over, on 04/06/2019.

VaR table

	FX risk	Interest rate risk	Inflation risk	Contribution from credit risk	Overall VaR
31 July 2019	(0.08%)	0.66%	-	0.69%	1.27%
31 July 2018	(0.06%)	1.13%	-	0.81%	1.88%

The ACD must calculate the global exposure of any Fund it manages either as:

- 1) the incremental exposure and leverage generated through the use of derivatives and forward transactions, which may not exceed 100% of the net value of the scheme property. This is known as the Commitment Approach and is a measure of leverage or;
- 2) The market risk of the scheme property by way of the value at risk (VaR) approach. Although, the sensitivity analysis of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions described above uses VaR analysis, the global exposure calculations for Funds may be calculated on the Commitment Basis. The Prospectus provides further details on which method is used to calculate Global Exposure for each Fund.

(b) Foreign currency risk

The income and capital value of the Fund's investments are mainly denominated in sterling, the Fund's functional currency; therefore, the financial statements are not subject to any significant risk of currency movements. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(c) Interest rate risk

Interest receivable on bank deposits or payable on bank overdrafts will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates. The Fund Manager continuously reviews interest rates and inflation expectations. The assessment of this may result in a change in investment strategy.

Bond yields are affected by market and economic conditions, including inflation rates and government policy. An analysis of the interest rates and maturity of bond listings is detailed below.

In addition, changes to prevailing rates or changes in expectations of future rates may result in an increase or decrease in the value of the securities held. In general, if interest rates rise, the income potential of the Fund also rises but the value of fixed rate securities will decline (along with certain expenses calculated by reference to the assets of the Fund). A decline in interest rates will, in general, have the opposite effect.

The interest rate risk profile of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities is:

	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets/ (liabilities) not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
2019				
Currency				
UK Sterling	4,912	132,841	8,684	146,437
Euro	3,357	474	(3,283)	548
US Dollar	2,438	280	(1,576)	1,142
2018				
Currency				
UK Sterling	4,212	132,594	2,022	138,828
Australian Dollar	-	6,283	34	6,317
Euro	-	170	4,593	4,763
US Dollar	-	250	1	251

(d) **Credit risk**

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

	Market value 2019 £'000	Market value 2018 £'000
Credit Rating Analysis		
Investment Grade Bonds	138,074	131,534
Below Investment Grade Bonds	2,102	2,212
Unrated Bonds	3,362	9,091
Collective Investment Schemes	3,297	4,603
Derivatives	(415)	(83)
Other net assets	1,707	2,802
Net Assets	148,127	150,159

(e) **Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk***

At the year end the Fund held derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management or to meet the Fund's investment objectives. These types of transaction can introduce market exposure greater than the market value of the instrument. These transactions exchange benefits with a third party at a future date creating both counterparty and concentration risk. The Investment Adviser's policies for managing these risks are outlined in the Fund's prospectus.

At the balance sheet date the Fund had the following exposures:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Market Exposure		
Forward Currency Contracts	37,328	10,713
Futures	1,461	(2)
Total Market Exposure	38,789	10,711

The total market exposure is the sum of the notional derivative contracts on a gross basis with no offsetting.

Counterparty Exposure

Derivative instruments involve an agreement to exchange a benefit at a future date. This introduces counterparty risk where an agreement is bilateral (between two parties) and concentration risk where a clearing broker operates on an exchange. Where the counterparty or clearing broker is not solvent the market exposure obtained would be lost.

Exposure is reduced by the exchange of margin on a daily basis for cleared derivatives and by the collateral held/pledged on a bilateral transaction.

At 31 July 2019 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows:

Counterparty	Forward Currency Contracts £'000	Futures £'000	Total by Counterparty £'000
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	-	(43)	(43)
Barclays	4	-	4
BNP Paribas	(2)	-	(2)
Citigroup	89	-	89
Goldman Sachs	(2)	-	(2)
HSBC	(54)	-	(54)
Morgan Stanley	(7)	-	(7)
RBC Dominion Securities	(256)	-	(256)
StateStreet	(135)	-	(135)
UBS	(9)	-	(9)
Total	(372)	(43)	(415)

At 31 July 2018 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows:

Counterparty	Forward Currency Contracts £'000	Futures £'000	Total by Counterparty £'000
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	(59)	-	(59)
Citigroup	(2)	-	(2)
Goldman Sachs	(14)	-	(14)
ICE	-	(2)	(2)
Morgan Stanley	(3)	-	(3)
Royal Bank of Canada	(3)	-	(3)
Total	(81)	(2)	(83)

* Following the change in administrators the methodology used for compiling this note has changed.

(f)

Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5202	-	0.5202*	0.6060
Group 2	0.1182	0.4020	0.5202*	0.6060
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3975	-	0.3975**	0.4664
Group 2	0.1766	0.2209	0.3975**	0.4664
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7083	-	0.7083*	0.7856
Group 2	0.2573	0.4510	0.7083*	0.7856
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.6578	-	0.6578**	0.7391
Group 2	0.3209	0.3369	0.6578**	0.7391
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6967	-	0.6967*	0.7636
Group 2	0.4067	0.2900	0.6967*	0.7636
L Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6135	-	0.6135*	0.6723
Group 2	-	-	-	0.6723
L Income shares				
Group 1	0.5966	-	0.5966**	0.6615
Group 2	-	-	-	0.6615
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.4900	-	0.4900*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.4900	-	0.4900**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.4550	-	1.4550*	1.5595
Group 2	0.6904	0.7646	1.4550*	1.5595

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
Z Income shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.9450
Group 2	-	-	-	0.9450

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 28 November 2018.

^B Shares purchased between 28 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the six months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6301	-	0.6301*	0.4832
Group 2	0.3651	0.2650	0.6301*	0.4832
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4809	-	0.4809**	0.3704
Group 2	0.4210	0.0599	0.4809**	0.3704
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7835	-	0.7835*	0.6848
Group 2	0.1603	0.6232	0.7835*	0.6848
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.7240	-	0.7240**	0.6402
Group 2	0.1574	0.5666	0.7240**	0.6402
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.6740
Group 2	-	-	-	0.6740
L Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6752	-	0.6752*	0.5926
Group 2	-	-	-	0.5926
L Income shares				
Group 1	0.6512	-	0.6512**	0.5790
Group 2	-	-	-	0.5790
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.3200	-	1.3200*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
M Income shares				
Group 1	1.3100	-	1.3100**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5783	-	1.5783*	1.4116
Group 2	0.7797	0.7986	1.5783*	1.4116

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

ASI Sterling Inflation-Linked Bond Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in Sterling denominated index-linked Debt and debt-related securities that are issued by governments, public bodies, supra-national and corporate issuers.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including index-linked Debt and debt-related securities denominated in any currency issued by government issuers, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the year ended 31 January 2019, the value of the ASI Sterling Inflation-Linked Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 10.38% compared to an increase of 12.80% in the benchmark, the FTSE A (Index Linked) British Government Over 5 Years Tracker index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

Investors in UK index-linked government bonds have seen a year characterised by a near-incessant rally in yields. The yield on the 10-year benchmark inflation-linked gilt fell by 1.1% to -2.83%, as Brexit-related headlines and the slowing global economic environment combined to push core developed market yields lower across the board.

Globally, in the latter half of 2018 concerns began to creep into markets that economic momentum, primarily driven by the US, was slowing. This fear has intensified in subsequent months, fuelled by nervousness regarding the sustainability of the economic cycle, widespread geopolitical instability, and growing tension in US-Sino trade relations.

Despite realised inflation prints falling modestly across the UK, US and the Eurozone, market pricing has largely been driven downwards by fears over a global slowdown. The UK has been the exception to this pattern, as developments on the political front have led market pricing higher on fears of a hard Brexit and the potential knock-on impacts for the domestic economy.

The March deadline for the UK's exit from the EU came to pass without Theresa May's proposed deal passing through parliament. Following sustained pressure she eventually resigned, while an extension to Article 50 was granted to move the next cut-off date to 31 October. The resulting Conservative leadership race saw Boris Johnson installed as the new prime minister. This raised the chances of a 'hard' Brexit given his support of the Leave campaign. The inflation market reacted by rising aggressively, pricing in much of the 'Brexit premium' that has been suggested would occur from the impact of weaker sterling on inflation.

The Bank of England had tried to maintain a "gradual and limited" hiking bias throughout the political turmoil. It reiterated its neutral stance and the possibility of further interest rate rises if a deal is reached and the domestic economy is on a sufficiently steady footing. This stance has come under pressure as central banks around the world have shifted to a more dovish standpoint, while economic data in the UK has also slowed somewhat. Inflation has been trending downwards, while both GDP and manufacturing data have weakened significantly, perhaps due to uncertainty effects caused by the Brexit process. The Monetary Policy Committee acknowledged these pressures this summer, although it has been less explicit than other central banks, given the inherently volatile domestic political situation.

President Trump turned his ire away from North Korea and on to China, as the trend of globalisation faced more resistance from the rising tide of protectionist populism around the world. With the global trade environment threatened and a tariff war escalating, markets began to price in the increasing likelihood that the Federal Reserve (Fed) would be forced to about-turn, stopping its hiking cycle and reverting to expansionary policy in order to protect economic growth. Yields reacted accordingly, falling dramatically from a high of 3.24% in November '18 to end July barely above 2%, and having continued their march lower at the time of writing.

Risk markets have held up much better than might have been anticipated given the moves in bond markets, as they seem to price a belief that central banks, and in particular the Fed, will react with as much stimulus as required to support them. There is, however, only so much firepower that the world's monetary policy setters have in terms of conventional policy, and with the efficacy of quantitative easing still very much up for debate, risk markets could experience a severe shock unless new, effective unconventional policies can be enacted.

Portfolio review

The Fund has tended to trade with an overweight duration bias for much of the year, and this has been positive for performance. We entered a UK breakeven short at the front end of the curve in September, as we looked to oppose the 'hard' Brexit premium which had been priced into the market and which we believed to be excessive. Even in the event of a 'no-deal' Brexit, we believe the weakness in sterling and resulting upward pressure on inflation would be counteracted by the effects on economic growth. Part of the duration overweight was traded tactically in UK real yields in conjunction with this inflation position, in order to try to dampen some of the headline-related volatility. We remain long of UK duration in the current environment, as volatility will undoubtedly remain elevated into the next Brexit deadline at the end of October.

The Fund went into the period with a long position in 10-year US Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) versus UK inflation-linked gilts. This was closed in September for a small loss. A long position in 30-year US TIPS was then added later in the month. We believed this part of the curve offered good value at a real yield of around 1%, in the face of weakening economic momentum but fairly benign breakeven inflation levels. The Fund retains this position as we see potential for US yields to decline further, while the current depressed level of inflation pricing should offer some protection if economic data picks up again.

From a curve perspective, the Fund held numerous positions throughout the year, primarily holding a flattening bias. On the whole, these positions detracted from performance.

The Fund continues to hold various relative-value type trades, hoping to take advantage of perceiving pricing anomalies between various bonds, taking into account things like liquidity and supply and demand dynamics.

Outlook

While the rally in global yields has been impressive in both speed and magnitude, this theme shows little sign of abating given the catalogue of risks facing the global economy. As such we remain long of real yields in both the UK and US, as we look for some protection from Brexit and further trade war escalation. The trend of central bank policy is now very firmly pointed in an expansionary direction, as they look to extend the cycle and avert the signs of recession we have seen appearing, especially in Europe. As the UK hurtles towards another Brexit deadline, the stakes have been raised by the notably firmer stance adopted by Boris Johnson since assuming office, with the chances of a 'no-deal outcome' significantly higher. The Irish Backstop continues to be the major point of contention, and may require some inventive policymaking to overcome. There will, as a result, undoubtedly be further volatility in markets as we head towards 31 October, with the outcome very difficult to call at present.

Inflation Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The Fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	242.49	234.77	227.06
Return before operating charges*	31.35	10.41	10.49
Operating charges	(2.37)	(2.69)	(2.78)
Return after operating charges*	28.98	7.72	7.71
Distributions	(1.42)	(0.78)	(1.23)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.42	0.78	1.23
Closing net asset value per share	271.47	242.49	234.77
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	11.95%	3.29%	3.40%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,280	8,563	9,321
Closing number of shares	471,542	3,531,177	3,970,477
Operating charges	0.97%	1.12%	1.15%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	269.9	252.1	258.7
Lowest share price	233.5	229.9	222.3

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	196.68	191.04	185.72
Return before operating charges*	25.90	8.46	8.60
Operating charges	(1.95)	(2.19)	(2.27)
Return after operating charges*	23.95	6.27	6.33
Distributions	(1.15)	(0.63)	(1.01)
Closing net asset value per share	219.48	196.68	191.04
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	12.18%	3.28%	3.41%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	376	446	568
Closing number of shares	171,407	226,672	297,272
Operating charges	0.97%	1.12%	1.15%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	218.9	205.2	210.5
Lowest share price	189.4	186.8	181.8

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	210.79	203.05	195.41
Return before operating charges*	27.90	9.03	9.00
Operating charges	(1.08)	(1.29)	(1.36)
Return after operating charges*	26.82	7.74	7.64
Distributions	(2.23)	(1.74)	(1.94)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.23	1.74	1.94
Closing net asset value per share	237.61	210.79	203.05
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	12.72%	3.81%	3.91%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,297	4,794	4,652
Closing number of shares	2,229,143	2,274,426	2,291,255
Operating charges	0.50%	0.62%	0.65%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	236.1	218.2	223.4
Lowest share price	203.1	199.3	191.3

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	142.04	137.98	134.04
Return before operating charges*	18.33	6.12	6.20
Operating charges	(0.74)	(0.88)	(0.93)
Return after operating charges*	17.59	5.24	5.27
Distributions	(1.50)	(1.18)	(1.33)
Closing net asset value per share	158.13	142.04	137.98
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	12.38%	3.80%	3.93%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,046	860	927
Closing number of shares	661,316	605,437	672,037
Operating charges	0.50%	0.62%	0.65%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	157.9	148.3	152.1
Lowest share price	136.9	134.9	131.2

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K Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	123.69	118.98	114.33
Return before operating charges*	15.78	5.28	5.26
Operating charges	(0.57)	(0.57)	(0.61)
Return after operating charges*	15.21	4.71	4.65
Distributions	(1.37)	(1.18)	(1.30)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.37	1.18	1.30
Closing net asset value per share	138.90	123.69	118.98
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	12.30%	3.96%	4.07%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,723	2,501	4,143
Closing number of shares	1,960,450	2,022,397	3,481,750
Operating charges	0.45%	0.47%	0.50%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	138.0	127.9	130.8
Lowest share price	119.2	116.9	111.9

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	15.48
Operating charges	(0.40)
Return after operating charges*	15.08
Distributions	(0.46)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.46
Closing net asset value per share	115.08
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	15.08%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.55%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	114.4
Lowest share price	99.90

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A The M Accumulation share class was launched on 28 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	15.50
Operating charges	(0.40)
Return after operating charges*	15.10
Distributions	(0.46)
Closing net asset value per share	114.64
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	15.10%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.55%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	114.3
Lowest share price	99.90

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A The M Income share class was launched on 28 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	274.22	262.89	251.73
Return before operating charges*	35.09	11.65	11.56
Operating charges	(0.28)	(0.32)	(0.40)
Return after operating charges*	34.81	11.33	11.16
Distributions	(4.03)	(3.59)	(3.81)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	4.03	3.59	3.81
Closing net asset value per share	309.03	274.22	262.89
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	12.69%	4.31%	4.43%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	86,670	69,912	97,732
Closing number of shares	28,046,276	25,494,801	37,176,001
Operating charges	0.10%	0.12%	0.15%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	306.8	282.6	288.9
Lowest share price	264.4	258.8	246.4

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Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (99.89%)		97,112	99.71
Sterling Denominated Bonds (93.17%)		96,717	99.30
Government Bonds (93.17%)		96,717	99.30
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
1,228,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2028	1,655	1.70
1,932,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2029	3,090	3.17
2,363,000	UK (Govt of) 1.25% 2027	2,496	2.56
1,944,000	UK (Govt of) 1.25% Index-Linked 2027	4,017	4.12
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
2,494,033	UK (Govt of) 0.75% Index-Linked 2034	4,862	4.99
3,100,000	UK (Govt of) 1.25% Index-Linked 2032	6,651	6.83
20,000	UK (Govt of) 4.125% Index-Linked 2030	79	0.08
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
1,441,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2036	2,454	2.52
1,393,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2041	2,370	2.43
2,392,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2044	4,871	5.00
2,004,757	UK (Govt of) 0.625% Index-Linked 2040	4,656	4.78
1,967,940	UK (Govt of) 0.625% Index-Linked 2042	4,934	5.07
1,859,752	UK (Govt of) 1.125% Index-Linked 2037	4,768	4.90
1,246,000	UK (Govt of) 2% Index-Linked 2035	3,728	3.83
greater than 25 years to maturity			
1,997,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2046	3,935	4.04
309,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2048	595	0.61
318,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2056	728	0.75
1,788,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2058	4,303	4.42
1,012,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2065	2,742	2.82
2,137,991	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2068	6,385	6.56
2,049,831	UK (Govt of) 0.25% Index-Linked 2052	4,910	5.04
2,024,131	UK (Govt of) 0.375% Index-Linked 2062	6,056	6.22
1,808,000	UK (Govt of) 0.5% Index-Linked 2050	4,998	5.13
1,728,000	UK (Govt of) 0.75% Index-Linked 2047	4,943	5.07
1,617,945	UK (Govt of) 1.25% Index-Linked 2055	6,491	6.66

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (6.72%)		395	0.41
Government Bonds (6.72%)		395	0.41
greater than 25 years to maturity			
442,000	US Treasury 0.875% Index-Linked 2047	395	0.41
Derivatives (-0.11%)		(14)	(0.01)
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.11%)		(14)	(0.01)
Buy GBP 349,392 Sell USD 446,000 12/09/2019		(14)	(0.01)
Total investment assets and liabilities		97,098	99.70
Net other assets		294	0.30
Total Net Assets		97,392	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains	1	9,562	2,353
Revenue	3	1,349	1,592
Expenses	4	(167)	(270)
Net revenue before taxation		1,182	1,322
Taxation	5	-	-
Net revenue after taxation		1,182	1,322
Total return before distributions		10,744	3,675
Distributions	6	(1,182)	(1,322)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		9,562	2,353

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	87,076	117,343
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	10,942	5,738
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(11,384)	(39,600)
	(442)	(33,862)
Dilution adjustment	15	26
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	9,562	2,353
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	1,181	1,216
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	97,392	87,076

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		97,112	86,979
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	96	78
Cash and bank balances		218	138
		314	216
Total assets		97,426	87,195
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities		(14)	(97)
Creditors	8	(13)	(17)
Distribution payable		(7)	(5)
		(20)	(22)
Total liabilities		(34)	(119)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		97,392	87,076

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	9,702	2,560
Forward currency contracts	67	(215)
Other (losses)/gains	(207)	8
Net capital gains	9,562	2,353

2. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bonds	36,630	206,126	37,109	239,300
Total trades in the year	36,630	206,126	37,109	239,300

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.00% (2018: 0.01%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest on debt securities	1,348	1,591
Bank interest	1	1
Total revenue	1,349	1,592

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	79	132
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	88	138
Total expenses	167	270

5. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Total current tax	-	-
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	1,182	1,322
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	236	264
Effects of:		
Excess allowable expenses	14	-
UK Indexation relief	(250)	(688)
Income being paid as interest distributions	-	424
Total tax charge for year (note 5a)	-	-

(c) Factors that may affect future tax charge

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £14,000 (2018: £nil) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

6. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interim distribution	529	698
Final distribution	663	527
	1,192	1,225
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	21	104
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(31)	(7)
Net distribution for the year	1,182	1,322
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		

7. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	26	14
Accrued revenue	70	64
Total debtors	96	78

8. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	1	-
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	12	17
Total creditors	13	17

9. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 7 and 8.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 8.

10. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	3,531,177	116,513	(3,176,148)		471,542
A Income shares	226,672	53,135	(62,860)	(45,540)	171,407
I Accumulation shares	2,274,426	277,358	(320,138)	(2,503)	2,229,143
I Income shares	605,437	260,807	(267,921)	62,993	661,316
K Accumulation shares	2,022,397	99,165	(165,377)	4,265	1,960,450
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	25,494,801	3,276,347	(724,872)	-	28,046,276

11. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Bonds	97,112	-	-	86,979	-	-
Total investment assets	97,112	-	-	86,979	-	-
Derivatives	-	(14)	-	-	(97)	-
Total investment liabilities	-	(14)	-	-	(97)	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

12. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market Price Risk

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Manager using VaR analysis. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VaR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

The table below indicated the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 5 day loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99 percent confidence level.

Calculated on this basis, the table indicates that the net value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities could be expected to change by more than the stated amount on only two days out of 200, in response to either price, interest rate, inflation or foreign currency exchange rate changes.

The VaR measures of the Fund are detailed below.

	2019	2018
Minimum VaR	4.07%	4.51%
Maximum VaR	5.01%	5.38%
Average VaR	4.64%	4.98%

VaR table

	FX risk	Interest rate risk	Inflation risk	Contribution from credit risk	Overall VaR
31 July 2019	0.00%	3.07%	-	1.19%	4.26%
31 July 2018	0.00%	3.81%	-	1.16%	4.98%

The ACD must calculate the global exposure of any Fund it manages either as:

- 1) the incremental exposure and leverage generated through the use of derivatives and forward transactions, which may not exceed 100% of the net value of the scheme property. This is known as the Commitment Approach and is a measure of leverage or;
- 2) The market risk of the scheme property by way of the value at risk (VaR) approach. Although, the sensitivity analysis of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions described above uses VaR analysis, the global exposure calculations for Funds may be calculated on the Commitment Basis. The Prospectus provides further details on which method is used to calculate Global Exposure for each Fund.

(b) Foreign currency risk

The income and capital value of the Fund's investments are mainly denominated in sterling, the Fund's functional currency; therefore, the financial statements are not subject to any significant risk of currency movements. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(c) Interest rate risk

Interest receivable on bank deposits or payable on bank overdrafts will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates. The Fund Manager continuously reviews interest rates and inflation expectations. The assessment of this may result in a change in investment strategy.

Bond yields are affected by market and economic conditions, including inflation rates and government policy. An analysis of the interest rates and maturity of bond listings is detailed below.

In addition, changes to prevailing rates or changes in expectations of future rates may result in an increase or decrease in the value of the securities held. In general, if interest rates rise, the income potential of the Fund also rises but the value of fixed rate securities will decline (along with certain expenses calculated by reference to the assets of the Fund). A decline in interest rates will, in general, have the opposite effect.

The interest rate risk profile of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities is:

	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets/ (liabilities) not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
2019				
Currency				
UK Sterling	94,438	2,496	424	97,358
US Dollar	395	-	(361)	34
2018				
Currency				
UK Sterling	854	80,415	(41)	81,228
US Dollar	5,848	-	-	5,848

(d) **Credit risk**

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

	Bid market value 2019 £'000	Bid market value 2018 £'000
Credit Rating Analysis		
Investment Grade Bonds	97,112	86,264
Below Investment Grade Bonds	-	-
Unrated Bonds	-	715
Derivatives	(14)	(97)
Other net assets	294	194
Net assets	97,392	87,076

(e) **Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk***

At the year end the Fund held derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management or to meet the Fund's investment objectives. These types of transaction can introduce market exposure greater than the market value of the instrument. These transactions exchange benefits with a third party at a future date creating both counterparty and concentration risk. The Investment Adviser's policies for managing these risks are outlined in the Fund's prospectus.

At the balance sheet date the Fund had the following exposures:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Market Exposure		
Forward Currency Contracts	349	5,734
Total Market Exposure	349	5,734

The total market exposure is the sum of the notional derivative contracts on a gross basis with no offsetting.

Counterparty Exposure

Derivative instruments involve an agreement to exchange a benefit at a future date. This introduces counterparty risk where an agreement is bilateral (between two parties) and concentration risk where a clearing broker operates on an exchange. Where the counterparty or clearing broker is not solvent the market exposure obtained would be lost.

Exposure is reduced by the exchange of margin on a daily basis for cleared derivatives and by the collateral held/pledged on a bilateral transaction.

At 31 July 2019 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

Counterparty or clearer	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Goldman Sachs	(14)	(14)
Total	(14)	(14)

At 31 July 2018 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

Counterparty or clearer	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Deutsche Bank	(97)	(97)
Total	(97)	(97)

* Following the change in administrators the methodology used for compiling this note has changed.

(f) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5633	-	0.5633*	0.3049
Group 2	0.0891	0.4742	0.5633*	0.3049
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4569	-	0.4569**	0.2481
Group 2	0.0881	0.3688	0.4569**	0.2481
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0020	-	1.0020*	0.8138
Group 2	0.4703	0.5317	1.0020*	0.8138
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.6752	-	0.6752**	0.5530
Group 2	0.3816	0.2936	0.6752**	0.5530
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6193	-	0.6193*	0.5609
Group 2	0.2593	0.3600	0.6193*	0.5609
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.1600	-	0.1600*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.1600	-	0.1600**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.8571	-	1.8571*	1.7434
Group 2	0.7756	1.0815	1.8571*	1.7434

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 28 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 28 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the six months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8586	-	0.8586*	0.4714
Group 2	0.1260	0.7326	0.8586*	0.4714
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.6938	-	0.6938**	0.3831
Group 2	0.5598	0.1340	0.6938**	0.3831
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2315	-	1.2315*	0.9308
Group 2	0.6874	0.5441	1.2315*	0.9308
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.8230	-	0.8230**	0.6300
Group 2	0.4226	0.4004	0.8230**	0.6300
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7545	-	0.7545*	0.6239
Group 2	-	-	-	0.6239
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3000	-	0.3000*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3000	-	0.3000**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.1771	-	2.1771*	1.8501
Group 2	1.5300	0.6471	2.1771*	1.8501

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

ASI Sterling Long Dated Government Bond Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to achieve income and capital growth with the Fund predominantly invested in Sterling denominated longer dated (10+ years) government Investment grade Debt and debt-related securities.

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in assets which are Sub-Investment grade as at the date of investment. Any security which is downgraded after purchase to Sub-Investment grade will not be sold unless, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, this is in the best interest of Shareholders.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Investment grade and sub-Investment grade Debt and debt-related securities denominated in any currency, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of the ASI Sterling Long Dated Government Bond Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 10.08% compared to an increase of 11.25% in the benchmark, the FTSE A British Government Over 15 Years Tracker Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

The period in question has been dominated in the UK by Brexit, but the driver of gilt yields over the period has been more global in nature. The change in direction from the US Federal Reserve (Fed) and escalating tensions between Trump and China over trade has seen gilt yields peak at 1.70% in October and ending the period close to 0.60%.

The final quarter of 2018 was ugly and fractious across all financial markets as they continued to fret about underlying global growth. As one issue calmed another would become the focus. Despite the lack of a consistent theme, bond markets were given a boost by more conciliatory statements on interest rates from the Fed. For the UK, the issue of Brexit negotiations became almost as paralysing and severely intractable as the worst of fears. While the direct contagion of Brexit was limited, the issue was stacked onto concerns over Italian budget negotiations, excess oil supply, disappointing Chinese growth, trade war chatter from the US administration and the effect of widening credit spreads.

The start of 2019 brought a strong recovery from equity markets after the panic of the final quarter of 2018. This recovery was mirrored across credit, helped by an initial drought of new supply. The initial catalyst of more conciliatory noises from the Federal Open Markets Committee continued to gain traction, and was repeated across a number of central banks as nerves over the global economy increased. While the primary focus remained on the slowing Chinese economy the lack of resolution in trade talks

with the US and signs of a deeper downturn in Europe were unwelcome extras. The excruciatingly painful Brexit pantomime also continued to be a negative backdrop to fuel government bond market fears.

In the final three months of the review period, the global economic environment continued to be dominated by worries over the sustainability of growth amidst deteriorating US-China trade relations. Hopes for an early breakthrough were dashed as both sides became more entrenched in their positions and the rhetoric of further tariff extensions grew louder. This backdrop continued to weigh upon sentiment indicators with global Purchasing Managers' Index data markedly softening and all markets wrestling with disappointingly low inflation. In this environment, central banks increasingly sounded more uncertain on their policy stance and this fanned the flames of policy easing expectations across all financial markets. While the China focus of the US administration was a constant through the quarter, the trade dispute intensity was increased in May as President Trump threatened to impose tariffs on goods from Mexico. This was tied to increased politicking over migrant issues from the Trump regime and led to fears over the US-Canada-Mexico agreement.

Prime Minister Theresa May failed three times in the House of Commons to get her EU Withdrawal Agreement passed. In March she admitted defeat and asked the EU for an extension to Article 50, pushing the exit date to 31 October. Following a humiliating night in the local elections, the pressure on May got too much and she finally resigned. May's resignation signalled the start of the Conservative leadership contest, which resulted in Boris Johnson's accession to Prime Minister. Johnson has inherited a weak majority of just one, heading into what will be one of most politically volatile periods in modern UK history.

Portfolio review

Duration positions made a positive contribution to performance. The Fund was short duration until February, when the bias moved to holding long positions. From February onwards, the Fund has held long positions in the UK, Australia, Austria, Belgium, France and the US. We ended the period long duration.

The Fund held numerous cross-market positions over the period. In the last six months of 2018, we held positions predominantly in Australia. As we headed into 2019 we added positions in France, Austria and Belgium. This was on the rationale that the downturn in European data would bring the European Central Bank into play and subsequently talk of quantitative easing would driver European yields lower. The Fund ended the period with few cross-market positions. This is on the basis that Brexit no-deal risks are increasing; therefore we struggle to see gilts underperforming in this environment.

A positive driver of performance was our positions in US inflation. At the end of January, we bought 30-year US Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities. We have added and reduced this position a number of times, as yields have been driven lower over 2019.

Yield curve positioning acted as a drag on performance. The Fund went into the period holding flatteners (selling 15-year, buying 30-year). The UK curve was volatile, and after significant steepening of the curve, we closed the position in November. The Fund has held other curve positions over the period, making a small contribution to performance.

The Fund held numerous relative-value type trades over the period adding positively to performance.

Outlook

While the rally in global yields has been impressive in both speed and magnitude, this theme shows little sign of abating given the catalogue of risks facing the global economy. The trend of central bank policy is now very firmly pointed in an expansionary direction, as they look to extend the cycle and avert the signs of recession we have seen appearing, especially in Europe. As the UK hurtles towards another Brexit deadline, the stakes have been raised by the notably firmer stance adopted by Boris Johnson since assuming office, with the chances of a no-deal outcome significantly higher. The Irish Backstop continues to be the major point of contention, and may require some inventive policymaking to overcome. There will, as a result, undoubtedly be further volatility in markets as we head towards 31 October, with the outcome very difficult to call at present.

Pan Euro Macro Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund’s share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The Fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund’s objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund’s ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	109.73	106.95	113.44
Return before operating charges*	13.14	3.99	(5.26)
Operating charges	(1.07)	(1.21)	(1.23)
Return after operating charges*	12.07	2.78	(6.49)
Distributions	(0.87)	(0.88)	(0.75)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.87	0.88	0.75
Closing net asset value per share	121.80	109.73	106.95
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	11.00%	2.60%	(5.72%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	37	11	18
Closing number of shares	30,248	10,100	16,800
Operating charges	0.95%	1.12%	1.15%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	122.4	112.0	120.1
Lowest share price	103.2	103.3	101.3

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	295.36	286.36	298.28
Return before operating charges*	35.51	10.81	(9.97)
Operating charges	(1.49)	(1.81)	(1.95)
Return after operating charges*	34.02	9.00	(11.92)
Distributions	(3.72)	(3.78)	(6.94)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.72	3.78	6.94
Closing net asset value per share	329.38	295.36	286.36
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	11.52%	3.14%	(4.00%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,471	2,379	490
Closing number of shares	1,357,339	805,387	171,187
Operating charges	0.50%	0.62%	0.65%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	330.8	301.5	315.9
Lowest share price	278.2	277.4	267.6

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

K Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	298.55	289.07	304.60
Return before operating charges*	35.73	10.89	(14.07)
Operating charges	(1.37)	(1.41)	(1.46)
Return after operating charges*	34.36	9.48	(15.53)
Distributions	(3.92)	(4.23)	(3.94)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.92	4.23	3.94
Closing net asset value per share	332.91	298.55	289.07
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	11.51%	3.28%	(5.10%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,164	2,449	2,454
Closing number of shares	950,582	820,189	848,889
Operating charges	0.45%	0.48%	0.50%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	334.3	304.7	322.6
Lowest share price	281.2	280.2	272.7

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

K Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	98.79	97.05	100.00
Return before operating charges*	11.75	3.62	(1.22)
Operating charges	(0.45)	(0.47)	(0.39)
Return after operating charges*	11.30	3.15	(1.61)
Distributions	(1.29)	(1.41)	(1.34)
Closing net asset value per share	108.80	98.79	97.05
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	11.44%	3.25%	(1.61%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	329	269	6
Closing number of shares	302,091	271,800	6,000
Operating charges	0.45%	0.48%	0.50%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	109.9	101.6	101.4
Lowest share price	94.07	93.41	92.83

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	17.65
Operating charges	(0.40)
Return after operating charges*	17.25
Distributions	(1.75)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.75
Closing net asset value per share	117.25
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	17.25%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.55%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	117.7
Lowest share price	99.39

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 28 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	237.00	228.68	240.10
Return before operating charges*	28.44	8.62	(11.07)
Operating charges	(0.24)	(0.30)	(0.35)
Return after operating charges*	28.20	8.32	(11.42)
Distributions	(3.96)	(4.16)	(3.94)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.96	4.16	3.94
Closing net asset value per share	265.20	237.00	228.68
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	11.90%	3.64%	(4.76%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	27,398	23,997	40,018
Closing number of shares	10,330,979	10,125,550	17,499,850
Operating charges	0.10%	0.13%	0.15%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	266.3	241.9	254.4
Lowest share price	223.4	222.1	215.2

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (99.06%)		35,186	99.40
Euro Denominated Bonds (0.00%)		739	2.09
Government Bonds (0.00%)		739	2.09
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
223,000	France (Govt of) 1.25% 2036	235	0.66
greater than 25 years to maturity			
339,000	France (Govt of) 3.25% Index-Linked 2045	504	1.43
Sterling Denominated Bonds (99.06%)		34,141	96.45
Government Bonds (99.06%)		34,141	96.45
less than 5 years to maturity			
64,000	UK (Govt of) 3.75% Index-Linked 2019	64	0.18
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
3,141,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2037	3,440	9.72
1,362,000	UK (Govt of) 3.25% 2044	1,915	5.41
1,167,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2036	1,731	4.89
1,149,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2039	1,774	5.01
1,579,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2040	2,472	6.98
1,036,000	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2034	1,545	4.36
1,370,000	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2042	2,265	6.40
greater than 25 years to maturity			
3,540,000	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2047	3,686	10.41
1,746,000	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2054	1,909	5.39
353,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2049	390	1.10
353,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2057	403	1.14
1,791,000	UK (Govt of) 2.5% 2065	2,563	7.24
799,000	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2045	1,178	3.33
1,198,000	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2068	2,170	6.13
1,206,000	UK (Govt of) 4% 2060	2,246	6.35
1,159,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2046	1,938	5.48
353,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2049	612	1.73
990,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2055	1,840	5.20

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (0.00%)		306	0.86
Government Bonds (0.00%)		306	0.86
greater than 25 years to maturity			
342,000	US Treasury 0.875% Index-Linked 2047	306	0.86
Derivatives (0.00%)		(53)	(0.15)
Forward Currency Contracts (0.00%)		(53)	(0.15)
	Buy AUD 317,000 Sell GBP 173,791 12/09/2019	5	0.01
	Buy AUD 816,000 Sell GBP 454,918 12/09/2019	4	0.01
	Buy AUD 1,068,000 Sell GBP 592,456 12/09/2019	8	0.02
	Buy EUR 346,000 Sell GBP 311,042 12/09/2019	4	0.01
	Buy GBP 51,708 Sell AUD 95,000 12/09/2019	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 1,152,917 Sell AUD 2,106,000 12/09/2019	(32)	(0.09)
	Buy GBP 27,676 Sell EUR 31,000 12/09/2019	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 221,973 Sell EUR 249,000 12/09/2019	(5)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 354,794 Sell EUR 399,000 12/09/2019	(8)	(0.02)
	Buy GBP 361,381 Sell EUR 399,000 12/09/2019	(2)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 210,822 Sell USD 268,000 12/09/2019	(7)	(0.02)
	Buy GBP 315,869 Sell USD 403,000 12/09/2019	(12)	(0.04)
	Buy GBP 824,737 Sell USD 1,040,000 12/09/2019	(23)	(0.06)
	Buy USD 355,000 Sell GBP 291,177 12/09/2019	(2)	(0.01)
	Buy USD 1,032,000 Sell GBP 820,717 12/09/2019	20	0.06
Total investment assets and liabilities		35,133	99.25
Net other assets		266	0.75
Total Net Assets		35,399	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains	1	3,205	520
Revenue	3	538	786
Expenses	4	(54)	(73)
Net revenue before taxation		484	713
Taxation	5	-	-
Net revenue after taxation		484	713
Total return before distributions		3,689	1,233
Distributions	6	(484)	(713)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		3,205	520

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	29,105	42,986
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	6,276	3,705
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(3,679)	(18,737)
	2,597	(15,032)
Dilution adjustment	1	7
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	3,205	520
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	491	624
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	35,399	29,105

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		35,227	28,830
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	1,360	183
Cash and bank balances		123	108
		1,483	291
Total assets		36,710	29,121
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities		(94)	-
Creditors	8	(1,215)	(14)
Distribution payable		(2)	(2)
		(1,217)	(16)
Total liabilities		(1,311)	(16)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		35,399	29,105

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	3,302	183
Forward currency contracts	(105)	350
Other gains/(losses)	8	(13)
Net capital gains	3,205	520

2. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Trades in the year				
Bonds	50,871	66,335	47,595	80,197
Total trades in the year	50,871	66,335	47,595	80,197

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.08% (2018: 0.00%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest on debt securities	538	786
Total revenue	538	786

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	23	17
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	31	56
Total expenses	54	73

5. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Total current tax	-	-
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	484	713
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	97	143
Effects of:		
Distributions treated as tax deductible	(97)	(143)
Total tax charge for year (note 5a)	-	-

(c) Factors that may affect future tax charge

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is no potential deferred tax asset of £nil (2018: £nil) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

6. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interim distribution	242	379
Final distribution	252	251
	494	630
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	9	92
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(19)	(9)
Net distribution for the year	484	713

Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.

7. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	26	50
Sales awaiting settlement	1,203	-
Accrued revenue	131	133
Total debtors	1,360	183

8. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	7	10
Purchases awaiting settlement	1,202	-
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	6	4
Total creditors	1,215	14

9. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 7 and 8.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 8.

10. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	10,100	60,457	(40,309)	30,248
I Accumulation shares	805,387	1,130,352	(578,400)	1,357,339
K Accumulation shares	820,189	262,518	(132,125)	950,582
K Income shares	271,800	35,136	(4,845)	302,091
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	10,125,550	824,735	(619,306)	10,330,979

11. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Bonds	35,186	-	-	28,830	-	-
Derivatives	-	41	-	-	-	-
Total investment assets	35,186	41	-	28,830	-	-
Derivatives	-	(94)	-	-	-	-
Total investment liabilities	-	(94)	-	-	-	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

12. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market Price Risk

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Manager using VaR analysis. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VaR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

The table below indicated the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 5 day loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99 percent confidence level.

Calculated on this basis, the table indicates that the net value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities could be expected to change by more than the stated amount on only two days out of 200, in response to either price, interest rate, inflation or foreign currency exchange rate changes.

The VaR measures of the Fund are detailed below.

	2019	2018
Minimum VaR	3.69%	4.45%
Maximum VaR	4.63%	5.09%
Average VaR	4.36%	4.78%

VaR table

	FX risk	Interest rate risk	Inflation risk	Contribution from credit risk	Overall VaR
31 July 2019	0.00%	3.29%	-	0.52%	3.81%
31 July 2018	0.00%	4.13%	-	0.47%	4.60%

The ACD must calculate the global exposure of any Fund it manages either as:

- 1) the incremental exposure and leverage generated through the use of derivatives and forward transactions, which may not exceed 100% of the net value of the scheme property. This is known as the Commitment Approach and is a measure of leverage or;
- 2) The market risk of the scheme property by way of the value at risk (VaR) approach. Although, the sensitivity analysis of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions described above uses VaR analysis, the global exposure calculations for Funds may be calculated on the Commitment Basis. The Prospectus provides further details on which method is used to calculate Global Exposure for each Fund.

(b) Foreign currency risk

The income and capital value of the Fund's investments are mainly denominated in sterling, the Fund's functional currency; therefore, the financial statements are not subject to any significant risk of currency movements. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(c) Interest rate risk

Interest receivable on bank deposits or payable on bank overdrafts will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates. The Fund Manager continuously reviews interest rates and inflation expectations. The assessment of this may result in a change in investment strategy.

Bond yields are affected by market and economic conditions, including inflation rates and government policy. An analysis of the interest rates and maturity of bond listings is detailed below.

In addition, changes to prevailing rates or changes in expectations of future rates may result in an increase or decrease in the value of the securities held. In general, if interest rates rise, the income potential of the Fund also rises but the value of fixed rate securities will decline (along with certain expenses calculated by reference to the assets of the Fund). A decline in interest rates will, in general, have the opposite effect.

The interest rate risk profile of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities is:

	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets/ (liabilities) not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
2019				
Currency				
UK Sterling	123	34,141	728	34,992
Euro	-	739	(665)	74
US Dollar	-	306	27	333
2018				
Currency				
UK Sterling	108	28,830	183	29,121

(d) **Credit risk**

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

	Market Value 2019 £'000	Market Value 2018 £'000
Credit Rating Analysis		
Investment Grade Securities	35,186	28,543
Unrated Securities	-	287
Derivatives	(53)	-
Other net assets	266	207
Net Assets	35,399	29,105

(e) **Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk***

At the year end the Fund held derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management or to meet the Fund's investment objectives. These types of transaction can introduce market exposure greater than the market value of the instrument. These transactions exchange benefits with a third party at a future date creating both counterparty and concentration risk. The Investment Adviser's policies for managing these risks are outlined in the Fund's prospectus.

At the balance sheet date the Fund had the following exposures:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Market Exposure		
Forward Currency Contracts	6,298	-
Total Market Exposure	6,298	-

The total market exposure is the sum of the notional derivative contracts on a gross basis with no offsetting.

Counterparty Exposure

Derivative instruments involve an agreement to exchange a benefit at a future date. This introduces counterparty risk where an agreement is bilateral (between two parties) and concentration risk where a clearing broker operates on an exchange. Where the counterparty or clearing broker is not solvent the market exposure obtained would be lost.

Exposure is reduced by the exchange of margin on a daily basis for cleared derivatives and by the collateral held/pledged on a bilateral transaction.

At 31 July 2019 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

Counterparty or clearer	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	(5)	(5)
BNP Paribas	(2)	(2)
Goldman Sachs	(3)	(3)
HSBC	(5)	(5)
RBC Dominion Securities	(39)	(39)
StateStreet	1	1
Total	(53)	(53)

At 31 July 2018 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was £nil.

* Following the change in administrators the methodology used for compiling this note has changed.

(f)

Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4415	-	0.4415*	0.4314
Group 2	0.2776	0.1639	0.4415*	0.4314
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.8621	-	1.8621*	1.8251
Group 2	0.7711	1.0910	1.8621*	1.8251
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.9565	-	1.9565*	2.0571
Group 2	1.3364	0.6201	1.9565*	2.0571
K Income shares				
Group 1	0.6474	-	0.6474**	0.6906
Group 2	0.3275	0.3199	0.6474**	0.6906
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.4100	-	0.4100*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.9676	-	1.9676*	2.0368
Group 2	1.1359	0.8317	1.9676*	2.0368

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 28 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 28 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the six months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4312	-	0.4312*	0.4484
Group 2	0.3874	0.0438	0.4312*	0.4484
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.8606	-	1.8606*	1.9596
Group 2	0.8737	0.9869	1.8606*	1.9596
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.9591	-	1.9591*	2.1699
Group 2	1.0603	0.8988	1.9591*	2.1699
K Income shares				
Group 1	0.6441	-	0.6441**	0.7233
Group 2	0.4163	0.2278	0.6441**	0.7233
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.3400	-	1.3400*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.9946	-	1.9946*	2.1258
Group 2	1.5114	0.4832	1.9946*	2.1258

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

ASI Sterling Money Market Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The investment objective of ASI Sterling Money Market Fund is to preserve capital and produce a level of income consistent with that aim. The Fund invests 80% or more of its net assets in cash deposits and money market instruments. The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, collective investment schemes and asset-backed commercial paper. The Fund qualifies as a Money Market Fund under the MMF Regulation and more specifically as a Standard VNAV MMF.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Sterling Money Market Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 0.66% compared to an increase of 0.58% in the benchmark, the 7 DAY GBP LIBID Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

Brexit remained the key driver for the UK market, influencing both sentiment indicators and key economic data. The Bank of England (BoE), having raised the cost of borrowing in August (to 0.75%), left interest rates on hold for the remainder of the period. Forward guidance has not changed. The Bank's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) still judges that a tightening of monetary policy at a gradual pace, and to a limited extent, would be appropriate if the economy develops in line with its projections. However, the overall tone of the MPC's recent statements definitely had a more dovish feel. External and domestic risks, in the form of trade tensions, slowing global activity, Brexit uncertainty and subdued underlying inflation, should deter the MPC from hiking rates this year. Indeed, Governor Carney recently hinted at a possible departure from a tightening bias. Downside risks to the economy are rising, and uncertainty is weighing on the Bank's estimate of neutral interest rates.

Boris Johnson officially replaced Theresa May as the UK prime minister in July. Following this move, Johnson ejected most of the previous cabinet, and appointed fellow pro-leave supporters in replacement. The new Prime Minister is adamant that the UK will leave the European Union on the 31 October deadline – with or without an exit deal.

Elsewhere, concerns over the macro environment and the prospects for economic growth have filtered into a wave of central bank caution on interest rates. On 31 July, the US Federal Reserve did cut interest rates for the first time in a decade. Likewise, expectations had steadily increased by the end of the period that the European Central Bank would soon cut interest rates and embark on a new round of asset purchases. In the UK, concern about a potential 'no-deal' Brexit scenario was magnified after the outcome of the Conservative Party leadership contest. As such, this also suggested an impending switch to more a more dovish approach from the Bank of England.

While the primary focus remained on the slowing Chinese economy, the lack of resolution in trade talks between China and the US, and signs of a weaker downturn in Europe were additional factors.

Portfolio review

The market maintained a tightening bias throughout the second half of 2018 and into 2019. This was despite the uncertainty surrounding the political process for negotiating Brexit and its implications for investment and the UK economy. This was in line with guidance from the BoE for base rates to rise slowly over a two-three year horizon. Given the high level of uncertainty and weakening global backdrop, the Fund sought to invest further along the curve in fixed-rate money market instruments in order to capture issuance at higher yield levels.

This strategy worked well as expectations and pricing began to change towards the end of the period under review, and the sterling money market curve flattened in line with other developed markets. This was compounded by a series of revisions to lower global growth expectations and an escalation in trade tensions, including further tariffs.

We remained positive on credit from fundamental perspective and took advantage of the spread widening seen during Q4 2018 to add exposure to floating-rate notes at attractive levels during the first two quarters of 2019. Throughout the period under review, the Fund maintained a highly liquid portfolio of assets with a strong credit ratings profile in order to fulfil its mandate of capital preservation and liquidity.

Outlook

As expected, the MPC kept interest rates unchanged at 0.75% at its June meeting. There were no dissenters, even though there had been some speculation about a split vote. The accompanying statement noted that downside risks to UK economic growth have increased due to trade tensions and Brexit uncertainties. The MPC also expects inflation to fall below the 2% target later this year. Given the uncertainty, the likelihood of a hike in the UK base rate over the next six months is very low.

Euro IG and Aggregate Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 1 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The Fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.
- The Fund may hold money-market instruments, the value of which may be subject to adverse movements in extreme market conditions.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	111.91	111.61	111.37
Return before operating charges*	1.02	0.60	0.63
Operating charges	(0.28)	(0.30)	(0.37)
Return after operating charges*	0.74	0.30	0.26
Distributions	(0.66)	(0.32)	(0.26)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.66	0.32	0.24
Closing net asset value per share	112.65	111.91	111.61
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	0.66%	0.27%	0.23%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	27,751	23,396	23,348
Closing number of shares	24,634,417	20,905,978	20,918,228
Operating charges	0.25%	0.27%	0.33%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	112.7	111.9	111.6
Lowest share price	111.9	111.6	111.4

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	99.87	99.90	99.89
Return before operating charges*	0.93	0.52	0.56
Operating charges	(0.25)	(0.27)	(0.33)
Return after operating charges*	0.68	0.25	0.23
Distributions	(0.59)	(0.28)	(0.22)
Closing net asset value per share	99.96	99.87	99.90
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	0.68%	0.25%	0.23%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	997	337	542
Closing number of shares	997,691	337,542	542,442
Operating charges	0.25%	0.27%	0.33%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	100.1	100.0	99.97
Lowest share price	99.89	99.87	99.88

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	113.79	113.42	113.09
Return before operating charges*	1.04	0.62	0.63
Operating charges	(0.17)	(0.25)	(0.28)
Return after operating charges*	0.87	0.37	0.35
Distributions	(0.78)	(0.39)	(0.35)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.78	0.39	0.33
Closing net asset value per share	114.66	113.79	113.42
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	0.76%	0.32%	0.31%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	363,056	253,361	203,324
Closing number of shares	316,650,126	222,660,758	179,260,576
Operating charges	0.15%	0.22%	0.25%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	114.7	113.8	113.4
Lowest share price	113.8	113.4	113.1

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	99.84	99.87	99.87
Return before operating charges*	0.92	0.53	0.54
Operating charges	(0.15)	(0.22)	(0.25)
Return after operating charges*	0.77	0.31	0.29
Distributions	(0.69)	(0.34)	(0.29)
Closing net asset value per share	99.92	99.84	99.87
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	0.77%	0.31%	0.29%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	28,574	7,921	8,454
Closing number of shares	28,597,199	7,933,577	8,465,677
Operating charges	0.15%	0.22%	0.25%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	100.1	99.98	99.98
Lowest share price	99.85	99.84	99.86

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	0.14
Operating charges	(0.13)
Return after operating charges*	0.01
Closing net asset value per share	100.01
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	0.01%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.20%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	100.0
Lowest share price	99.99

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

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^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 29 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	0.14
Operating charges	(0.13)
Return after operating charges*	0.01
Closing net asset value per share	100.01
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	0.01%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.20%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	100.0
Lowest share price	99.99

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^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Gross Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	107.14	106.64	106.15
Return before operating charges*	0.98	0.57	0.60
Operating charges	(0.05)	(0.07)	(0.11)
Return after operating charges*	0.93	0.50	0.49
Distributions	(0.84)	(0.52)	(0.49)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.84	0.52	0.49
Closing net asset value per share	108.07	107.14	106.64
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	0.87%	0.47%	0.46%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,027	3,625	2,292
Closing number of shares	2,801,172	3,382,812	2,149,612
Operating charges	0.05%	0.07%	0.10%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	108.1	107.2	106.7
Lowest share price	107.2	106.7	106.2

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Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (26.25%)		96,138	22.71
Sterling Denominated Bonds (26.25%)		96,138	22.71
Corporate Bonds (26.25%)		96,138	22.71
less than 5 years to maturity			
2,500,000	ABN Amro FRN 2020	2,501	0.59
1,900,000	Australia & New Zealand Bank FRN 2019	1,900	0.45
2,500,000	Bank of Montreal FRN 2019	2,500	0.59
5,000,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel FRN 2021	5,009	1.18
3,000,000	BMW FRN 2019	2,999	0.71
2,800,000	Canadian Imperial Bank FRN 2019	2,801	0.66
3,000,000	Canadian Imperial Bank FRN 2020	3,001	0.71
3,500,000	Commonwealth Bank of Australia FRN 2019	3,501	0.83
2,000,000	Cooperatieve Rabobank FRN 2020	2,000	0.47
3,000,000	DBS Bank FRN 2019	2,997	0.71
4,600,000	DBS Bank FRN 2020	4,597	1.09
3,000,000	Euroclear Bank FRN 2019	3,000	0.71
8,000,000	HSBC Bank FRN 2020	7,999	1.89
3,900,000	HSBC FRN 2020	3,898	0.92
10,000,000	JPMorgan Chase FRN 2021	9,988	2.36
2,000,000	National Australia Bank FRN 2019	2,000	0.47
5,416,000	Nationwide Building Society 5.625% 2019	5,442	1.29
3,000,000	OP Corporate Bank FRN 2020	2,997	0.71
2,500,000	OP Corporate Bank FRN 2020	2,493	0.59
2,000,000	Rabobank FRN 2019	2,001	0.47
3,010,000	Santander UK FRN 2020	3,013	0.71
2,000,000	Santander UK FRN 2020	2,001	0.47
2,000,000	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking FRN 2020	1,998	0.47
2,000,000	Swedbank FRN 2019	2,001	0.47
5,000,000	Toyota Motor FRN 2019	5,000	1.18
3,000,000	Westpac Banking FRN 2019	3,001	0.71
3,000,000	Westpac Banking FRN 2020	3,001	0.71
2,500,000	Westpac Banking FRN 2020	2,499	0.59
Cash Held For Investment Purposes (0.00%)		640	0.15
639,652	Lloyds TSB Call Deposit 0.75%	640	0.15

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Money Markets (71.52%)		279,874	66.10
Certificates Of Deposits (53.70%)		205,472	48.53
4,000,000	ABN Amro CD 0.81% 06/09/2019	4,000	0.95
5,000,000	Bank of America CD 0.98% 06/09/2019	5,000	1.18
5,000,000	Barclays Bank CD 0.85% 18/12/2019	5,000	1.18
10,000,000	Barclays Bank CD 0.91% 15/11/2019	10,000	2.36
3,000,000	BNP Paribas CD 1.01% 08/08/2019	3,000	0.71
3,000,000	BNP Paribas CD 1.24% 09/01/2020	3,000	0.71
3,000,000	Cooperative CD 0.94% 07/08/2019	3,000	0.71
10,000,000	Credit Agricole CD 0.76 19/11/2019	10,000	2.36
2,000,000	Credit Agricole CD 1.02% 07/08/2019	2,000	0.47
10,000,000	Danske Bank London CD 0.82% 19/11/2019	10,000	2.36
5,000,000	DZ Bank CD 0.81% 10/09/2019	5,000	1.18
3,000,000	DZ Bank Deutsche CD 0.82% 13/09/2019	3,000	0.71
3,000,000	First Abu Dhabi Bank CD 0.8% 29/10/2019	3,000	0.71
5,000,000	First Abu Dhabi Bank CD 0.8% 30/10/2019	5,000	1.18
10,000,000	First Abu Dhabi Bank CD 0.92% 03/02/2020	10,000	2.36
3,000,000	Handelsbanken CD 1% 12/08/2019	3,000	0.71
5,000,000	Handelsbanken CD 1% 30/08/2019	5,000	1.18
3,000,000	ING CD 0% 24/03/2020	2,979	0.70
5,000,000	Landeskreditbank CD 0.79% 11/11/2019	5,000	1.18
2,000,000	Landeskreditbank CD 0.83% 03/09/2019	2,000	0.47
5,000,000	Lloyds Bank CD 0.91% 11/10/2019	5,001	1.18
10,000,000	Lloyds Bank CD 0.98% 13/11/2019	10,000	2.36
10,000,000	Mizuho Bank CD 0.8% 05/09/2019	10,000	2.36
10,000,000	Nationwide Building Society CD 0.84% 11/12/2019	10,000	2.36
4,000,000	Natixis CD 0.9% 05/08/2019	4,000	0.95
9,000,000	Natixis CD 0.92% 17/01/2020	9,000	2.13
7,000,000	Santander CD 0.83% 03/01/2020	7,000	1.65
6,000,000	Santander UK CD 0.88% 08/08/2019	6,000	1.42
3,000,000	Skandinaviska CD 1.18% 07/01/2020	3,000	0.71
3,000,000	Societe Generale CD 0.75% 30/10/2019	3,000	0.71
3,000,000	Societe Generale CD 0.8% 02/08/2019	3,000	0.71
3,000,000	Societe Generale CD 0.8% 31/01/2020	3,001	0.71
10,000,000	Societe Generale CD 0.89% 22/11/2019	10,000	2.36
5,000,000	Standard Chartered CD 0.91% 12/08/2019	5,000	1.18
3,000,000	Standard Chartered CD 1% 19/08/2019	3,000	0.71
3,000,000	Standard Chartered CD 1.015% 12/08/2019	3,000	0.71
5,000,000	Sumitomo Mitsui CD 0% 24/10/2019	4,991	1.18
2,500,000	Toronto Dominion Bank CD 1.1% 09/09/2019	2,500	0.59

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
5,000,000	Wells Fargo CD 0.93% 11/11/2019	5,000	1.18
3,000,000	AB CP 0% 05/08/2019	3,000	0.71
11,500,000	Agence Centrale CP 0% 30/09/2019	11,486	2.71
2,000,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel CP 0% 12/08/2019	2,000	0.47
3,000,000	Banque Populaire CP 0% 13/08/2019	2,999	0.71
2,000,000	Barclays Bank CP 0% 15/08/2019	1,999	0.47
5,000,000	Dexia Credit CP 0% 28/10/2019	4,991	1.18
5,000,000	JP Morgan CP 0% 21/08/2019	4,998	1.18
5,000,000	La Banqu CP 0% 07/08/2019	4,999	1.18
3,000,000	Legal & General CP 0% 03/12/2019	2,992	0.71
10,000,000	Nordea Bank CP 0% 27/09/2019	9,988	2.35
5,000,000	OP Corporate Bank CP 0% 06/01/2020	4,983	1.18
3,000,000	OP Corporate Bank CP 0% 27/08/2019	2,998	0.71
7,000,000	Sumitomo Mitsui CP 0% 29/11/2019	6,982	1.65
10,000,000	Swedbank CP 0% 01/10/2019	9,987	2.36
Collective Investment Schemes (2.09%)		38,646	9.13
38,646	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund ⁺	38,646	9.13
Total investment assets		415,298	98.09
Net other assets		8,107	1.91
Total Net Assets		423,405	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

⁺ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains/(losses)	1	268	(63)
Revenue	3	3,099	1,511
Expenses	4	(574)	(587)
Interest payable and similar charges*		(16)	(1)
Net revenue before taxation		2,509	923
Taxation	5	-	-
Net revenue after taxation		2,509	923
Total return before distributions		2,777	860
Distributions	6	(2,509)	(923)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		268	(63)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	288,640	237,960
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	173,706	116,907
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(41,681)	(67,080)
	132,025	49,827
Dilution adjustment	1	8
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	268	(63)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	2,471	908
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	423,405	288,640

* For presentation purposes this line is now shown separately from expenses.

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		415,298	288,224
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	1,119	549
Cash and bank balances		10,099	62
		11,218	611
Total assets		426,516	288,835
Liabilities:			
Creditors	8	(3,057)	(184)
Distribution payable		(54)	(11)
		(3,111)	(195)
Total liabilities		(3,111)	(195)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		423,405	288,640

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	268	(63)
Net capital gains/(losses)	268	(63)

2. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bonds	887,320	716,782	794,125	672,579
Collective investment schemes	166,342	270,705	133,722	265,144
Total trades in the year	1,053,662	987,487	927,847	937,723

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.03% (2018: 0.03%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Taxable distributions on offshore funds	218	57
Interest on debt securities	1,084	817
Interest on short term investments	1,770	636
Bank interest	27	1
Total revenue	3,099	1,511

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	390	405
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	184	182
Total expenses	574	587

5. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Total current tax	-	-

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	2,509	923
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	502	185
Effects of:		
Distributions treated as tax deductible	(502)	(185)
Total tax charge for year (note 5a)	-	-

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

6. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
First interim distribution	530	146
Second interim distribution	666	159
Third interim distribution	655	266
Final distribution	771	367
	2,622	938
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	35	33
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(148)	(48)
Net distribution for the year	2,509	923

Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.

7. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	450	265
Accrued revenue	669	284
Total debtors	1,119	549

8. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	-	145
Purchases awaiting settlement	3,001	-
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	56	39
Total creditors	3,057	184

9. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 7 and 8.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 8.

10. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	20,905,978	10,255,484	(6,432,872)	(94,173)	24,634,417
A Income shares	337,542	1,353,485	(692,836)	(500)	997,691
I Accumulation shares	222,660,758	118,355,421	(24,458,612)	92,559	316,650,126
I Income shares	7,933,577	24,944,006	(4,280,884)	500	28,597,199
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100
Z Gross Accumulation shares	3,382,812	511,046	(1,092,686)	-	2,801,172

11. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Bonds	-	96,138	-	-	75,782	-
Money Market Instruments	-	280,514	-	-	206,418	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	38,646	-	-	6,024	-
Total investment assets	-	415,298	-	-	288,224	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

12. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market Price Risk

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Manager using VaR analysis. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VaR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

The table below indicated the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 5 day loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99 percent confidence level. Calculated on this basis, the table indicates that the net value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities could be expected to change by more than the stated amount on only two days out of 200, in response to either price, interest rate, inflation or foreign currency exchange rate changes.

The VaR measures of the Fund are detailed below.

	2019*	2018
Minimum VaR	0.03%	0.05%
Maximum VaR	0.11%	0.13%
Average VaR	0.06%	0.07%

* Seven outlier points were smoothed over, on 20/09/2018 to 27/09/2018 (inclusive) and 01/10/2018.

VaR table

	FX risk	Interest rate risk	Inflation risk	Contribution from credit risk	Overall VaR
31 July 2019	-	0.02%	-	0.02%	0.04%
31 July 2018	-	0.22%	-	(0.17%)	0.05%

The ACD must calculate the global exposure of any Fund it manages either as:

- 1) the incremental exposure and leverage generated through the use of derivatives and forward transactions, which may not exceed 100% of the net value of the scheme property. This is known as the Commitment Approach and is a measure of leverage or;
- 2) The market risk of the scheme property by way of the value at risk (VaR) approach. Although, the sensitivity analysis of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions described above uses VaR analysis, the global exposure calculations for Funds may be calculated on the Commitment Basis. The Prospectus provides further details on which method is used to calculate Global Exposure for each Fund.

(b) Foreign currency risk

The income and capital value of the Fund's investments are mainly denominated in sterling, the Fund's functional currency; therefore, the financial statements are not subject to any significant risk of currency movements. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(c) Interest rate risk

Interest receivable on bank deposits or payable on bank overdrafts will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates. The Fund Manager continuously reviews interest rates and inflation expectations. The assessment of this may result in a change in investment strategy.

Bond yields are affected by market and economic conditions, including inflation rates and government policy. An analysis of the interest rates and maturity of bond listings is detailed below.

In addition, changes to prevailing rates or changes in expectations of future rates may result in an increase or decrease in the value of the securities held. In general, if interest rates rise, the income potential of the Fund also rises but the value of fixed rate securities will decline (along with certain expenses calculated by reference to the assets of the Fund). A decline in interest rates will, in general, have the opposite effect.

The interest rate risk profile of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities is:

	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets/ (liabilities) not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
2019				
Currency				
UK Sterling	140,080	285,316	(1,991)	423,405
2018				
Currency				
UK Sterling	75,843	206,419	6,378	288,640

Weighted average interest rate

	Weighted average interest rate (%)	Weighted average period to maturity (days)	Weighted average interest rate (%)	Weighted average period to maturity (days)
	2019	2019	2018	2018
Bonds	0.82	177	0.60	329
Certificates of Deposit	0.62	66	0.67	31
Commercial papers	-	16	0.66	63

(d) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

	Market Value 2019 £'000	Market Value 2018 £'000
Credit Rating Analysis		
Investment Grade Securities	96,138	73,779
Unrated securities	-	2,003
Collective Investment Schemes	38,646	6,024
Money market instruments	280,514	206,418
Other net assets	8,107	416
Net Assets	423,405	288,640

(e) Financial Derivative Instrument Risk

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018: nil).

(f) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the three months ended 31 October 2018**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 October 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1591	-	0.1591*	0.0467
Group 2	0.0742	0.0849	0.1591*	0.0467
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.1420	-	0.1420**	0.0418
Group 2	0.0753	0.0667	0.1420**	0.0418
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1904	-	0.1904*	0.0621
Group 2	0.0982	0.0922	0.1904*	0.0621
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.1671	-	0.1671**	0.0546
Group 2	0.0600	0.1071	0.1671**	0.0546
Z Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.2065	-	0.2065*	0.0985
Group 2	0.0564	0.1501	0.2065*	0.0985

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2018.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2019.

For the three months ended 31 January 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1663	-	0.1663*	0.0500
Group 2	0.0768	0.0895	0.1663*	0.0500
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.1479	-	0.1479**	0.0447
Group 2	0.0136	0.1343	0.1479**	0.0447
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1982	-	0.1982*	0.0653
Group 2	0.0826	0.1156	0.1982*	0.0653
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.1745	-	0.1745**	0.0575
Group 2	0.1254	0.0491	0.1745**	0.0575
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	-	-	-	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	-	-	-	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.2111	-	0.2111*	0.1023
Group 2	0.1941	0.0170	0.2111*	0.1023

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 29 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 29 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the three months ended 30 April 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 30 April 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1541	-	0.1541*	0.0972
Group 2	0.1031	0.0510	0.1541*	0.0972
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.1371	-	0.1371**	0.0869
Group 2	0.0465	0.0906	0.1371**	0.0869
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1846	-	0.1846*	0.1127
Group 2	0.1064	0.0782	0.1846*	0.1127
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.1620	-	0.1620**	0.0991
Group 2	0.0994	0.0626	0.1620**	0.0991
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.2002	-	0.2002*	0.1454
Group 2	0.0638	0.1364	0.2002*	0.1454

* Distribution accumulated on 30 April 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 July 2019.

For the three months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 May 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 May 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1785	-	0.1785*	0.1244
Group 2	0.0712	0.1073	0.1785*	0.1244
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.1586	-	0.1586**	0.1111
Group 2	0.1108	0.0478	0.1586**	0.1111
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.2106	-	0.2106*	0.1457
Group 2	0.1011	0.1095	0.2106*	0.1457
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.1835	-	0.1835**	0.1280
Group 2	0.1051	0.0784	0.1835**	0.1280
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.2256	-	0.2256*	0.1732
Group 2	0.1730	0.0526	0.2256*	0.1732

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in Debt and debt-related securities denominated in (or hedged back to) Sterling, including by pursuing individual opportunities as and when they arise. The majority of the Fund's assets will be invested in corporate Debt and debt-related securities.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Debt and debt-related securities denominated in any currency, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and cash equivalents, and units in collective investments schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates). The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and/or efficient portfolio management. The Fund may use derivative instruments to create short and/or long positions.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 4.67% compared to an increase of 5.83% in the benchmark, the iBoxx Sterling Collateralized & Corporates 1-10 year Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

The 12 months under review have proven somewhat volatile in financial markets. Economic data, trade wars, Brexit and political uncertainty have all been cited as contributing factors.

After suffering some volatility earlier in the year, corporate bond markets were materially calmer over the summer of 2018. Spreads (the difference between the yields paid on corporate bonds and government bonds) tightened modestly in both investment grade and high yield markets. These were supported by fundamental data and lower-than-expected levels of new issuance. Government bond yields were on a rising trend, however. US Treasuries led this trend, as higher inflation and tighter monetary policy were priced in. Developed markets materially outperformed emerging markets, which were particularly affected by weakness in Turkey and Argentina. A more challenging environment for risk assets emerged in the following months as a deteriorating global economic outlook was priced into the market. Stocks and commodities fell sharply and credit spreads widened, resulting in some losses for corporate bond funds. Trade tensions between the US and China and the challenges of Brexit added to the worries for investors.

As we moved into 2019, financial markets stabilised, recovering as trade tensions eased and the US Federal Reserve (Fed) adopted a materially more dovish tone. By mid-January, the Fed appeared to have paused its interest rate-hiking cycle, reflecting a full reversal

from 2018 expectations. Headline data remained soft in many developed market economies. The technical backdrop also improved, as new bond supply failed to meet expectations. Lower quality credit, which had underperformed in late 2018, recovered in this environment. Returns from high yield corporates and emerging debt were very strong. In investment grade, sectors such as energy and financials more than recouped the losses they had suffered in the final months of 2018.

There was further volatility in May as economic data deteriorated and the trade conflict between the US and some of its trading partners rumbled on. Once again, however, more dovish tones from both US and European central banks provided some relief. Financial markets are fully expecting central banks to provide support if economies slow, with expectations of rate cuts and unconventional methods being priced in. Investors continue to hunt for yield but the environment remains somewhat febrile. In the UK, Brexit potentially provides some additional risks for credit markets.

Portfolio review

During the period under review yields have fallen dramatically, with the 10-year UK benchmark yield dropping from 1.33% at the start of the 12 months to 0.61% by the end. The shape of the yield curve also changed significantly in a distinct flattening move led by the 10-year area. Credit spreads (the difference between the yield offered by corporate bonds and government bonds) benefitted from the move to a lower yield environment, with investors hunting for yield from investment grade markets. At the start of the period credit markets were more concerned with the slowdown in the broader economy. This was signalled by falling yields and affected by rising concerns about a trade war between the US and China, the volatile state of Italian politics and the prospects around a deal/'no-deal' outcome for Brexit. Reflecting this more unpredictable background, spreads moved from around 132 basis points (bp) at the start of the period to 177bp by the end of 2018. This move wider in spreads by offset a lot of the benefits of falling yields and led to the Fund underperforming its benchmark significantly over this period.

The difficult background macroeconomic environment continued through January 2019. However, in February the Chairman of the Fed, Jay Powell, announced plans to reduce interest rates. This has since become known as the Powell Pivot (from a stance of raising rates to cutting rates). With a more positive tone to the trade talks between China and the US (albeit only temporarily) and the extension of the Brexit deadline to the end of October 2019, equity and credit markets reacted more positively to the continued lower move in yields for government bonds. There was also an increasing expectation that the European Central Bank would restart its asset purchase programme before the end of 2019 and that much of this would be in corporate debt. Credit spreads have moved tighter throughout 2019. This helped the Fund to deliver a very good start to the 2019 calendar year reversing the underperformance at the end of 2018 entirely by the end of July.

With yields likely to remain low for some time we added positions in securities where yields were higher than the benchmark for technical rather than fundamental reasons. We also added some of the more traditional corporate hybrids to the Fund with call dates within the next three years to help bolster income. Recognising that yields will be lower for some time also led us to change the duration positioning in the Fund from short to long. With central banks now easing policy rates in the US, and expected to ease in Europe the UK, it is likely credit spreads will remain supported by a hunt for yield by investors. This technical support for credit markets is also backed up by a level of spreads which looks attractive from a historical perspective. This leaves the Fund long of credit beta and slightly long of duration risk against the benchmark index at the end of July.

Outlook

The twin spectres of trade wars and Brexit are likely to dominate financial markets over coming months. More dovish central bank policies are widely anticipated and a lack of follow through from the European Central Bank and Fed will disappoint. The expectations for further quantitative easing have increased materially over recent weeks. More volatility is likely in the near term.

Sterling IG and Aggregate Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 3 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The Fund invests in mortgage and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The Fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The Fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	134.75	135.31	129.84
Return before operating charges*	7.70	0.97	7.14
Operating charges	(1.49)	(1.53)	(1.50)
Return after operating charges*	6.21	(0.56)	5.64
Distributions	(3.08)	(3.30)	(3.19)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.08	3.30	3.02
Closing net asset value per share	140.96	134.75	135.31
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	4.61%	(0.41%)	4.34%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	42	78	152
Closing number of shares	29,499	57,741	112,041
Operating charges	1.09%	1.13%	1.13%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	141.6	137.0	136.0
Lowest share price	132.6	134.4	128.7

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	111.12	114.34	112.25
Return before operating charges*	6.27	0.82	5.96
Operating charges	(1.21)	(1.28)	(1.28)
Return after operating charges*	5.06	(0.46)	4.68
Distributions	(2.52)	(2.76)	(2.59)
Closing net asset value per share	113.66	111.12	114.34
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	4.55%	(0.40%)	4.17%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	244,511	246,976	212,835
Closing number of shares	215,131,503	222,253,326	186,145,294
Operating charges	1.09%	1.13%	1.13%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	114.8	115.5	115.5
Lowest share price	108.8	111.5	110.7

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	140.85	140.72	134.35
Return before operating charges*	8.08	1.02	7.43
Operating charges	(0.88)	(0.89)	(0.86)
Return after operating charges*	7.20	0.13	6.57
Distributions	(3.90)	(4.15)	(3.99)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.90	4.15	3.79
Closing net asset value per share	148.05	140.85	140.72
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	5.11%	0.09%	4.89%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	120	133	112
Closing number of shares	81,006	94,677	79,977
Operating charges	0.62%	0.63%	0.63%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	148.7	142.8	141.3
Lowest share price	139.0	140.3	133.3

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	114.54	117.85	115.67
Return before operating charges*	6.46	0.86	6.15
Operating charges	(0.72)	(0.74)	(0.74)
Return after operating charges*	5.74	0.12	5.41
Distributions	(3.12)	(3.43)	(3.23)
Closing net asset value per share	117.16	114.54	117.85
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	5.01%	0.10%	4.68%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,624	2,447	2,390
Closing number of shares	1,386,300	2,136,466	2,028,105
Operating charges	0.62%	0.63%	0.63%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	118.5	119.1	119.2
Lowest share price	112.2	115.0	114.1

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Gross Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	131.44	131.33	125.22
Return before operating charges*	7.53	0.94	6.92
Operating charges	(0.83)	(0.83)	(0.81)
Return after operating charges*	6.70	0.11	6.11
Distributions	(3.63)	(3.87)	(3.72)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.63	3.87	3.72
Closing net asset value per share	138.14	131.44	131.33
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	5.10%	0.08%	4.88%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	23,420	23,487	24,416
Closing number of shares	16,954,252	17,868,370	18,591,770
Operating charges	0.62%	0.63%	0.63%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	138.8	133.3	131.9
Lowest share price	129.7	131.0	124.4

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I Gross Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	104.38	107.41	105.45
Return before operating charges*	5.89	0.77	5.73
Operating charges	(0.65)	(0.67)	(0.67)
Return after operating charges*	5.24	0.10	5.06
Distributions	(2.85)	(3.13)	(3.10)
Closing net asset value per share	106.77	104.38	107.41
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	5.02%	0.09%	4.80%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	24	25	25
Closing number of shares	22,698	23,630	23,630
Operating charges	0.62%	0.63%	0.63%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	108.0	108.5	108.6
Lowest share price	102.3	104.8	104.0

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M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	6.97
Operating charges	(0.47)
Return after operating charges*	6.50
Distributions	(2.44)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.44
Closing net asset value per share	106.50
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	6.50%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.67%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	107.0
Lowest share price	99.42

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^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 29 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	6.87
Operating charges	(0.46)
Return after operating charges*	6.41
Distributions	(2.43)
Closing net asset value per share	103.98
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	6.41%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.67%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	105.3
Lowest share price	99.42

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P Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	111.11	114.33	112.23
Return before operating charges*	6.30	0.83	5.92
Operating charges	(0.47)	(0.46)	(0.45)
Return after operating charges*	5.83	0.37	5.47
Distributions	(3.27)	(3.59)	(3.37)
Closing net asset value per share	113.67	111.11	114.33
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	5.25%	0.32%	4.87%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	84	1,307	23,491
Closing number of shares	73,716	1,175,998	20,547,082
Operating charges	0.39%	0.40%	0.40%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	115.0	115.6	115.6
Lowest share price	108.9	111.6	110.7

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P Gross Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	111.19	114.41	112.33
Return before operating charges*	4.15	0.83	6.09
Operating charges	(0.42)	(0.46)	(0.45)
Return after operating charges*	3.73	0.37	5.64
Distributions	(2.43)	(3.59)	(3.56)
Redemption value as at 9 June 2019	(112.49)	-	-
Closing net asset value per share	-	111.19	114.41
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	3.35%	0.32%	5.02%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	44	937
Closing number of shares	-	39,818	818,918
Operating charges	0.37%	0.40%	0.40%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	112.7	115.6	115.7
Lowest share price	109.0	111.7	110.8

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^A P Gross Income share class was closed on 9 June 2019.

Q Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	111.14	114.33	112.24
Return before operating charges*	6.28	0.86	5.92
Operating charges	(0.36)	(0.36)	(0.34)
Return after operating charges*	5.92	0.50	5.58
Distributions	(3.31)	(3.69)	(3.49)
Closing net asset value per share	113.75	111.14	114.33
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	5.33%	0.44%	4.97%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,006	7,038	180,799
Closing number of shares	1,763,413	6,333,144	158,138,262
Operating charges	0.31%	0.31%	0.30%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	115.1	115.6	115.7
Lowest share price	109.0	111.6	110.7

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Q Gross Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	111.23	114.42	112.33
Return before operating charges*	7.03	0.87	6.10
Operating charges	(0.36)	(0.36)	(0.34)
Return after operating charges*	6.67	0.51	5.76
Distributions	(3.48)	(3.70)	(3.67)
Redemption value as at 30 July 2019	(114.93)	-	-
Closing net asset value per share	-	111.23	114.42
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	5.34%	0.45%	5.13%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	105	15,863
Closing number of shares	1,000	94,358	13,862,958
Operating charges	0.31%	0.31%	0.30%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	115.1	115.7	115.8
Lowest share price	109.1	111.7	110.8

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^A Q Gross Income share class was closed on 30 July 2019.

Z Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	104.13	103.52	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	5.98	0.75	3.78
Operating charges	(0.13)	(0.14)	(0.13)
Return after operating charges*	5.85	0.61	3.65
Distributions	(3.42)	(3.58)	(3.20)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.42	3.58	3.07
Closing net asset value per share	109.98	104.13	103.52
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	5.62%	0.59%	3.65%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	879	629	170
Closing number of shares	798,852	603,811	164,211
Operating charges	0.12%	0.13%	0.13%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	110.5	105.3	103.9
Lowest share price	102.9	103.3	97.74

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^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (89.51%)		236,767	86.82
Euro Denominated Bonds (11.30%)		47,047	17.25
Corporate Bonds (11.07%)		47,047	17.25
less than 5 years to maturity			
200,000	ADLER Real Estate 1.5% 2022	187	0.07
125,000	Aldesa Financial Services 7.25% 2021	58	0.02
780,000	Altice 7.25% 2022	156	0.06
300,000	Altice France 5.625% 2024	169	0.06
3,300,000	Annington Funding 1.65% 2024	3,126	1.15
350,000	ARD Finance 6.625% 2023	329	0.12
261,000	Ardagh Packaging 6.75% 2024	251	0.09
2,600,000	Bankia 6% Fixed to Floating 2022	2,413	0.88
200,000	Bausch Health 4.5% 2023	184	0.07
2,600,000	BBVA 8.875% Fixed to Floating 2021	2,625	0.96
111,000	Cabot FRN 2024	103	0.04
100,000	Casino Guichard 1.865% Variable 2022	75	0.03
100,000	Casino Guichard 3.11% Variable 2023	79	0.03
400,000	Casino Guichard 3.248% Variable 2024	310	0.11
123,000	Cirsa Finance International 6.25% 2023	120	0.04
170,000	Cogent Communications 4.375% 2024	155	0.06
280,000	Corral Petroleum 11.75% 2021	269	0.10
338,000	Cott Finance 5.5% 2024	320	0.12
1,400,000	Deutsche Bank 1.625% 2021	1,289	0.47
100,000	DKT Finance 7% 2023	99	0.04
275,000	Galapagos 5.375% 2021	248	0.09
300,000	International Game Technology 4.75% 2023	304	0.11
169,000	Kleopatra Holdings 1 SCA 8.5% 2023	85	0.03
162,000	La Financiere Atalian 4% 2024	103	0.04
200,000	LeasePlan 7.375% Fixed to Floating 2024	194	0.07
403,000	Lincoln Financing 3.625% 2024	377	0.14
100,000	Lincoln Financing FRN 2024	91	0.03
370,000	Matterhorn Telecom 4.875% 2023	340	0.13
572,000	Nassa Topco 2.875% 2024	547	0.20
100,000	Newco GB 8% 2022	94	0.03
100,000	OCI 5% 2023	95	0.04
380,000	PrestigeBidCo 6.25% 2023	362	0.13
308,000	Schaeffler 1.125% 2022	287	0.11
200,000	Synlab Bondco FRN 2022	182	0.07
100,000	Synlab Unsecured Bondco 8.25% 2023	95	0.03

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
800,000	Telecom Italia 1.125% 2022	730	0.27
2,000,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 0.375% 2020	1,788	0.66
100,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 1.25% 2023	79	0.03
2,500,000	UniCredit 9.25% Fixed to Floating 2022	2,583	0.95
100,000	Verisure 5.75% 2023	94	0.03
100,000	Verisure Holding 3.5% 2023	95	0.04
278,000	Volvo 2.125% 2024	261	0.10
176,000	Wind Tre 2.625% 2023	162	0.06
240,000	Wind Tre 2.75% 2024	216	0.08
500,000	Worldpay 3.75% 2022	509	0.19
250,000	Ziggo Bond 7.125% 2024	62	0.02
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
325,000	Adient 3.5% 2024	238	0.09
250,000	Altice 6.25% 2025	231	0.08
155,000	Altice 8% 2027	147	0.05
308,000	American Tower 1.95% 2026	305	0.11
100,000	Ardagh Packaging 2.125% 2026	92	0.03
400,000	Avantor 4.75% 2024	389	0.14
149,000	Avis Budget Finance 4.5% 2025	143	0.05
160,000	Banff Merger Sub 8.375% 2026	126	0.05
351,000	Blitz F18-674 6% 2026	341	0.13
235,000	Cemex 3.125% 2026	222	0.08
100,000	Cirsa Finance International FRN 2025	91	0.03
233,000	Constantin Investissement 3 SASU 5.375% 2025	215	0.08
320,000	Crown 3.375% 2025	323	0.12
305,000	Diocle FRN 2026	281	0.10
251,000	eircom 3.5% 2026	237	0.09
321,000	Energizer Gamma Acquisition 4.625% 2026	305	0.11
448,000	Equinix 2.875% 2025	423	0.16
139,000	House of Finance 4.375% 2026	129	0.05
100,000	INEOS 5.375% 2024	93	0.03
400,000	International Consolidated Airlines 1.5% 2027	367	0.13
223,000	International Game Technology 3.5% 2026	214	0.08
100,000	Intertrust Group 3.375% 2025	97	0.04
368,000	InterXion 4.75% 2025	364	0.13
243,000	Intrum 3.5% 2026	222	0.08
150,000	IQVIA 2.25% 2028	137	0.05
147,000	LHC3 4.125% 2024	138	0.05
1,600,000	Nationwide Building Society FRN 2029	1,456	0.53
270,000	Netflix 3.625% 2027	264	0.10
100,000	Nidda BondCo 5% 2025	92	0.03

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
486,000	Nidda Healthcare 3.5% 2024		458	0.17
100,000	Novafives 5% 2025		85	0.03
117,000	Paprec 4% 2025		105	0.04
210,000	Sappi Papier 3.125% 2026		194	0.07
140,000	Sigma 5.75% 2026		122	0.04
170,000	Summit Germany 2% 2025		149	0.05
115,000	Superior Industries 6% 2025*		86	0.03
294,000	Tele Columbus 3.875% 2025		248	0.09
360,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 1.625% 2028		238	0.09
320,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 4.5% 2025		270	0.10
100,000	Trivium Packaging Finance 3.75% 2026		94	0.03
200,000	UGI International 3.25% 2025		192	0.07
430,000	Unilabs Subholding 5.75% 2025		401	0.15
392,000	Unitymedia 3.75% 2027		379	0.14
500,000	UPCB Finance VII 3.625% 2029		485	0.18
2,500,000	Vesteda Finance 2% 2026		2,508	0.92
148,000	WMG Acquisition 3.625% 2026		144	0.05
282,000	WMG Acquisition 4.125% 2024		241	0.09
459,000	Ziggo 4.25% 2027		447	0.16
536,000	Ziggo 4.625% 2025		502	0.18
between 10 and 15 years to maturity				
400,000	Telecom Italia 7.75% fixed to floating 2033*		528	0.19
greater than 25 years to maturity				
1,250,000	AIG 4.875% 2067		916	0.34
Perpetual				
800,000	Aareal Bank 7.625% fixed to floating Perpetual		754	0.28
1,800,000	ABN Amro 5.75% Perpetual		1,708	0.63
300,000	Barclays FRN Perpetual		273	0.10
1,200,000	BBVA 6.75% Perpetual		1,114	0.41
200,000	Danske Bank FRN Perpetual		193	0.07
2,000,000	Engie 3.25% Perpetual		1,987	0.73
2,500,000	NatWest FRN Perpetual		2,244	0.82
Government Bonds (0.23%)			-	-
Sterling Denominated Bonds (71.49%)			168,315	61.72
Corporate Bonds (57.57%)			155,453	56.99

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding Investment		
less than 5 years to maturity			
100,000	Amigo Luxembourg 7.625% 2024	102	0.04
342,000	Arqiva 6.75% 2023	366	0.13
1,747,000	Barclays 2.375% 2023	1,760	0.65
2,734,000	Barclays 3.125% 2024	2,832	1.04
100,000	Barclays 10% 2021	115	0.04
281,000	Co-Operative 5.125% 2024	295	0.11
300,000	CPUK 4.25% 2022	304	0.11
300,000	EI 7.5% 2024	318	0.12
2,614,000	FirstGroup 8.75% 2021	2,908	1.07
1,400,000	GKN 6.75% 2019	1,416	0.52
500,000	Heathrow Funding 7.125% 2024	614	0.23
1,261,000	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (London) 1.5% 2022	1,264	0.46
890,000	Intu (SGS) Finance 4.125% 2023	847	0.31
150,000	Jaguar Land Rover 3.875% 2023	132	0.05
1,014,000	Lloyds Bank Corporate Markets 1.75% 2024	1,014	0.37
500,000	Mizzen Bondco 7% 2021	462	0.17
335,000	Moto Finance 4.5% 2022	332	0.12
699,000	New York Life Global Funding 1.625% 2023	715	0.26
350,000	Newday Bondco 7.375% 2024	328	0.12
2,486,000	Pension Insurance 6.5% 2024	2,813	1.03
1,000,000	Phoenix Group 4.125% 2022	1,043	0.38
290,000	Pinewood 3.75% 2023	296	0.11
423,000	Principality Building Society 2.375% 2023	432	0.16
367,000	RAC Bond 5% 2022	333	0.12
120,000	Shop Direct Funding 7.75% 2022	108	0.04
144,000	Stonegate Pub Financing 4.875% 2022	147	0.05
350,000	TalkTalk 5.375% 2022	358	0.13
200,000	TDC 5.625% 2023	229	0.08
750,000	Thames Water 2.375% 2023	757	0.28
2,000,000	Trafford Centre Finance 4.75% 2024	2,186	0.80
1,387,000	Virgin Money 8.75% Fixed to Floating 2021	1,486	0.54
1,300,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 2.125% 2024	1,319	0.48
700,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 2.75% 2023	727	0.27
247,000	Voyage Care 5.875% 2023	240	0.09
110,000	Voyage Care Bonco 10% 2023	102	0.04
2,900,000	Western Power 3.625% 2023	3,104	1.14
230,000	William Hill 4.25% 2020	235	0.09
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
800,000	Abertis Infraestructuras 3.375% 2026	846	0.31
367,000	AMC Entertainment 6.375% 2024	357	0.13

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
1,700,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 9.75% 2024	2,396	0.88
145,000	Ardagh Packaging 4.75% 2027	147	0.05
290,000	Arrow Global 5.125% 2024*	286	0.10
463,000	Assura Financing 3% 2028	506	0.19
900,000	Banco Santander 1.375% 2024	897	0.33
2,932,000	Barclays 3% 2026	2,977	1.09
1,505,000	BP 2.274% 2026	1,597	0.59
514,000	BP Capital Markets 1.827% 2025	532	0.19
2,000,000	British American Tobacco 4% 2026	2,231	0.82
2,514,000	Citigroup 5.15% 2026	3,071	1.13
930,000	CPUK 3.69% 2028	1,007	0.37
1,600,000	Credit Suisse FRN 2025	1,617	0.59
1,100,000	CYBG 4% 2026	1,118	0.41
300,000	Daily Mail & General Trust 6.375% 2027	352	0.13
800,000	EDF 6.25% 2028	1,091	0.40
205,000	Entertainment One 4.625% 2026	210	0.08
727,000	Fidelity National Information Services 2.602% 2025	765	0.28
291,000	Fiserv 2.25% 2025	300	0.11
1,300,000	Fuller Smith & Turner 6.875% 2028	1,692	0.62
100,000	Galaxy Bidco 6.5% 2026	98	0.04
2,405,000	General Motors Financial 2.25% 2024	2,413	0.88
1,785,000	Hammerson 3.5% 2025	1,837	0.67
2,000,000	Heathrow Funding 6.75% 2026	2,702	0.99
833,000	HSBC 3% Fixed to Floating 2029	872	0.32
2,000,000	HSBC 6.75% 2028	2,624	0.96
2,249,000	InterContinental Hotels 3.75% 2025	2,483	0.91
1,311,000	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 2.625% 2028	1,371	0.50
150,000	Miller Homes 5.5% 2024	152	0.06
1,542,000	NewRiver REIT 3.5% 2028	1,564	0.57
3,000,000	NIE Finance 6.375% 2026	3,899	1.43
290,000	Notting Hill Genesis 2.875% 2029	307	0.11
625,000	Orsted 2.125% 2027	657	0.24
2,500,000	Paragon FRN 2026	2,655	0.97
1,500,000	Phoenix 6.625% 2025	1,658	0.61
323,000	Pinnacle Bidco 6.375% 2025	341	0.12
1,820,000	Rabobank 5.25% 2027	2,198	0.81
2,000,000	Santander UK Group 2.92% Fixed to Floating 2025	2,051	0.75
500,000	Scentre Management 3.875% 2026	559	0.20
2,000,000	Smith (DS) 2.875% 2029	2,064	0.76
2,500,000	Society of Lloyd's 4.75% 2024	2,769	1.02
1,360,000	Stagecoach Group 4% 2025	1,460	0.54
1,070,000	Thames Water 2.875% 2027	1,079	0.40

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
	2,200,000	Thames Water 4% 2025	2,471	0.91
	600,000	Thames Water 6.75% 2028	832	0.31
	1,300,000	Total Capital 1.66% 2026	1,338	0.49
	1,650,000	Trafford Centre 7.03% 2029	1,093	0.40
	2,212,000	Tritax Big Box REIT 2.625% 2026	2,291	0.84
	924,000	Unite Group 3.5% 2028	993	0.36
	300,000	Vantiv 3.875% 2025	314	0.12
	1,000,000	Volkswagen International Finance 3.375% 2026	1,068	0.39
	251,000	Welltower 4.8% 2028	303	0.11
	873,000	Westfield Stratford City Finance 1.642% 2026	886	0.32
between 10 and 15 years to maturity				
	700,000	Digital Stout 3.75% 2030	781	0.29
	1,600,000	Thames Water 5.75% 2030	1,760	0.65
	10,000	Trafford Centre 6.5% 2033	11	-
between 15 and 25 years to maturity				
	1,500,000	Aviva 6.125% 2036	1,757	0.64
	2,100,000	CNP Assurances 7.375% 2041	2,325	0.85
	2,200,000	QBE Insurance 6.115% 2042	2,408	0.88
	2,910,000	RMAC Securities No 1 RMCA 2044	1,505	0.55
greater than 25 years to maturity				
	500,000	American International FRN 2067	409	0.15
	4,105,000	BHP Billiton 6.5% 2077	4,663	1.71
	400,000	Channel Link 3.043% 2050	417	0.15
	2,464,000	Koninklijke KPN 6.875% 2073	2,533	0.93
	4	London Wall Mortgage Capital FRN 2048	-	-
	1,317,000	Paragon FRN 2050	1,302	0.48
	900,000	RMAC FRN 2046	768	0.28
Perpetual				
	100,000	Assicurazioni Generali 6.416% fixed to floating Perpetual	105	0.04
	300,000	Aviva 5.9021% fixed to floating Perpetual	307	0.11
	2,400,000	Aviva 6.125% fixed to floating Perpetual	2,594	0.95
	2,000,000	AXA 6.6862% fixed to floating Perpetual	2,366	0.87
	1,950,000	Bank of Scotland 7.281% Perpetual	2,384	0.87
	2,596,000	Barclays 7% Perpetual	2,600	0.95
	200,000	Barclays 7.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	210	0.08
	800,000	Cheltenham & Gloucester 11.75% Perpetual	1,628	0.60
	2,350,000	CYBG 8% Perpetual	2,258	0.83
	1,500,000	Direct Line 4.75% Perpetual	1,243	0.45

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
	1,100,000	HBOS 7.881% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,661	0.61
	2,825,000	HSBC 5.844% fixed to floating Perpetual	3,720	1.36
	1,114,000	Orange 5.75% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,238	0.45
	2,200,000	Orange 5.875% Perpetual	2,398	0.88
	2,300,000	Rabobank 5.556% fixed to floating Perpetual	2,334	0.86
	2,200,000	Telefonica 6.75% Perpetual	2,332	0.86
Government Bonds (13.92%)			12,862	4.73
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
	12,000,000	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2026	12,862	4.73
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (6.72%)			21,405	7.85
Corporate Bonds (6.72%)			18,572	6.81
less than 5 years to maturity				
	328,000	Danske Bank 5.375% 2024	291	0.11
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
	2,200,000	ABN Amro FRN 2028	1,852	0.68
	600,000	Commerzbank 7% Fixed to Floating 2025	506	0.18
	1,500,000	Deutsche Bank 4.875% Fixed to Floating 2027	1,098	0.40
	3,300,000	Energy Transfer Partners 4.2% 2027	2,811	1.03
	1,500,000	Puma International Financing 5% 2026	1,155	0.42
	1,600,000	Turkcell Iletisim 5.8% 2028	1,232	0.45
	800,000	Virgin Media 5.75% 2025	679	0.25
between 10 and 15 years to maturity				
	1,500,000	Dresdner Funding Trust I 8.151% 2031	1,666	0.61
greater than 25 years to maturity				
	1,200,000	NatWest Markets 7.125% 2093	1,352	0.50
Perpetual				
	2,000,000	Australia & New Zealand Banking FRN Perpetual	1,064	0.39
	30,000	HBOS Capital Funding 6.85% Perpetual	25	0.01
	1,000,000	Hongkong & Shanghai Banking FRN Perpetual	564	0.21
	1,500,000	Royal Bank of Scotland FRN Perpetual	1,612	0.59
	1,152,000	Societe Generale FRN Perpetual	980	0.36
	697,000	UBS Group Funding Switzerland FRN Perpetual	601	0.22
	2,000,000	Westpac Banking FRN Perpetual	1,084	0.40

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Government Bonds (0.00%)		2,833	1.04
less than 5 years to maturity			
508,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 6.2004% 2024	441	0.16
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
492,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 7.6003% 2029	432	0.16
2,202,000	Qatar (Govt of) 4% 2029	1,960	0.72
Equities (0.01%)		4	-
European Equities (0.01%)		-	-
Luxembourg (0.01%)		-	-
UK Equities (0.00%)		4	-
Financials (0.00%)		4	-
7,104	BrightHouse	4	-
Collective Investment Schemes (8.40%)		24,887	9.13
14,692,146	Aberdeen Strategic Bond Fund ⁺	24,887	9.13
Derivatives (0.15%)		(1,822)	(0.67)
Credit Default Swaps (0.00%)		(310)	(0.12)
EUR 8,600,000	Buy CDS Telefonica Emisiones 1.0% 20/06/2024	(151)	(0.06)
EUR 5,000,000	Sell CDS Heathrow Funding Ltd 1.0% 20/06/2029	(159)	(0.06)
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.20%)		(1,611)	(0.59)
	Buy EUR 198,650 Sell GBP 178,272 02/08/2019	2	-
	Buy EUR 50,000 Sell GBP 45,258 15/08/2019	-	-
	Buy EUR 216,000 Sell GBP 193,926 15/08/2019	3	-
	Buy EUR 1,415,000 Sell GBP 1,264,172 12/09/2019	24	0.01
	Buy GBP 30,753 Sell EUR 34,000 15/08/2019	-	-
	Buy GBP 44,984 Sell EUR 50,000 15/08/2019	-	-
	Buy GBP 89,258 Sell EUR 100,000 15/08/2019	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 89,766 Sell EUR 100,000 15/08/2019	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 91,634 Sell EUR 102,000 15/08/2019	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 94,529 Sell EUR 105,000 15/08/2019	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 131,006 Sell EUR 143,000 15/08/2019	1	-
	Buy GBP 178,661 Sell EUR 199,000 15/08/2019	(2)	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy GBP 244,673 Sell EUR 272,000 15/08/2019	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 18,443,289 Sell EUR 20,551,000 15/08/2019	(253)	(0.09)
	Buy GBP 180,102 Sell EUR 200,000 12/09/2019	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 356,070 Sell EUR 396,000 12/09/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 478,160 Sell EUR 537,000 12/09/2019	(11)	-
	Buy GBP 977,195 Sell EUR 1,097,000 12/09/2019	(22)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 1,115,541 Sell EUR 1,243,000 12/09/2019	(16)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 2,462,668 Sell EUR 2,735,000 12/09/2019	(28)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 2,605,403 Sell EUR 2,899,000 12/09/2019	(34)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 17,864,228 Sell EUR 20,090,000 12/09/2019	(429)	(0.16)
	Buy GBP 171,020 Sell SEK 2,050,000 12/09/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 800,917 Sell USD 1,009,000 15/08/2019	(23)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 530,174 Sell USD 665,000 12/09/2019	(12)	-
	Buy GBP 1,813,344 Sell USD 2,299,000 12/09/2019	(60)	(0.02)
	Buy GBP 19,405,405 Sell USD 24,771,000 12/09/2019	(783)	(0.29)
	Buy USD 23,000 Sell GBP 18,508 15/08/2019	-	-
	Buy USD 43,000 Sell GBP 34,322 15/08/2019	1	-
	Buy USD 72,000 Sell GBP 57,661 15/08/2019	1	-
	Buy USD 78,000 Sell GBP 62,035 15/08/2019	2	-
	Buy USD 176,000 Sell GBP 140,770 12/09/2019	3	-
	Buy USD 560,000 Sell GBP 442,735 12/09/2019	14	-
	Buy USD 1,274,000 Sell GBP 1,008,859 12/09/2019	29	0.01
Futures (0.00%)		163	0.06
161	Long Long Gilt Future 26/09/2019	163	0.06
Inflation Swaps (0.00%)		(64)	(0.02)
USD 7,940,000	Pay Fixed 2.0545% USCPI 14/01/2029	(64)	(0.02)
Interest Rate Swaps (0.35%)		-	-
Total investment assets and liabilities		259,836	95.28
Net other assets		12,875	4.72
Total Net Assets		272,711	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

* A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains/(losses)	1	5,819	(7,819)
Revenue	3	9,073	10,638
Expenses	4	(2,772)	(2,826)
Interest payable and similar charges*		(6)	(3)
Net revenue before taxation		6,295	7,809
Taxation	5	(1)	-
Net revenue after taxation		6,294	7,809
Total return before distributions		12,113	(10)
Distributions	6	(6,294)	(7,809)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		5,819	(7,819)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	282,269	461,190
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	1,698	41,928
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(17,742)	(213,973)
	(16,044)	(172,045)
Dilution adjustment	19	213
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	5,819	(7,819)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	647	729
Unclaimed distributions	1	1
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	272,711	282,269

* For presentation purposes this line is now shown separately from expenses.

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		261,901	277,467
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	3,408	10,289
Cash and bank balances	8	11,803	4,043
		15,211	14,332
Total assets		277,112	291,799
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities		(2,065)	(649)
Creditors	9	(892)	(6,015)
Bank overdrafts		-	(1,305)
Distribution payable		(1,444)	(1,561)
		(2,336)	(8,881)
Total liabilities		(4,401)	(9,530)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		272,711	282,269

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	7,758	(7,008)
Derivative contracts	414	(794)
Forward currency contracts	(1,703)	(59)
Other (losses)/gains	(650)	42
Net capital gains/(losses)	5,819	(7,819)

2. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bonds	246,162	196,061	265,964	326,781
Equities	-	-	7	-
Collective investment schemes	-	-	-	15,071
Corporate actions	516	-	2,644	-
Total trades in the year	246,678	196,061	268,615	341,852

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.64% (2018: 0.50%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest distributions	1,122	1,388
Interest on debt securities	7,818	8,945
Derivative revenue	87	229
Bank interest	11	16
Stocklending income	35	60
Total revenue	9,073	10,638

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	2,476	2,501
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	296	325
Total expenses	2,772	2,826

5. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	1	-
Total current tax	1	-
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	6,295	7,809
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	1,259	1,562
Effects of:		
Overseas taxes	1	-
Distributions treated as tax deductible	(1,259)	(1,562)
Total tax charge for year (note 5a)	1	-

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

6. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
First interim distribution	1,532	2,039
Second interim distribution	1,420	1,537
Third interim distribution	1,671	1,968
Final distribution	1,613	1,736
	6,236	7,280
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	66	600
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(8)	(71)
Net distribution for the year	6,294	7,809

Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.

7. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	2	20
Sales awaiting settlement	-	5,981
Accrued revenue	3,406	4,123
Tax reclaimable	-	165
Total debtors	3,408	13,585

8. Cash and Bank Balances

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers	779	326
Cash and bank balances	11,024	3,717
Total cash and bank balances	11,803	4,043

9. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	-	569
Purchases awaiting settlement	659	5,197
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	233	249
Total creditors	892	6,015

10. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £1,032,000 (2018: £63,476,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £1,117,000 (2018: £67,224,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Barclays	87	4,316
BNP Paribas	-	2,381
Citigroup	661	-
Goldman Sachs	284	-
JPM Chase	-	24,386
Morgan Stanley	-	32,393
Total securities on loan	1,032	63,476

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Government Bond	1,117	67,224
Total collateral held	1,117	67,224

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £44,000 (2018: £75,000) and £9,000 (2018: £15,000).

11. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 7 and 9.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 9.

12. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	57,741	2,002	(30,244)	-	29,499
A Income shares	222,253,326	1,135,362	(8,257,185)	-	215,131,503
I Accumulation shares	94,677	16,947	(30,618)	-	81,006
I Income shares	2,136,466	67,831	(888,830)	70,833	1,386,300
I Gross Accumulation shares	17,868,370	-	(914,118)	-	16,954,252
I Gross Income shares	23,630	-	(932)	-	22,698
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100
P Income shares	1,175,998	-	(1,102,282)	-	73,716
P Gross Income shares	39,818	1,000	(40,818)	-	-
Q Income shares	6,333,144	-	(4,496,772)	(72,959)	1,763,413
Q Gross Income shares	94,358	1,000	(94,358)	-	1,000
Z Accumulation shares	603,811	233,468	(38,427)	-	798,852

13. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Bonds	12,862	223,905	-	39,936	212,737	-
Equities	4	-	-	35	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	24,887	-	-	23,700	-
Derivatives	163	80	-	37	1,022	-
Total investment assets	13,029	248,872	-	40,008	237,459	-
Derivatives	-	(2,065)	-	(32)	(617)	-
Total investment liabilities	-	(2,065)	-	(32)	(617)	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

14. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Global Exposure

Based on the investment strategy, types of complexities of the derivatives and the proportion of the Fund comprising derivatives, the method of estimating the Fund's overall risk position (Global Exposure) is to use the value at risk (VaR) techniques which estimate the probability of portfolio losses based on the statistical analysis of historical price trends and volatilities. The VaR is produced on a daily basis and the Fund's current VaR limit is detailed below.

Market Price Risk

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Manager using VaR analysis. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VaR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

The table below indicated the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 5 day loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99 percent confidence level. Calculated on this basis, the table indicates that the net value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities could be expected to change by more than the stated amount on only two days out of 200, in response to either price, interest rate, inflation or foreign currency exchange rate changes.

The VaR measures of the Fund are detailed below.

	2019	2018
Minimum VaR	0.85%	0.93%
Maximum VaR	1.23%	1.37%
Average VaR	0.96%	1.10%

VaR table

	FX risk	Interest rate risk	Inflation risk	Contribution from credit risk	Overall VaR
31 July 2019	0.01%	0.59%	-	0.39%	0.99%
31 July 2018	0.00%	0.62%	-	0.32%	0.93%

(b) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(c) Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk*

At the year end the Fund held derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management or to meet the Fund's investment objectives. These types of transaction can introduce market exposure greater than the market value of the instrument. These transactions exchange benefits with a third party at a future date creating both counterparty and concentration risk. The Investment Adviser's policies for managing these risks are outlined in the Fund's prospectus.

At the balance sheet date the Fund had the following exposures:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Market Exposure		
Credit Default Swaps	12,367	961
Forward Currency Contracts	73,415	556
Futures	21,386	5
Inflation Swaps	6,485	-
Total Market Exposure	113,652	1,522

The total market exposure is the sum of the notional derivative contracts on a gross basis with no offsetting.

Counterparty Exposure

Derivative instruments involve an agreement to exchange a benefit at a future date. This introduces counterparty risk where an agreement is bilateral (between two parties) and concentration risk where a clearing broker operates on an exchange. Where the counterparty or clearing broker is not solvent the market exposure obtained would be lost.

At 31 July 2019 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows:

Counterparty or clearer	Credit Default Swaps £'000	Forward Currency Contracts £'000	Futures £'000	Inflation Rate Swaps £'000	Total £'000
Bank of America	-	24	163	-	187
Merrill Lynch	-	(50)	-	-	(50)
Barclays	-	(13)	-	-	(13)
BNP Paribas	-	1	-	(64)	(63)
Citigroup	-	(783)	-	-	(783)
Goldman Sachs	-	(428)	-	-	(428)
HSBC	(310)	-	-	-	(310)
JP Morgan	-	(11)	-	-	(11)
Morgan Stanley	-	(60)	-	-	(60)
RBC Dominion Securities	-	(271)	-	-	(271)
StateStreet	-	(20)	-	-	(20)
UBS	-				
Total	(310)	(1,611)	163	(64)	(1,822)

At 31 July 2018 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows:

Counterparty	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Swap contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Barclays	27	657	684
Citigroup	3	-	3
HSBC	2	-	2
JPM Chase	7	304	311
State Street	14	-	14
UBS	8	-	8
Total exposure	61	961	1,022

Margin exchanged or collateral held or pledged is in the form of high quality liquid assets e.g. cash/gilts. Positions are fully collateralised at all times. Restrictions are placed on the right of either party to reuse collateral assets.

* Following the change in administrators the methodology used for compiling this note has changed.

(d) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the three months ended 31 October 2018**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 October 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7237	-	0.7237*	0.6959
Group 2	-	-	-	0.6959
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.5968	-	0.5968**	0.5880
Group 2	0.4869	0.1099	0.5968**	0.5880
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9345	-	0.9345*	0.9027
Group 2	0.5945	0.3401	0.9345*	0.9027
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.7600	-	0.7600**	0.7560
Group 2	0.1884	0.5716	0.7600**	0.7560
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8715	-	0.8715*	0.8415
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.6921	-	0.6921**	0.6882
Group 2	-	-	-	-
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.8012	-	0.8012**	0.7986
Group 2	-	-	-	-
P Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.7894	-	0.7894**	0.7986
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Q Income shares				
Group 1	0.8249	-	0.8249**	0.8277
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8277
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.8256	-	0.8256**	0.8275
Group 2	-	-	-	-

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8231	-	0.8231*	0.7948
Group 2	0.2331	0.5900	0.8231*	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2018.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2019.

For the three months ended 31 January 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9468	-	0.9468*	0.7744
Group 2	0.5507	0.3961	0.9468*	-
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.5786	-	0.5786**	0.6510
Group 2	0.3876	0.1910	0.5786**	0.6510
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9105	-	0.9105*	0.9867
Group 2	0.6011	0.3094	0.9105*	0.9867
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.7192	-	0.7192**	0.8210
Group 2	0.5732	0.1460	0.7192**	0.8210
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8452	-	0.8452*	0.9197
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.6672	-	0.6672**	0.7474
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.5700	-	0.5700*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.5700	-	0.5700**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.7452	-	0.7452**	0.8614
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8614
P Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.7751	-	0.7751**	0.8610
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Q Income shares				
Group 1	0.7237	-	0.7237**	0.8890
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8890
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.8760	-	0.8760**	0.8863
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8079	-	0.8079*	0.8621
Group 2	0.7179	0.0900	0.8079*	0.8621

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 29 November 2018.

^B Shares purchased between 29 November 2018 and 31 July 2019.

For the three months ended 30 April 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 30 April 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5932	-	0.5932*	1.0273
Group 2	0.1669	0.4263	0.5932*	-
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.6825	-	0.6825**	0.8588
Group 2	0.1696	0.5129	0.6825**	0.8588
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0338	-	1.0338*	1.2440
Group 2	0.3218	0.7120	1.0338*	1.2440
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.8296	-	0.8296**	1.0280
Group 2	0.2939	0.5357	0.8296**	1.0280

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9644	-	0.9644*	1.1604
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.7556	-	0.7556**	0.9364
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9700	-	0.9700*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.9700	-	0.9700**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.8693	-	0.8693**	1.0603
Group 2	-	-	-	-
P Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.8637	-	0.8637**	1.0614
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Q Income shares				
Group 1	0.8897	-	0.8897**	1.0854
Group 2	-	-	-	1.0854
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.8930	-	0.8930**	1.0878
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8954	-	0.8954*	1.0443
Group 2	0.2737	0.6217	0.8954*	1.0443

* Distribution accumulated on 30 April 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 July 2019.

For the three months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 May 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 May 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8121	-	0.8121*	0.8001
Group 2	0.3779	0.4342	0.8121*	0.8001
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.6583	-	0.6583**	0.6637
Group 2	0.0267	0.6316	0.6583**	0.6637
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0175	-	1.0175*	1.0123
Group 2	0.5597	0.4578	1.0175*	1.0123
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.8109	-	0.8109**	0.8292
Group 2	0.2689	0.5420	0.8109**	0.8292
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9495	-	0.9495*	0.9437
Group 2	-	-	-	0.9437
I Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.7391	-	0.7391**	0.7548
Group 2	-	-	-	0.7548
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9000	-	0.9000*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.8898	-	0.8898**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.8526	-	0.8526**	0.8690
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8690
P Gross Income shares^A				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.8709
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8709

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
Q Income shares				
Group 1	0.8760	-	0.8760**	0.8922
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8922
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.8820	-	0.8820**	0.8940
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8940
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8920	-	0.8920*	0.8784
Group 2	0.0463	0.8457	0.8920*	0.8784

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

^ P Gross Income share class was closed on 9 June 2019.

ASI Sterling Short Term Government Bond Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in Sterling denominated UK government Debt and debt-related securities with a maturity of up to five years.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Debt and debt-related securities of any maturity and denominated in any currency issued by governments, public bodies and supra-national issuers worldwide, Investment grade corporate Debt and debt-related securities, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Sterling Short Term Government Bond Fund – A Accumulation shares increased by 1.44% compared to an increase of 1.88% in the benchmark, the FTSE-A British Government under 5 Years Tracker Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

The period in question has been dominated in the UK by Brexit, but the driver of gilt yields over the period has been more global in nature. The change in direction from the US Federal Reserve (Fed) and escalating tensions between Trump and China over trade has seen gilt yields peak at 1.70% in October and ending the period close to 0.60%.

The final quarter of 2018 was ugly and fractious across all financial markets as they continued to fret about underlying global growth. As one issue calmed another would become the focus. Despite the lack of a consistent theme, bond markets were given a boost by more conciliatory statements on interest rates from the Fed. For the UK, the issue of Brexit negotiations became almost as paralysing and severely intractable as the worst of fears. While the direct contagion of Brexit was limited, the issue was stacked onto concerns over Italian budget negotiations, excess oil supply, disappointing Chinese growth, trade war chatter from the US administration and the effect of widening credit spreads.

The start of 2019 brought a strong recovery from equity markets after the panic of the final quarter of 2018. This recovery was mirrored across credit, helped by an initial drought of new supply. The initial catalyst of more conciliatory noises from the Federal Open Markets Committee continued to gain traction, and was repeated across a number of central banks as nerves over the global economy increased. While the primary focus remained on the slowing Chinese economy the lack of resolution in trade talks

with the US and signs of a deeper downturn in Europe were unwelcome extras. The excruciatingly painful Brexit pantomime also continued to be a negative backdrop to fuel government bond market fears.

In the final three months of the review period, the global economic environment continued to be dominated by worries over the sustainability of growth amidst deteriorating US-China trade relations. Hopes for an early breakthrough were dashed as both sides became more entrenched in their positions and the rhetoric of further tariff extensions grew louder. This backdrop continued to weigh upon sentiment indicators with global Purchasing Managers' Index data markedly softening and all markets wrestling with disappointingly low inflation. In this environment, central banks increasingly sounded more uncertain on their policy stance and this fanned the flames of policy easing expectations across all financial markets. While the China focus of the US administration was a constant through the quarter, the trade dispute intensity was increased in May as President Trump threatened to impose tariffs on goods from Mexico. This was tied to increased politicking over migrant issues from the Trump regime and led to fears over the US-Canada-Mexico agreement.

Prime Minister Theresa May failed three times in the House of Commons to get her EU Withdrawal Agreement passed. In March she admitted defeat and asked the EU for an extension to Article 50, pushing the exit date to 31 October. Following a humiliating night in the local elections, the pressure on May got too much and she finally resigned. May's resignation signalled the start of the Conservative leadership contest, which resulted in Boris Johnson's accession to Prime Minister. Johnson has inherited a weak majority of just one, heading into what will be one of most politically volatile periods in modern UK history.

Portfolio review

Duration positions made a positive contribution to performance. The Fund was short duration until February, when the bias moved to holding long positions. From February onwards, the Fund has held long positions in the UK, Australia, Austria, France and the US. The Fund ended the period long duration.

The Fund held numerous cross-market positions over the period. In the last six months of 2018, the Fund held positions in Australia and Canada. As we headed into 2019, the Fund added positions in France. This was on the rationale that the downturn in European data would bring the European Central Bank into play and subsequently talk of quantitative easing would drive French government bonds lower in yield. The Fund ended the period with few cross-market positions. This is on the basis that Brexit no-deal risks are increasing; therefore we struggle to see gilts underperforming in this environment.

A positive driver of performance has been our positions in US inflation. At the end of January the Fund bought 30-year US Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities. The Fund has held this position a number of times as yields have been driven lower over 2019. At the end of June, the Fund added further positioning; this time at the 10-year point of the curve.

Yield curve positioning acted as a drag on performance. The Fund went into the period holding flatteners (selling five-year, buying 30-year). The UK curve was volatile, and after significant steepening of the curve, we closed the position in November. The Fund has held other curve positions over the period, making a small contribution to performance.

Outlook

While the rally in global yields has been impressive in both speed and magnitude, this theme shows little sign of abating given the catalogue of risks facing the global economy. The trend of central bank policy is now very firmly pointed in an expansionary direction, as they look to extend the cycle and avert the signs of recession we have seen appearing, especially in Europe. As the UK hurtles towards another Brexit deadline, the stakes have been raised by the notably firmer stance adopted by Boris Johnson since assuming office, with the chances of a no-deal outcome significantly higher. The Irish Backstop continues to be the major point of contention, and may require some inventive policymaking to overcome. There will, as a result, undoubtedly be further volatility in markets as we head towards 31 October, with the outcome very difficult to call at present.

Pan Euro Macro Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 3 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The Fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	127.08	128.54	130.39
Return before operating charges*	2.91	(0.10)	(0.40)
Operating charges	(1.04)	(1.36)	(1.45)
Return after operating charges*	1.87	(1.46)	(1.85)
Distributions	-	-	-
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	-	-
Closing net asset value per share	128.95	127.08	128.54
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	1.47%	(1.14%)	(1.42%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,634	6,809	7,291
Closing number of shares	5,144,184	5,358,115	5,671,889
Operating charges	0.82%	1.07%	1.12%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	128.9	128.8	130.8
Lowest share price	126.6	126.7	128.4

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	114.70	116.02	117.69
Return before operating charges*	3.82	(0.09)	(0.36)
Operating charges	(0.94)	(1.23)	(1.31)
Return after operating charges*	2.88	(1.32)	(1.67)
Distributions	-	-	-
Closing net asset value per share	117.58	114.70	116.02
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.51%	(1.14%)	(1.42%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	873	1,027	1,508
Closing number of shares	742,299	895,050	1,299,839
Operating charges	0.82%	1.07%	1.12%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	117.6	116.3	118.1
Lowest share price	114.2	114.4	115.9

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	101.26	101.91	102.87
Return before operating charges*	3.01	(0.07)	(0.31)
Operating charges	(0.36)	(0.58)	(0.63)
Return after operating charges*	2.65	(0.65)	(0.94)
Distributions	(0.44)	(0.24)	(0.08)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.44	0.24	0.06
Closing net asset value per share	103.91	101.26	101.91
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.62%	(0.63%)	(0.91%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	51,987	62,395	69,932
Closing number of shares	50,030,591	61,618,042	68,621,371
Operating charges	0.35%	0.57%	0.62%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	103.9	102.2	103.2
Lowest share price	101.0	100.8	101.6

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	99.84	100.72	101.73
Return before operating charges*	2.90	(0.07)	(0.32)
Operating charges	(0.35)	(0.57)	(0.63)
Return after operating charges*	2.55	(0.64)	(0.95)
Distributions	(0.43)	(0.24)	(0.06)
Closing net asset value per share	101.96	99.84	100.72
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.55%	(0.64%)	(0.93%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	17,402	22,270	24,828
Closing number of shares	17,067,059	22,305,148	24,650,027
Operating charges	0.35%	0.57%	0.62%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	102.1	101.0	102.1
Lowest share price	99.54	99.55	100.4

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	2.02
Operating charges	(0.27)
Return after operating charges*	1.75
Distributions	(0.45)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	0.45
Closing net asset value per share	101.75
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	1.75%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.40%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	101.7
Lowest share price	99.98

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 29 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	2.04
Operating charges	(0.27)
Return after operating charges*	1.77
Distributions	(0.46)
Closing net asset value per share	101.31
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	1.77%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.40%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	101.4
Lowest share price	99.98

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Income share class was launched on 29 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

P Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	116.15	117.17	118.15
Return before operating charges*	2.56	(0.09)	(0.45)
Operating charges	(0.29)	(0.34)	(0.38)
Return after operating charges*	2.27	(0.43)	(0.83)
Distributions	(0.62)	(0.59)	(0.15)
Closing net asset value per share	117.80	116.15	117.17
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	1.95%	(0.37%)	(0.70%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,794	5,777	1
Closing number of shares	6,616,574	4,973,817	851
Operating charges	0.25%	0.29%	0.32%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	117.9	117.5	118.6
Lowest share price	115.8	115.8	116.6

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	150.10	150.34	151.05
Return before operating charges*	3.32	(0.11)	(0.47)
Operating charges	(0.08)	(0.13)	(0.18)
Return after operating charges*	3.24	(0.24)	(0.65)
Distributions	(1.10)	(1.08)	(0.54)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.10	1.08	0.48
Closing net asset value per share	153.34	150.10	150.34
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.16%	(0.16%)	(0.43%)
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,264	1,039	965
Closing number of shares	824,580	692,117	642,064
Operating charges	0.05%	0.09%	0.12%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	153.3	150.8	151.6
Lowest share price	149.7	149.1	149.3

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

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Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (98.66%)		85,551	99.53
Australian Dollar Denominated Bonds (5.63%)		-	-
Government Bonds (5.63%)		-	-
Canadian Dollar Denominated Bonds (5.69%)		-	-
Government Bonds (5.69%)		-	-
Euro Denominated Bonds (0.00%)		2,836	3.30
Government Bonds (0.00%)		2,836	3.30
less than 5 years to maturity			
2,534,000	France (Govt of) FRN 2023	2,364	2.75
greater than 25 years to maturity			
317,000	France (Govt of) 3.25% Index-Linked 2045	472	0.55
Sterling Denominated Bonds (87.34%)		81,693	95.04
Government Bonds (87.34%)		81,693	95.04
less than 5 years to maturity			
13,586,000	UK (Govt of) 0.5% 2022	13,643	15.87
2,720,000	UK (Govt of) 0.75% 2023	2,760	3.21
12,951,000	UK (Govt of) 1% 2024	13,322	15.50
6,633,000	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2021	6,737	7.84
6,612,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2022	6,895	8.02
6,745,000	UK (Govt of) 2% 2020	6,842	7.96
2,329,000	UK (Govt of) 2.25% 2023	2,508	2.92
5,145,000	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2020	5,328	6.20
5,801,000	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2021	6,209	7.22
8,171,000	UK (Govt of) 4% 2022	8,942	10.40
2,825,000	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2020	2,896	3.37
4,920,000	UK (Govt of) 8% 2021	5,611	6.53

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (0.00%)		1,022	1.19
Government Bonds (0.00%)		1,022	1.19
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
1,179,000	US Treasury 0.875% Index-Linked 2029	1,022	1.19
Forward Currency Contracts (0.07%)		(199)	(0.23)
	Buy AUD 3,527,000 Sell GBP 1,933,631 12/09/2019	51	0.06
	Buy AUD 7,462,000 Sell GBP 4,139,425 12/09/2019	58	0.07
	Buy EUR 2,623,000 Sell GBP 2,358,042 12/09/2019	30	0.03
	Buy GBP 140,973 Sell AUD 259,000 12/09/2019	(5)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 5,874,076 Sell AUD 10,730,000 12/09/2019	(162)	(0.19)
	Buy GBP 452,859 Sell EUR 500,000 12/09/2019	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 4,640,049 Sell EUR 5,205,000 12/09/2019	(99)	(0.12)
	Buy GBP 958,266 Sell USD 1,218,000 12/09/2019	(34)	(0.04)
	Buy GBP 1,043,609 Sell USD 1,316,000 12/09/2019	(29)	(0.03)
	Buy GBP 1,299,530 Sell USD 1,658,000 12/09/2019	(52)	(0.06)
	Buy USD 517,000 Sell GBP 424,053 12/09/2019	(3)	-
	Buy USD 1,182,000 Sell GBP 940,313 12/09/2019	23	0.03
	Buy USD 1,307,000 Sell GBP 1,039,416 12/09/2019	26	0.03
Total investment assets and liabilities		85,352	99.30
Net other assets		602	0.70
Total Net Assets		85,954	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains/(losses)	1	1,856	(866)
Revenue	3	728	816
Expenses	4	(356)	(604)
Net revenue before taxation		372	212
Taxation	5	-	(1)
Net revenue after taxation		372	211
Total return before distributions		2,228	(655)
Distributions	6	(375)	(235)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		1,853	(890)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	99,317	104,525
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	13,659	15,503
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(29,130)	(19,979)
	(15,471)	(4,476)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	1,853	(890)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	255	158
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	85,954	99,317

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		85,739	98,097
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	12,356	6,695
Cash and bank balances		280	603
		12,636	7,298
Total assets		98,375	105,395
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities		(387)	(40)
Creditors	8	(12,004)	(6,004)
Distribution payable		(30)	(34)
		(12,034)	(6,038)
Total liabilities		(12,421)	(6,078)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		85,954	99,317

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	1,969	(1,775)
Forward currency contracts	(237)	902
Other gains	124	7
Net capital gains/(losses)	1,856	(866)

2. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bonds	272,443	321,511	284,411	324,635
Total trades in the year	272,443	321,511	284,411	324,635

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.04% (2018: 0.01%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest on debt securities	722	804
Bank interest	1	1
Stocklending income	5	11
Total revenue	728	816

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	309	513
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	47	91
Total expenses	356	604

5. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	-	1
Total current tax	-	1

(b)

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	372	212
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	74	42
Effects of:		
Distributions treated as tax deductible	(74)	(42)
Irrecoverable tax	-	1
Total tax charge for year (note 5a)	-	1

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

6. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
First interim distribution	64	23
Second interim distribution	99	58
Third interim distribution	119	50
Final distribution	89	104
	371	235
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	11	5
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(7)	(5)
Net distribution for the year	375	235
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	372	211
Shortfall transfer from capital to revenue	3	2
Revenue deficit transfer from capital account	-	22
Total distributions	375	235

7. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	74	67
Sales awaiting settlement	11,768	5,756
Accrued revenue	514	872
Total debtors	12,356	6,695

8. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	392	300
Purchases awaiting settlement	11,584	5,672
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	28	32
Total creditors	12,004	6,004

9. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £25,819,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £27,490,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Barclays	-	25,819
Total securities on loan	-	25,819

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Government Bond	-	27,490
Total collateral held	-	27,490

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £6,000 (2018: £14,000) and £1,000 (2018: £3,000).

10. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 7 and 8.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 8.

11. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	5,358,115	1,886,553	(1,975,035)	(125,449)	5,144,184
A Income shares	895,050	25,489	(178,240)	-	742,299
I Accumulation shares	61,618,042	6,763,197	(18,507,530)	156,882	50,030,591
I Income shares	22,305,148	1,043,251	(6,281,340)	-	17,067,059
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100
P Income shares	4,973,817	2,504,685	(861,928)	-	6,616,574
Z Accumulation shares	692,117	152,924	(20,461)	-	824,580

12. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Bonds	85,551	-	-	92,396	5,701	-
Derivatives	-	188	-	-	-	-
Total investment assets	85,551	188	-	92,396	5,701	-
Derivatives	-	(387)	-	-	(40)	-
Total investment liabilities	-	(387)	-	-	(40)	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

13. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market Price Risk

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Manager using VaR analysis. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VaR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

The table below indicated the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 5 day loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99 percent confidence level.

Calculated on this basis, the table indicates that the net value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities could be expected to change by more than the stated amount on only two days out of 200, in response to either price, interest rate, inflation or foreign currency exchange rate changes.

The VaR measures of the Fund are detailed below.

	2019	2018
Minimum VaR	0.26%	0.24%
Maximum VaR	0.43%	0.81%
Average VaR	0.34%	0.43%

VaR table

	FX risk	Interest rate risk	Inflation risk	Contribution from credit risk	Overall VaR
31 July 2019	0.00%	0.35%	-	0.06%	0.41%
31 July 2018	0.00%	0.36%	-	0.04%	0.40%

The ACD must calculate the global exposure of any Fund it manages either as:

- 1) the incremental exposure and leverage generated through the use of derivatives and forward transactions, which may not exceed 100% of the net value of the scheme property. This is known as the Commitment Approach and is a measure of leverage or;
- 2) The market risk of the scheme property by way of the value at risk (VaR) approach. Although, the sensitivity analysis of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions described above uses VaR analysis, the global exposure calculations for Funds may be calculated on the Commitment Basis. The Prospectus provides further details on which method is used to calculate Global Exposure for each Fund.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

Currency exposure

An increase or decrease in a particular foreign currency exchange rate will have a proportionate affect on the value of the Fund.

The net foreign currency exposure comprises:

	Net foreign currency assets/(liabilities)	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Australian Dollar	52	5,713
Canadian Dollar	-	11,339
Euro	31	(5,672)
US Dollar	478	-

(c) Interest rate risk

Interest receivable on bank deposits or payable on bank overdrafts will be affected by fluctuations in interest rates. The Fund Manager continuously reviews interest rates and inflation expectations. The assessment of this may result in a change in investment strategy.

Bond yields are affected by market and economic conditions, including inflation rates and government policy. An analysis of the interest rates and maturity of bond listings is detailed below.

In addition, changes to prevailing rates or changes in expectations of future rates may result in an increase or decrease in the value of the securities held. In general, if interest rates rise, the income potential of the Fund also rises but the value of fixed rate securities will decline (along with certain expenses calculated by reference to the assets of the Fund). A decline in interest rates will, in general, have the opposite effect.

The interest rate risk profile of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities is:

	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets/ (liabilities) not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
2019				
Currency				
UK Sterling	228	81,693	3,472	85,393
Australian Dollar	52	-	-	52
Euro	2,836	-	(2,805)	31
US Dollar	1,022	-	(544)	478

	Floating rate financial assets £'000	Fixed rate financial assets £'000	Financial assets/ (liabilities) not carrying interest £'000	Total £'000
2018				
Currency				
UK Sterling	600	86,741	596	87,937
Australian Dollar	3	5,593	117	5,713
Canadian Dollar	-	5,655	5,684	11,339
Euro	-	-	(5,672)	(5,672)

(d) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

	Market value 2019 £'000	Market Value 2018 £'000
Credit Rating Analysis		
Investment grade securities (AAA - BBB)	85,551	97,827
Unrated securities	-	162
Derivatives	(199)	68
Other net assets	602	1,260
Net Assets	85,954	99,317

(e) Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk*

At the year end the Fund held derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management or to meet the Fund's investment objectives. These types of transaction can introduce market exposure greater than the market value of the instrument. These transactions exchange benefits with a third party at a future date creating both counterparty and concentration risk. The Investment Adviser's policies for managing these risks are outlined in the Fund's prospectus.

At the balance sheet date the Fund had the following exposures:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Market Exposure		
Forward Currency Contracts	25,813	82,217
Total Market Exposure	25,813	82,217

The total market exposure is the sum of the notional derivative contracts on a gross basis with no offsetting.

Counterparty Exposure

Derivative instruments involve an agreement to exchange a benefit at a future date. This introduces counterparty risk where an agreement is bilateral (between two parties) and concentration risk where a clearing broker operates on an exchange. Where the counterparty or clearing broker is not solvent the market exposure obtained would be lost.

At 31 July 2019 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Counterparty or clearer		
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	(99)	(99)
BNP Paribas	(36)	(36)
Goldman Sachs	(3)	(3)
HSBC	73	73
RBC Dominion Securities	(162)	(162)
StateStreet	28	28
Total	(199)	(199)

At 31 July 2018 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

Counterparty or clearer	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Citigroup	(1)	(1)
Goldman Sachs	(39)	(39)
HSBC	108	108
Total	68	68

* Following the change in administrators the methodology used for compiling this note has changed.

(f)

Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the three months ended 31 October 2018**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 October 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
A Income shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.0688	-	0.0688*	0.0239
Group 2	0.0139	0.0549	0.0688*	0.0239
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.0679	-	0.0679**	0.0236
Group 2	0.0238	0.0441	0.0679**	0.0236
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.1088	-	0.1088**	0.1022
Group 2	0.0036	0.1052	0.1088**	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.2154	-	0.2154*	0.2252
Group 2	0.0254	0.1900	0.2154*	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2018.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2019.

For the three months ended 31 January 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
A Income shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1136	-	0.1136*	0.0572
Group 2	0.0616	0.0520	0.1136*	0.0572
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.1121	-	0.1121**	0.0565
Group 2	0.1018	0.0103	0.1121**	0.0565
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.2500	-	0.2500*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.2500	-	0.2500**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.1601	-	0.1601**	0.1539
Group 2	0.0943	0.0658	0.1601**	0.1539
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.2830	-	0.2830*	0.2742
Group 2	0.2730	0.0100	0.2830*	0.2742

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 29 November 2018.^B shares purchased between 29 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the three months ended 30 April 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 30 April 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
A Income shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1408	-	0.1408*	0.0490
Group 2	0.0864	0.0544	0.1408*	0.0490
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.1386	-	0.1386**	0.0484
Group 2	0.0883	0.0503	0.1386**	0.0484
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1000	-	0.1000*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.1000	-	0.1000**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.1901	-	0.1901**	0.1412
Group 2	0.1048	0.0853	0.1901**	0.1412
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3203	-	0.3203*	0.2547
Group 2	0.1718	0.1485	0.3203*	0.2547

* Distribution accumulated on 30 April 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 July 2019.

For the three months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 May 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 May 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
A Income shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1137	-	0.1137*	0.1102
Group 2	0.0481	0.0656	0.1137*	0.1102
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.1117	-	0.1117**	0.1088
Group 2	0.0568	0.0549	0.1117**	0.1088
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1000	-	0.1000*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.1100	-	0.1100**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.1588	-	0.1588**	0.1947
Group 2	0.0704	0.0884	0.1588**	0.1947
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.2834	-	0.2834*	0.3270
Group 2	-	-	-	0.3270

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

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For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in Sterling-denominated Debt and debt-related securities issued by the UK government, other governments, public bodies and supra-national issuers, and Investment grade corporate Debt and debt-related securities.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Investment grade and sub-Investment grade Debt and debt-related securities denominated in any currency, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Strategic Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 4.36%.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

Financial markets have suffered a material pick up in volatility over the past 12 months as a variety of factors have exerted influence. Softening economic data, US-China trade wars, Brexit and political uncertainty were all, at various times, contributory factors.

After suffering some volatility corporate bond markets were materially calmer over the summer of 2018. Spreads tightened modestly in both investment grade and high yield markets, supported by fundamental data and lower-than-expected levels of new issuance. Government bond yields were on a rising trend, however, led by US Treasuries as higher inflation and tighter monetary policy were priced in. Developed markets materially outperformed emerging markets, which were particularly affected by weakness in Turkey and Argentina. A more challenging environment for risk assets emerged in the following months as a deteriorating global economic outlook was priced into the market. Stocks and commodities fell sharply and credit spreads widened causing some losses to corporate bond funds. Trade tensions between the US and China and the ongoing challenges of Brexit added to the worries for investors.

As we moved into 2019, financial markets stabilised, recovering as a result of trade tensions easing and the US Federal Reserve (Fed) adopting a materially more dovish tone. By mid-January the Fed appeared to have paused its interest rate-hiking cycle, reflecting a full reversal from 2018 expectations. Headline data remained soft in many developed market economies. The technical backdrop also improved, as new bond supply failed to meet expectations. Lower quality credit, which had underperformed in late 2018, recovered in this environment. Returns from high yield corporates

and emerging debt were very strong. In investment grade, sectors such as energy and financials more than recouped losses suffered in the final months of 2018.

There was further volatility in May as economic data deteriorated and the trade conflict between the US and some of its trading partners rumbled on. Once again, however, more dovish tones from both US and European central banks provided some relief. Financial markets are fully expecting central banks to provide support if economies slow, with expectations of rate cuts and unconventional methods being priced in. Investors continue to hunt for yield but the environment remains somewhat febrile. In the UK Brexit potentially provides some additional risks for credit markets.

Portfolio review

The Fund has generated a positive return as yields fell and credit spreads tightened in most corporate bond markets. A lack of interest rate exposure during the final quarter of 2018, combined with credit exposure primarily in lower quality investment grade, led to a difficult period for the Fund. Returns have improved materially in 2019 as duration was added ahead of a government bond market rally, and credit markets performed strongly as investor confidence returned. Low interest rates continue to force investors into lower quality areas of the market and the Fund has performed well as a result. Exposure to financial issuers and the energy sector added value materially to the Fund. UK funeral home operator Dignity has detracted from returns as the issuer is suffering significantly in what is a highly competitive market. Bonds issued by UK banks Lloyds Banking Group and Barclays have benefited.

Outlook

The twin spectres of trade wars and Brexit are likely to dominate financial markets into the fourth quarter. More dovish central bank policies are widely anticipated and a lack of follow through from the European Central Bank and Federal Reserve will disappoint. The expectations for further quantitative easing have increased materially over recent weeks. More volatility is likely in the near term and exposure to high yield and emerging market asset classes have been pared back as a result.

Sterling IG And Aggregate Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 3 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The Fund invests in mortgage- and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The Fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The Fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The Fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	148.78	148.01	139.44
Return before operating charges*	8.08	2.46	10.48
Operating charges	(1.66)	(1.69)	(1.66)
Return after operating charges*	6.42	0.77	8.82
Distributions	(4.70)	(4.23)	(4.21)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	4.70	4.23	3.96
Closing net asset value per share	155.20	148.78	148.01
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	4.32%	0.52%	6.33%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,230	3,151	5,795
Closing number of shares	792,485	2,117,856	3,915,615
Operating charges	1.06%	1.13%	1.14%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	156.1	151.6	148.5
Lowest share price	145.4	147.7	139.8

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	116.25	118.98	115.23
Return before operating charges*	6.18	1.99	8.33
Operating charges	(1.23)	(1.35)	(1.34)
Return after operating charges*	4.95	0.64	6.99
Distributions	(3.48)	(3.37)	(3.24)
Closing net asset value per share	117.72	116.25	118.98
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	4.26%	0.54%	6.07%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	10	20	70
Closing number of shares	8,087	17,191	58,671
Operating charges	1.06%	1.13%	1.14%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	119.2	121.1	120.3
Lowest share price	112.8	116.4	114.7

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	154.46	152.90	143.33
Return before operating charges*	8.39	2.54	10.82
Operating charges	(0.97)	(0.98)	(0.95)
Return after operating charges*	7.42	1.56	9.87
Distributions	(5.59)	(5.16)	(5.08)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	5.59	5.16	4.78
Closing net asset value per share	161.88	154.46	152.90
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	4.80%	1.02%	6.89%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,227	17,488	21,054
Closing number of shares	5,082,117	11,322,477	13,769,648
Operating charges	0.61%	0.63%	0.64%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	162.8	157.0	153.4
Lowest share price	151.2	153.3	143.9

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	116.10	118.84	115.04
Return before operating charges*	6.17	1.97	8.34
Operating charges	(0.70)	(0.75)	(0.75)
Return after operating charges*	5.47	1.22	7.59
Distributions	(4.18)	(3.96)	(3.79)
Closing net asset value per share	117.39	116.10	118.84
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	4.71%	1.03%	6.60%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,703	3,252	1,700
Closing number of shares	3,155,009	2,800,980	1,430,591
Operating charges	0.61%	0.63%	0.64%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	119.0	121.1	120.3
Lowest share price	112.7	116.3	114.6

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I Gross Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	121.21	119.98	112.24
Return before operating charges*	6.59	2.00	8.49
Operating charges	(0.75)	(0.77)	(0.75)
Return after operating charges*	5.84	1.23	7.74
Distributions	(4.43)	(4.05)	(3.99)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	4.43	4.05	3.99
Closing net asset value per share	127.05	121.21	119.98
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	4.82%	1.03%	6.90%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	893	970	928
Closing number of shares	702,770	800,228	773,628
Operating charges	0.61%	0.63%	0.64%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	127.8	123.2	120.4
Lowest share price	118.7	120.3	112.7

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I Gross Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	101.06	103.44	100.16
Return before operating charges*	5.37	1.72	7.44
Operating charges	(0.61)	(0.65)	(0.65)
Return after operating charges*	4.76	1.07	6.79
Distributions	(3.64)	(3.45)	(3.51)
Closing net asset value per share	102.18	101.06	103.44
* after direct transaction costs of:	-		
Performance			
Return after charges	4.71%	1.03%	6.78%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	14,235	13,373	12,887
Closing number of shares	13,931,539	13,232,182	12,458,482
Operating charges	0.61%	0.63%	0.64%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	103.6	105.4	104.7
Lowest share price	98.10	101.3	99.76

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M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	7.28
Operating charges	(0.45)
Return after operating charges*	6.83
Distributions	(2.93)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.93
Closing net asset value per share	106.83
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	6.83%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.66%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	107.4
Lowest share price	99.47

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 29 November 2018.

^B The opening NAV is the launch price of the share class.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	7.12
Operating charges	(0.45)
Return after operating charges*	6.67
Distributions	(2.88)
Closing net asset value per share	103.79
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	6.67%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.66%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	105.3
Lowest share price	99.47

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Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	160.88	158.46	147.86
Return before operating charges*	8.77	2.63	11.15
Operating charges	(0.18)	(0.21)	(0.21)
Return after operating charges*	8.59	2.42	10.94
Distributions	(6.71)	(6.17)	(6.00)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	6.71	6.17	5.66
Closing net asset value per share	169.47	160.88	158.46
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	5.34%	1.53%	7.40%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	59,415	62,218	73,280
Closing number of shares	35,060,143	38,673,467	46,244,367
Operating charges	0.11%	0.13%	0.14%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	170.4	163.1	159.0
Lowest share price	157.8	159.1	148.5

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Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (92.76%)		82,509	94.07
Euro Denominated Bonds (10.28%)		14,882	16.97
Corporate Bonds (10.28%)		14,882	16.97
less than 5 years to maturity			
330,000	Altice 7.25% 2022	66	0.08
282,000	Altice France 5.625% 2024	159	0.18
1,000,000	Bankia 6% Fixed to Floating 2022	928	1.06
919,000	Bausch Health 4.5% 2023	845	0.96
800,000	BBVA 8.875% Fixed to Floating 2021	808	0.92
500,000	Deutsche Bank 1.625% 2021	460	0.52
407,000	Getlink 3.625% 2023	384	0.44
800,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 0.375% 2020	715	0.82
349,000	TOTAL 1.75% Fixed to Floating 2024	329	0.38
900,000	UniCredit 9.25% Fixed to Floating 2022	930	1.06
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
300,000	International Consolidated Airlines 1.5% 2027	275	0.31
1,000,000	Nationwide Building Society FRN 2029	910	1.04
500,000	Unitymedia 3.75% 2027	483	0.55
1,000,000	Vesteda Finance 2% 2026	1,003	1.14
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
500,000	CaixaBank 2.25% 2030	467	0.53
greater than 25 years to maturity			
600,000	AIG 4.875% 2067	440	0.50
Perpetual			
200,000	Aareal Bank 7.625% fixed to floating Perpetual	189	0.22
700,000	ABN Amro 5.75% Perpetual	664	0.76
600,000	BBVA 6.75% Perpetual	557	0.64
700,000	BNP Paribas FRN Perpetual	713	0.81
900,000	Engie 3.25% Perpetual	894	1.02
1,400,000	NatWest FRN Perpetual	1,257	1.43
500,000	Telefonica 3.875% Perpetual	477	0.54
900,000	TOTAL 3.369% Perpetual	929	1.06

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Sterling Denominated Bonds (65.16%)		52,642	60.01
Corporate Bonds (65.16%)		52,201	59.51
less than 5 years to maturity			
427,000	Arqiva 6.75% 2023	457	0.52
750,000	Barclays 10% 2021	859	0.98
830,000	City Greenwich Lewisham Rail Link 9.375% 2020	89	0.10
345,000	HBOS 5.75% Fixed to Floating 2022	342	0.39
800,000	Heathrow Funding 7.125% 2024	982	1.12
456,000	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (London) 1.5% 2022	457	0.52
600,000	Lend Lease Europe 6.125% 2021	653	0.74
500,000	Mizzen Bondco 7% 2021	462	0.53
780,000	Pension Insurance 6.5% 2024	883	1.01
465,000	Virgin Money 8.75% Fixed to Floating 2021	498	0.57
500,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 2.125% 2024	508	0.58
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
300,000	Abertis Infraestructuras 3.375% 2026	317	0.36
500,000	ABP 6.25% 2026	623	0.71
300,000	Banco Santander 1.375% 2024	299	0.34
287,000	Barclays 3% 2026	291	0.33
400,000	BUPA Finance 5% 2026	454	0.52
500,000	Credit Suisse FRN 2025	505	0.58
100,000	Daily Mail & General Trust 6.375% 2027	117	0.13
261,000	Fidelity National Information Services 2.602% 2025	275	0.31
105,000	Fiserv 2.25% 2025	108	0.12
700,000	Fuller Smith & Turner 6.875% 2028	911	1.04
1,181,000	General Motors Financial 2.25% 2024	1,185	1.35
1,100,000	Hammerson 3.5% 2025	1,132	1.29
551,000	HSBC 2.256% 2026	561	0.64
429,000	HSBC FRN 2028	455	0.52
713,000	NewRiver REIT 3.5% 2028	723	0.82
750,000	Paragon FRN 2026	796	0.91
1,187,000	Phoenix 6.625% 2025	1,312	1.49
400,000	Scentre Management 3.875% 2026	447	0.51
1,000,000	Smith (DS) 2.875% 2029	1,032	1.18
530,000	Thames Water 2.875% 2027	534	0.61
800,000	Trafford Centre 7.03% 2029	530	0.60
347,000	Unite Group 3.5% 2028	373	0.42
1,000,000	Virgin Media 6.25% 2029	1,057	1.20
800,000	Volkswagen International Finance 3.375% 2026	855	0.97
315,000	Westfield Stratford City Finance 1.642% 2026	320	0.36

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
1,060,000	Annington Funding 3.685% 2034	1,165	1.33
175,000	APT Pipelines 3.125% 2031	189	0.22
670,000	APT Pipelines 3.5% 2030	745	0.85
100,000	Orange 3.25% 2032	112	0.13
520,000	Premiertel 6.175% 2032	562	0.64
1,000,000	Quadgas Finance 3.375% 2029	1,037	1.18
550,000	Telereal 5.4252% 2031	609	0.69
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
600,000	Broadgate Financing 5.098% 2035	672	0.77
800,000	CNP Assurances 7.375% 2041	886	1.01
1,012,000	QBE Insurance 6.115% 2042	1,107	1.26
1,086,000	Tesco 5.744% 2040	1,374	1.57
114,000	Tesco 7.6227% 2039	146	0.17
510,000	THFC Funding No.2 6.35% 2039	807	0.92
greater than 25 years to maturity			
250,000	American International FRN 2067	205	0.23
1,000,000	Aviva 5.125% 2050	1,113	1.27
963,000	BHP Billiton 6.5% 2077	1,094	1.25
170,000	Channel Link 3.043% 2050	178	0.20
500,000	Income Contingent Student Loans 2 2007-2009 2.5% 2058	450	0.51
833,000	Koninklijke KPN 6.875% 2073	856	0.98
1,050,000	NGG 5.625% fixed to floating 2073	1,148	1.31
800,000	Prudential 5% 2055	864	0.99
350,000	RSA Insurance FRN 2045	386	0.44
Perpetual			
500,000	Aviva 5.9021% fixed to floating Perpetual	512	0.58
1,500,000	AXA 6.6862% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,774	2.02
700,000	Bank of Scotland 7.281% Perpetual	856	0.98
1,278,000	Barclays 7% Perpetual	1,280	1.46
460,000	Barclays 9% Perpetual	558	0.64
200,000	Cheltenham & Gloucester 11.75% Perpetual	407	0.46
900,000	CYBG 8% Perpetual	865	0.99
800,000	Dignity 4.6956% Perpetual	654	0.75
500,000	Direct Line 4.75% Perpetual	414	0.47
600,000	EDF 6% Perpetual	654	0.75
1,010,000	HSBC 5.844% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,330	1.52
1,000,000	Lloyds Bank 13% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,726	1.97

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding Investment		
	500,000 National Westminster Bank FRN Perpetual	556	0.63
	214,000 Orange 5.75% fixed to floating Perpetual	238	0.27
	800,000 Orange 5.875% Perpetual	872	0.99
	830,000 Rabobank 5.556% fixed to floating Perpetual	842	0.96
	700,000 SSE 3.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	708	0.81
	800,000 Telefonica 6.75% Perpetual	848	0.97
Government Bonds (0.00%)		441	0.50
greater than 25 years to maturity			
	400,000 UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2049	441	0.50
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (17.32%)		14,636	16.69
Corporate Bonds (16.92%)		14,636	16.69
less than 5 years to maturity			
	1,650,000 ABN Amro 6.25% 2022	1,460	1.67
	800,000 Exelon 3.497% 2022	668	0.76
	1,500,000 UBS 7.625% 2022	1,373	1.57
	500,000 Wells Fargo 3.069% 2023	414	0.47
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
	800,000 ABN Amro FRN 2028	674	0.77
	200,000 Commerzbank 7% Fixed to Floating 2025	169	0.19
	500,000 Deutsche Bank 4.875% Fixed to Floating 2027	366	0.42
	1,250,000 Energy Transfer Partners 4.2% 2027	1,065	1.21
	326,000 Energy Transfer Partners 4.95% 2028	290	0.33
	1,500,000 Perrigo Finance 4.375% 2026	1,242	1.42
	600,000 Puma International Financing 5% 2026	462	0.53
	200,000 Saudi Arabian Oil 3.5% 2029	168	0.19
	218,000 Syngenta Finance 4.892% 2025	187	0.21
	600,000 Turkcell Iletisim 5.8% 2028	462	0.53
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
	500,000 Dresdner Funding Trust I 8.151% 2031	555	0.63
greater than 25 years to maturity			
	800,000 Marathon Petroleum 4.5% 2048	663	0.76
	581,000 MPLX 5.5% 2049	529	0.60
	640,000 NatWest Markets 7.125% 2093	721	0.82

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Perpetual			
700,000	Australia & New Zealand Banking FRN Perpetual	372	0.42
385,000	HBOS Capital Funding 6.85% Perpetual	321	0.37
350,000	Hongkong & Shanghai Banking FRN Perpetual	197	0.23
1,500,000	Royal Bank of Scotland FRN Perpetual	1,613	1.84
428,000	Societe Generale FRN Perpetual	364	0.41
349,000	UBS Group Funding Switzerland FRN Perpetual	301	0.34
Government Bonds (0.40%)		349	0.40
less than 5 years to maturity			
200,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 6.2004% 2024	173	0.20
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
200,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 7.6003% 2029	176	0.20
Collective Investment Schemes (1.66%)		-	-
Derivatives (-0.35%)		(1,093)	(1.25)
Credit Default Swaps (0.00%)		(104)	(0.12)
EUR 3,200,000	Buy Prot Telefonica Emisiones 1.0% 20/12/2023	(56)	(0.06)
EUR 1,500,000	Sell Prot Heathrow Funding Ltd 1.0% 20/12/2023	(48)	(0.05)
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.47%)		(884)	(1.01)
	Buy AUD 74,000 Sell GBP 41,683 12/09/2019	-	-
	Buy AUD 79,000 Sell GBP 43,029 12/09/2019	2	-
	Buy AUD 100,000 Sell GBP 55,701 12/09/2019	1	-
	Buy AUD 577,000 Sell GBP 315,875 12/09/2019	9	0.01
	Buy EUR 327,000 Sell GBP 294,479 12/09/2019	3	-
	Buy EUR 422,000 Sell GBP 377,030 12/09/2019	7	0.01
	Buy EUR 461,000 Sell GBP 416,873 12/09/2019	3	-
	Buy EUR 554,000 Sell GBP 494,386 12/09/2019	10	0.01
	Buy EUR 706,000 Sell GBP 643,851 12/09/2019	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 130,144 Sell EUR 145,000 12/09/2019	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 191,442 Sell EUR 215,000 12/09/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 259,859 Sell EUR 289,000 12/09/2019	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 382,152 Sell EUR 429,000 12/09/2019	(8)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 1,803,556 Sell EUR 2,003,000 12/09/2019	(20)	(0.02)
	Buy GBP 12,691,694 Sell EUR 14,273,000 12/09/2019	(305)	(0.35)
	Buy GBP 171,020 Sell SEK 2,050,000 12/09/2019	(4)	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy GBP 52,180 Sell USD 66,000 12/09/2019	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 178,585 Sell USD 224,000 12/09/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 659,398 Sell USD 836,000 12/09/2019	(22)	(0.03)
	Buy GBP 15,088,823 Sell USD 19,251,000 12/09/2019	(601)	(0.69)
	Buy USD 51,000 Sell GBP 40,219 12/09/2019	1	-
	Buy USD 155,000 Sell GBP 122,542 12/09/2019	4	-
	Buy USD 976,000 Sell GBP 763,976 12/09/2019	31	0.04
	Buy USD 1,332,000 Sell GBP 1,064,291 12/09/2019	21	0.02
Futures (-0.13%)		(80)	(0.09)
72	Long Australian 10 Year Bond Future 16/09/2019	120	0.14
43	Long US 10 Year Note Future 19/09/2019	(22)	(0.03)
41	Long US 5 Year Note Future 30/09/2019	(8)	(0.01)
(71)	Short Long Gilt Future 26/09/2019	(154)	(0.17)
(26)	Short US 10 Year Ultra Future 19/09/2019	(7)	(0.01)
(7)	Short US Ultra Bond (CBT) Future 19/09/2019	(9)	(0.01)
Inflation Swaps (0.00%)		(25)	(0.03)
	USD 3,100,000 Pay Fixed 2.0545% USCPI 14/01/2029 CGML 4007135	(25)	(0.03)
Interest Rate Swaps (0.25%)		-	-
Total investment assets and liabilities		81,416	92.82
Net other assets		6,297	7.18
Total Net Assets		87,713	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.
The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains/(losses)	1	665	(2,444)
Revenue	3	3,783	4,287
Expenses	4	(262)	(380)
Interest payable and similar charges*	5	(6)	(2)
Net revenue before taxation		3,515	3,905
Taxation	6	-	-
Net revenue after taxation		3,515	3,905
Total return before distributions		4,180	1,461
Distributions	7	(3,515)	(3,905)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		665	(2,444)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	100,472	115,714
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	6,556	10,823
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(22,827)	(26,966)
	(16,271)	(16,143)
Dilution adjustment	47	22
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	665	(2,444)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	2,800	3,323
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	87,713	100,472

* For presentation purposes this line is now shown separately from expenses.

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		82,721	95,202
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	1,165	4,123
Cash and bank balances	9	5,304	2,620
		6,469	6,743
Total assets		89,190	101,945
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities		(1,305)	(685)
Creditors	10	(22)	(130)
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers		-	(493)
Distribution payable		(150)	(165)
		(172)	(788)
Total liabilities		(1,477)	(1,473)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		87,713	100,472

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	3,605	(2,296)
Derivative contracts	(1,406)	114
Forward currency contracts	(602)	(272)
Other (losses)/gains	(932)	10
Net capital gains/(losses)	665	(2,444)

2. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bonds	68,078	52,754	82,232	62,580
Collective investment schemes	-	-	1,692	-
Total trades in the year	68,078	52,754	83,924	62,580

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.72% (2018: 0.68%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Taxable distributions on offshore funds	111	114
Interest on debt securities	3,637	4,121
Derivative revenue	24	38
Bank interest	7	3
Stocklending income	6	11
Total revenue	3,783	4,287

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	163	241
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	99	139
Total expenses	262	380

5. Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	6	2
Total interest payable and similar charges	6	2

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Total current tax	-	-
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	3,515	3,905
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	703	781
Effects of:		
Distributions treated as tax deductible	(703)	(781)
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	-	-

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

7. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
First interim distribution	837	883
Second interim distribution	922	869
Third interim distribution	870	1,031
Final distribution	799	1,061
	3,428	3,844
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	104	101
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(18)	(40)
Net distribution for the year	3,514	3,905

Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	38	162
Sales awaiting settlement	-	2,345
Accrued revenue	1,127	1,465
Other debtor	-	151
Total debtors	1,165	4,123

9. Cash and Bank Balances

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers	535	1,098
Cash and bank balances	4,769	1,522
Total cash and bank balances	5,304	2,620

10. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	1	103
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	21	27
Total creditors	22	130

11. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £6,117,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £6,602,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Barclays	-	2,789
BNP Paribas	-	1,042
Credit Suisse	-	543
JPM Chase	-	1,743
Total securities on loan	-	6,117

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Government Bond	-	6,602
Total collateral held	-	6,602

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £8,000 (2018: £14,000) and £2,000 (2018: £3,000).

12. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 10.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 10.

13. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	2,117,856	50,228	(1,375,599)	792,485
A Income shares	17,191	10,499	(19,603)	8,087
I Accumulation shares	11,322,477	710,734	(6,951,094)	5,082,117
I Income shares	2,800,980	809,540	(455,511)	3,155,009
I Gross Accumulation shares	800,228	59,144	(156,602)	702,770
I Gross Income shares	13,232,182	1,377,682	(678,325)	13,931,539
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	38,673,467	1,854,370	(5,467,694)	35,060,143

14. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Bonds	441	82,068	-	-	93,203	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	-	-	-	1,669	-
Derivatives	120	92	-	5	325	-
Total investment assets	561	82,160	-	5	95,197	-
Derivatives	(200)	(1,105)	-	(138)	(547)	-
Total investment liabilities	(200)	(1,105)	-	(138)	(547)	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

15. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Global Exposure

Based on the investment strategy, types of complexities of the derivatives and the proportion of the Fund comprising derivatives, the method of estimating the Fund's overall risk position (Global Exposure) is to use the value at risk (VaR) techniques which estimate the probability of portfolio losses based on the statistical analysis of historical price trends and volatilities. The VaR is produced on a daily basis and the Fund's current VaR limit is detailed below.

Market Price Risk

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Manager using VaR analysis. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VaR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

The table below indicates the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 5 day loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99 percent confidence level. Calculated on this basis, the table indicates that the net value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities could be expected to change by more than the stated amount on only two days out of 200, in response to either price, interest rate, inflation or foreign currency exchange rate changes.

The VaR measures of the Fund are detailed below.

	2019	2018
Minimum VaR	1.03%	1.28%
Maximum VaR	1.54%	1.50%
Average VaR	1.30%	1.37%

VaR table

	FX risk	Interest rate risk	Inflation risk	Contribution from credit risk	Overall VaR
31 July 2019	0.07%	0.66%	-	0.32%	1.05%
31 July 2018	(0.25%)	0.84%	-	0.73%	1.32%

(b) Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk*

At the year end the Fund held derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management or to meet the Fund's investment objectives. These types of transaction can introduce market exposure greater than the market value of the instrument. These transactions exchange benefits with a third party at a future date creating both counterparty and concentration risk. The Investment Adviser's policies for managing these risks are outlined in the Fund's prospectus.

At the balance sheet date the Fund had the following exposures:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Market Exposure		
Credit Default Swaps	4,274	254
Forward Currency Contracts	37,349	476
Futures	27,670	133
Inflation Swaps	2,532	0
Total Market Exposure	71,825	863

The total market exposure is the sum of the notional derivative contracts on a gross basis with no offsetting.

Counterparty Exposure

Derivative instruments involve an agreement to exchange a benefit at a future date. This introduces counterparty risk where an agreement is bilateral (between two parties) and concentration risk where a clearing broker operates on an exchange. Where the counterparty or clearing broker is not solvent the market exposure obtained would be lost.

At 31 July 2019 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

Counterparty or clearer	Credit Default Swaps £'000	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Inflation Rate Swaps £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	-	13	-	13
Barclays	-	(28)	-	(28)
BNP Paribas	-	(5)	-	(5)
Citigroup	-	(2)	(25)	(27)
HSBC	-	(303)	-	(303)
JP Morgan	(104)	-	-	(104)
Morgan Stanley	-	50	-	50
Royal Bank of Canada	-	(13)	-	(13)
StateStreet	-	(597)	-	(597)
UBS	-	1	-	1
Total	(104)	(884)	(25)	(1,013)

At 31 July 2018 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

Counterparty or clearer	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Interest Rate Swaps £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	(167)	-	1
Barclays	14	225	239
BNP Paribas	19	-	7
Citigroup	6	-	1
Deutsche Bank	1	-	1
HSBC	1	-	1
JP Morgan Chase	-	29	29
Morgan Stanley	(371)	-	-
Royal Bank of Canada	(6)	-	1
State Street	14	-	14
UBS	13	-	13
Total	(476)	254	325

Margin exchanged or collateral held or pledged is in the form of high quality liquid assets e.g. cash/gilts. Positions are fully collateralised at all times. Restrictions are placed on the right of either party to reuse collateral assets.

* Following the change in administrators the methodology used for compiling this note has changed.

(c) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table

For the three months ended 31 October 2018

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 October 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0587	-	1.0587*	0.9000
Group 2	0.6239	0.4348	1.0587*	0.9000
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.8273	-	0.8273**	0.7235
Group 2	0.4573	0.3700	0.8273**	0.7235
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2979	-	1.2979*	1.1243
Group 2	0.7337	0.5643	1.2979*	1.1243
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.9756	-	0.9756**	0.8738
Group 2	0.4223	0.5533	0.9756**	0.8738
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0203	-	1.0203*	0.8822
Group 2	0.5803	0.4400	1.0203*	0.8822
I Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.8507	-	0.8507**	0.7606
Group 2	0.4667	0.3840	0.8507**	0.7606
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5576	-	1.5576*	1.3668
Group 2	-	-	-	1.3668

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2018.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2019.

For the three months ended 31 January 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2782	-	1.2782*	0.9083
Group 2	0.6087	0.6695	1.2782*	0.9083
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.8349	-	0.8349**	0.7257
Group 2	0.8349	-	0.8349**	0.7257
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.4792	-	1.4792*	1.1370
Group 2	0.7669	0.7123	1.4792*	1.1370
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.1416	-	1.1416**	0.8772
Group 2	0.5960	0.5456	1.1416**	0.8772
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.1965	-	1.1965*	0.8922
Group 2	0.5423	0.6542	1.1965*	0.8922
I Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.9914	-	0.9914**	0.7636
Group 2	0.6009	0.3905	0.9914**	0.7636
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.8100	-	0.8100*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.8100	-	0.8100**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.7965	-	1.7965*	1.3842
Group 2	1.6965	0.1000	1.7965*	1.3842

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 29 November 2018.^B shares purchased between 29 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the three months ended 30 April 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 30 April 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2518	-	1.2518*	1.1540
Group 2	1.0826	0.1692	1.2518*	1.1540
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.9641	-	0.9641**	0.9165
Group 2	0.4621	0.5020	0.9641**	0.9165
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.4744	-	1.4744*	1.3852
Group 2	0.5323	0.9421	1.4744*	1.3852
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.0882	-	1.0882**	1.0610
Group 2	0.4117	0.6765	1.0882**	1.0610
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.1573	-	1.1573*	1.0869
Group 2	0.5782	0.5791	1.1573*	1.0869
I Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.9471	-	0.9471**	0.9235
Group 2	0.5342	0.4129	0.9471**	0.9235
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.1100	-	1.1100*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	1.1100	-	1.1100**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.7396	-	1.7396*	1.6368
Group 2	-	-	-	1.6368

* Distribution accumulated on 30 April 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 July 2019.

For the three months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 May 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 May 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.1110	-	1.1110*	1.2709
Group 2	0.5823	0.5287	1.1110*	1.2709
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.8487	-	0.8487**	1.0016
Group 2	0.8347	0.0140	0.8487**	1.0016
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.3395	-	1.3395*	1.5141
Group 2	0.6305	0.7090	1.3395*	1.5141
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.9795	-	0.9795**	1.1493
Group 2	0.3429	0.6366	0.9795**	1.1493
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0512	-	1.0512*	1.1892
Group 2	0.7877	0.2635	1.0512*	1.1892
I Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.8526	-	0.8526**	1.0014
Group 2	0.4681	0.3845	0.8526**	1.0014
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0100	-	1.0100*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.9600	-	0.9600**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.6121	-	1.6121*	1.7796
Group 2	-	-	-	1.7796

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

ASI Target Return Bond Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to achieve a positive return over a rolling 12-month period, independent of prevailing market conditions, by investing predominantly in Debt and debt-related securities issued by governments, supranational institutions, government-related bodies and/or corporations, as well as money market instruments, cash, near cash and deposits. There is no guarantee that a positive return will be achieved over 12 months or any time period and capital may be at risk. Investors may not get back the full amount originally invested. All or a substantial proportion of the physical assets of the Fund may at any time consist of cash and near cash, deposits and/or money market instruments. Additionally, the Fund may invest in units in collective investments schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates). The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and/or efficient portfolio management. The Fund may use derivative instruments to create short and/or long positions.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Target Return Bond Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 0.65% compared to an increase of 0.84% in the benchmark, the LIBOR GBP 3 Month Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

The same familiar themes continued to dominate the global corporate bond market over the review period. The trade war between the US and China was a prominent factor. After a challenging end to 2018, the first seven months of 2019 have largely been a story of recovery in risk sentiment. This has benefited all areas of the corporate bond market.

Amid continuing poor economic data, the key driver for credit markets has been heightened expectations of central bank dovishness. On the final day of the review period, 31 July, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) cut interest rates for the first time in a decade. Expectations have been steadily increasing that the European Central Bank (ECB) would soon cut interest rates and embark on a new round of asset purchases. In the UK, concern about a potential 'no-deal' Brexit scenario was magnified after the outcome of the Conservative Party leadership contest. This also suggested an impending switch to more a more dovish approach from the Bank of England.

Portfolio review

The Fund outperformed the benchmark (gross of fees).

The performance of the government bonds and foreign exchange (FX) portfolio in aggregate was largely in keeping with the aforementioned dramatic market turnaround. The Fund was positioned with a short duration and long US dollar positions in 2018. This meant the first half of the period was characterised by strong contributions from both government bond and FX

performance. However, turnarounds by the market and the Fed in the final three months of 2018 and beyond led to steep losses from the government bond portfolio. As this period was also characterised by continued US dollar strength and weakness in risk-facing crosses, these losses were largely offset by gains in the FX portfolio.

The government bond portfolio was subsequently repositioned to benefit from end-of-cycle dynamics. We switched to long US duration. Duration was continually added, both in US and global markets. Defensiveness was bolstered via the addition of further risk-off exposures in FX. These included long Japanese yen and Swiss franc versus emerging currencies in South Africa, Brazil and South Korea. This resulted in solid contributions from both government bonds and FX through the first half of 2019. Overall, both portfolios made positive contributions in the review period.

The credit portion of the portfolio drove a positive total return. The best performing sectors were banking, telecommunications and utilities. In terms of individual companies, Vodafone, Altech Chemicals Ltd and UniCredit generated a positive performance for the portfolio. Whereas Telefonica, General Motors and AT&T contributed negatively.

Outlook

The portfolio is now positioned for the continuation of end-of-cycle dynamics. An emphasis on safety and risk reduction, with a focus on owning US duration – where the scope for interest rate cuts is greatest – are the portfolio's core strategies. US dollar risk is light. This reflects the competing influences of falling US interest rates versus the market's preference for high quality currencies and the assets denominated in those currencies. There is scope for global policy to deal with the coming recession. Accordingly, markets are likely to continue to exhibit stress, with cyclical economic strength giving way to cyclical weakness overlaid on top of numerous and serious structural deficiencies.

Credit markets will remain torn between trade war and growth worries on the one hand, and more dovish central banks on the other. There was some initial disappointment regarding the Fed's attempt to portray its July interest rates cut as a 'mid-cycle adjustment'. However, with President Trump announcing a 10% tariff on the remaining USD300 billion of the previously unaffected Chinese imports in early August, the trade war is clearly re-escalating. In turn, the market has rallied in a 'flight to quality', pushing US Treasury yields lower.

In Europe, the negative yield environment in government bonds, and the potential restarting of the ECB's asset purchase programme ('QE2') in the autumn, creates a very strong technical backdrop. This should provide a buffer in periods of higher political and economic uncertainty. Given that QE2 is now more or less expected, an additional surprise source could be the size, duration and mix of the programme. We expect this to be announced during the ECB's meeting in September.

Global IG and Aggregate Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The fund is rated as 2 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in mortgage- and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	119.86	118.84	116.80
Return before operating charges*	2.14	2.35	3.38
Operating charges	(1.29)	(1.33)	(1.34)
Return after operating charges*	0.85	1.02	2.04
Distributions	(1.51)	(1.19)	(0.85)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.51	1.19	0.85
Closing net asset value per share	120.71	119.86	118.84
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	0.71%	0.86%	1.75%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,376	1,479	4,920
Closing number of shares	1,140,057	1,233,542	4,140,283
Operating charges	1.08%	1.12%	1.13%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	121.0	120.3	120.2
Lowest share price	117.4	117.7	117.0

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	97.90	98.04	97.05
Return before operating charges*	1.74	1.94	2.80
Operating charges	(1.05)	(1.10)	(1.11)
Return after operating charges*	0.69	0.84	1.69
Distributions	(1.25)	(0.98)	(0.70)
Closing net asset value per share	97.34	97.90	98.04
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	0.70%	0.86%	1.74%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7	8	8
Closing number of shares	7,277	8,376	8,376
Operating charges	1.08%	1.12%	1.13%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	98.42	98.84	99.48
Lowest share price	95.87	97.08	96.76

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	106.95	105.50	103.14
Return before operating charges*	1.91	2.11	3.02
Operating charges	(0.65)	(0.66)	(0.66)
Return after operating charges*	1.26	1.45	2.36
Distributions	(1.85)	(1.57)	(1.28)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.85	1.57	1.28
Closing net asset value per share	108.21	106.95	105.50
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	
Performance			
Return after charges	1.18%	1.37%	2.29%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,280	8,473	19,711
Closing number of shares	6,728,023	7,922,608	18,682,666
Operating charges	0.61%	0.62%	0.63%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	108.5	107.2	106.7
Lowest share price	104.9	104.5	103.3

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	96.31	96.42	95.42
Return before operating charges*	1.71	1.92	2.79
Operating charges	(0.59)	(0.60)	(0.61)
Return after operating charges*	1.12	1.32	2.18
Distributions	(1.67)	(1.43)	(1.18)
Closing net asset value per share	95.76	96.31	96.42
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	1.16%	1.38%	2.28%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,221	3,073	9,387
Closing number of shares	2,318,924	3,190,752	9,735,252
Operating charges	0.61%	0.62%	0.63%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	96.87	97.39	98.06
Lowest share price	94.51	95.54	95.14

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I Gross Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	122.85	121.17	118.46
Return before operating charges*	2.30	2.44	3.47
Operating charges	(0.85)	(0.76)	(0.76)
Return after operating charges*	1.45	1.68	2.71
Distributions	(2.12)	(1.81)	(1.47)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.12	1.81	1.47
Closing net asset value per share	124.30	122.85	121.17
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	1.18%	1.39%	2.29%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	46	17,221	70,799
Closing number of shares	37,266	14,017,903	58,428,503
Operating charges	0.61%	0.62%	0.63%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	124.6	123.1	122.6
Lowest share price	120.6	120.1	118.8

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I Gross Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	95.57	95.68	94.69
Return before operating charges*	1.69	1.91	2.76
Operating charges	(0.58)	(0.60)	(0.60)
Return after operating charges*	1.11	1.31	2.16
Distributions	(1.66)	(1.42)	(1.17)
Closing net asset value per share	95.02	95.57	95.68
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	1.16%	1.37%	2.28%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	101	110	161
Closing number of shares	106,125	115,303	167,903
Operating charges	0.61%	0.62%	0.63%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	96.12	96.64	97.30
Lowest share price	93.78	94.79	94.42

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K Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	104.65	103.20	100.68
Return before operating charges*	1.86	2.04	3.12
Operating charges	(0.58)	(0.59)	(0.60)
Return after operating charges*	1.28	1.45	2.52
Distributions	(1.87)	(1.60)	(1.44)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.87	1.60	1.44
Closing net asset value per share	105.93	104.65	103.20
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	1.22%	1.41%	2.50%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	23	25	26
Closing number of shares	21,576	24,044	25,429
Operating charges	0.56%	0.57%	0.58%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	106.2	104.9	104.4
Lowest share price	102.7	102.3	100.9

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M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	2.73
Operating charges	(0.44)
Return after operating charges*	2.29
Distributions	(1.65)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.65
Closing net asset value per share	102.29
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	2.29%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.66%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	102.5
Lowest share price	98.62

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^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 29 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	2.50
Operating charges	(0.44)
Return after operating charges*	2.06
Distributions	(1.66)
Closing net asset value per share	100.40
* after direct transaction costs of:	-
Performance	
Return after charges	2.06%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.66%
Direct transaction costs	-
Prices	
Highest share price	101.7
Lowest share price	98.62

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^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	132.54	130.10	126.58
Return before operating charges*	2.38	2.60	3.69
Operating charges	(0.15)	(0.16)	(0.17)
Return after operating charges*	2.23	2.44	3.52
Distributions	(2.96)	(2.60)	(2.20)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.96	2.60	2.20
Closing net asset value per share	134.77	132.54	130.10
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	-	-
Performance			
Return after charges	1.68%	1.88%	2.78%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	149,053	145,066	77,064
Closing number of shares	110,597,786	109,450,425	59,233,225
Operating charges	0.11%	0.12%	0.13%
Direct transaction costs	-	-	-
Prices			
Highest share price	135.1	132.8	131.6
Lowest share price	130.3	129.0	126.8

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Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (95.27%)		154,633	96.59
Australian Dollar Denominated Bonds (0.00%)		569	0.36
Corporate Bonds (0.00%)		569	0.36
less than 5 years to maturity			
1,000,000	Lloyds Bank 3.25% 2020	569	0.36
Euro Denominated Bonds (23.28%)		46,314	28.92
Corporate Bonds (22.63%)		45,240	28.25
less than 5 years to maturity			
358,000	Abbott Ireland Financing 2020	326	0.20
400,000	Amadeus IT FRN 2022	365	0.23
1,150,000	ArcelorMittal 3.125% 2022	1,122	0.70
741,000	Arion Banki 1% 2023	677	0.42
1,100,000	AT&T FRN 2023	1,015	0.63
1,554,000	AT&T FRN 2023	1,433	0.90
1,300,000	Atos 0.75% 2022	1,211	0.76
700,000	Banco Sabadell 1.75% 2024	653	0.41
1,000,000	BBVA 0.75% 2022	930	0.58
1,245,000	BMW Finance 0.25% 2022	1,143	0.71
900,000	CaixaBank 2.375% 2024	884	0.55
680,000	China National Chemical 1.75% 2022	636	0.40
636,000	Coca-Cola FRN 2021	581	0.36
404,000	Danske Bank 0.875% 2023	374	0.23
350,000	Danske Bank 1.375% 2022	329	0.21
225,000	Emirates Telecom 1.75% 2021	211	0.13
483,000	FCA Bank 1.25% 2022	452	0.28
400,000	FCA Bank Ireland 1% 2021	372	0.23
475,000	FCA Bank Ireland 1% 2022	440	0.28
540,000	Fidelity National Information Services 0.75% 2023	506	0.32
1,122,000	General Motors Financial FRN 2021	1,024	0.64
1,320,000	HSBC FRN 2021	1,210	0.76
313,000	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (Singapore) 0.25% 2022	286	0.18
500,000	Islandsbanki 1.125% 2022	463	0.29
1,200,000	Lloyds Banking Group 0.625% 2024	1,090	0.68
339,000	Logicor Financing 0.5% 2021	311	0.19
700,000	LVMH 0% 2021	639	0.40

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
855,000	Medtronic Global 0% 2022		782	0.49
563,000	Medtronic Global 0.375% 2023		521	0.33
760,000	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial 0.339% 2024		699	0.44
300,000	Mondi 3.375% 2020		284	0.18
391,000	NE Property 2.625% 2023		369	0.23
836,000	Nykredit Realkredit 0.5% 2022		770	0.48
400,000	Orange 0.5% 2022		370	0.23
341,000	PACCAR Financial Europe 0.125% 2022		312	0.20
380,000	RCI Banque 1.25% 2022		357	0.22
280,000	Schaeffler 1.125% 2022		261	0.16
2,100,000	SELP Finance 1.25% 2023		1,993	1.24
455,000	Siemens 0.3% 2024		425	0.27
1,000,000	Takeda Pharmaceutical FRN 2022		928	0.58
1,600,000	Thermo Fisher Scientific 2.15% 2022		1,549	0.97
900,000	Vesteda Finance 2.5% 2022		880	0.55
300,000	Volkswagen Bank 0.625% 2021		276	0.17
633,000	Volkswagen Leasing 0.5% 2022		582	0.36
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
1,120,000	Barclays 2% 2028		995	0.62
1,300,000	Rabobank 2.5% 2026		1,234	0.77
1,000,000	UBS 4.75% 2026		967	0.60
800,000	UniCredit 4.375% 2027		780	0.49
1,500,000	Unitymedia 4% 2025		1,414	0.88
648,000	Zuercher Kantonalbank 2.625% 2027		622	0.39
between 15 and 25 years to maturity				
1,120,000	Aviva 6.125% 2043		1,194	0.75
Perpetual				
870,000	Danske Bank 7.5% 2020 Perpetual		805	0.50
900,000	Engie 1.625% Fixed to Floating 2025 Perpetual		817	0.51
700,000	Intesa Sanpaolo FRN Perpetual		646	0.40
3,150,000	Societe Generale 9.375% fixed to floating Perpetual		2,885	1.80
800,000	Telefonica FRN Perpetual		743	0.46
462,000	TOTAL 1.75% Fixed to Floating 2024 Perpetual		435	0.27
100,000	TOTAL 2.25% Perpetual		94	0.06
800,000	UBS 5.75% Perpetual		798	0.50

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
400,000	Volkswagen International Finance 3.375% Perpetual	378	0.24
400,000	Vonovia Finance 4% fixed to floating Perpetual	392	0.24
Government Bonds (0.65%)		1,074	0.67
less than 5 years to maturity			
1,179,000	Medtronic Global 0% 2021	1,074	0.67
Sterling Denominated Bonds (35.03%)		47,657	29.77
Corporate Bonds (34.21%)		47,657	29.77
less than 5 years to maturity			
600,000	ABN Amro 1% 2020	600	0.38
620,000	Arqiva 4.04% 2035	633	0.40
500,000	Bank of Montreal 1.375% 2021	506	0.32
500,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 1.375% 2021	503	0.32
1,500,000	Barclays 10% 2021	1,718	1.07
1,243,000	Barclays 2.375% 2023	1,252	0.78
750,000	BUPA 3.375% 2021	780	0.49
400,000	CPUK 4.25% 2022	405	0.25
2,100,000	Deutsche Bank 1.75% 2021	2,085	1.30
1,170,000	Deutsche Telekom 7.375% 2019	1,194	0.75
800,000	FCE Bank 2.759% 2019	803	0.50
1,100,000	GE Capital 5.875% 2020	1,162	0.73
90,000	General Electric 5.5% 2021	97	0.06
1,530,000	HSBC 2.175% 2023	1,558	0.97
830,000	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (London) 1.5% 2022	832	0.52
750,000	Lend Lease Europe 6.125% 2021	817	0.51
2,000,000	NatWest 6.5% 2021	2,203	1.38
454,000	New York Life Global Funding 1.625% 2023	464	0.29
330,000	Petróleos Mexicanos 8.25% 2022	361	0.23
1,500,000	Phoenix 5.75% 2021	1,606	1.00
800,000	Telefonica Emisiones 5.597% 2020	822	0.51
560,000	Tesco 5.5% 2019	568	0.36
1,000,000	Tesco 6.125% 2022	1,120	0.70
500,000	UBS 1.25% 2020	502	0.31
750,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.5% 2021	752	0.47
600,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.875% 2021	606	0.38
950,000	Wells Fargo 1.375% 2022	955	0.60
1,740,000	Xstrata 7.375% 2020	1,828	1.14

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
550,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 9.75% 2024	775	0.48
600,000	Credit Suisse FRN 2025	606	0.38
420,000	CYBG 5% 2026	422	0.26
722,000	Tesco 2.5% 2025	743	0.46
573,000	Westfield Stratford City Finance 1.642% 2026	581	0.36
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
1,100,000	Aviva 6.625% fixed to floating 2041	1,195	0.75
1,800,000	CNP Assurances 7.375% 2041	1,993	1.24
1,200,000	Legal & General 10% 2041	1,394	0.87
1,250,000	QBE Insurance 6.115% 2042	1,368	0.85
900,000	SLM Student Loan Trust 5.15% 2039	843	0.53
greater than 25 years to maturity			
950,000	America Movil 6.375% fixed to floating 2073	996	0.62
75	Slate no1 0% notes 2051	-	-
Perpetual			
2,000,000	AXA 6.772% fixed to floating Perpetual	2,013	1.26
1,000,000	Bank of Scotland 7.281% Perpetual	1,223	0.76
1,100,000	Barclays FRN Perpetual	1,120	0.70
2,200,000	Credit Agricole 8.125% Perpetual	2,227	1.39
100,000	HBOS 7.881% fixed to floating Perpetual	151	0.09
500,000	KBC Bank FRN Perpetual	506	0.32
1,800,000	SSE 3.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,820	1.14
845,000	Zurich FRN Perpetual	949	0.59
Government Bonds (0.82%)		-	-
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (36.96%)		60,093	37.54
Corporate Bonds (36.04%)		59,754	37.33
less than 5 years to maturity			
348,000	AIG Global Funding 2.3% 2022	283	0.18
1,000,000	Alfa 5.25% 2024	878	0.55
1,593,000	Anadarko Petroleum 4.85% 2021	1,342	0.84

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
570,000	AXA Equitable Holdings 3.9% 2023	484	0.30
1,006,000	Ball 4.375% 2020	838	0.52
777,000	Ball 5% 2022	666	0.42
1,910,000	Bank of America FRN 2022	1,581	0.99
1,224,000	BB&T 3.05% 2022	1,018	0.63
1,080,000	Blue Cube Spinco 9.75% 2023	972	0.61
1,400,000	BNP Paribas 2.95% 2022	1,153	0.72
800,000	Cablevision 6.5% 2021	653	0.41
2,020,000	Cardinal Health FRN 2022	1,649	1.03
2,270,000	CCO 5.125% 2023	1,883	1.18
1,500,000	Cenovus Energy 3% 2022	1,227	0.77
1,100,000	Centene 5.625% 2021	912	0.57
700,000	Citibank 3.4% 2021	583	0.36
2,000,000	Citigroup FRN 2023	1,665	1.04
866,000	Citizens Bank 3.25% 2022	719	0.45
1,400,000	Comcel Trust 6.875% 2024	1,183	0.74
600,000	Continental Resources 4.5% 2023	512	0.32
1,532,000	Continental Resources 5% 2022	1,263	0.79
750,000	Country Garden Holdings 7.5% 2020	624	0.39
400,000	Country Garden Holdings 8% 2024	355	0.22
680,000	Crown Castle International 2.25% 2021	552	0.34
3,249,000	CVS Health FRN 2021	2,665	1.66
528,000	Danske Bank 5% 2022	452	0.28
575,000	DBS 2.85% 2022	475	0.30
558,000	Dollar Tree 3.7% 2023	470	0.29
1,996,000	Dominion Energy 2.715% 2021	1,633	1.02
685,000	DTE Energy 2.6% 2022	561	0.35
550,000	Energy Transfer Operating 4.25% 2023	468	0.29
1,000,000	Energy Transfer Operating 7.5% 2020	863	0.54
100,000	ENI 4.15% 2020	83	0.05
764,000	Exelon 3.497% 2022	638	0.40
880,000	First Abu Dhabi Bank 3% 2022	727	0.45
999,000	Halliburton 3.5% 2023	842	0.53
1,900,000	Intesa Sanpaolo 6.5% 2021	1,628	1.02
1,000,000	JPMorgan Chase FRN 2022	819	0.51
2,005,000	JPMorgan Chase FRN 2023	1,665	1.04
1,000,000	Kinder Morgan Energy 3.5% 2021	827	0.52
1,100,000	Lennar 4.75% 2021	921	0.58
1,000,000	Mexichem 4.875% 2022	856	0.53
400,000	MGM Resorts International 6.625% 2021	354	0.22
480,000	Mylan 3.75% 2020	398	0.25
1,310,000	NTPC 5.625% 2021	1,124	0.70

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
1,000,000	Penske Truck Leasing 3.375% 2022		831	0.52
633,000	Perrigo Finance 3.5% 2021		513	0.32
1,200,000	Pertamina Persero 5.25% 2021		1,025	0.64
520,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 6.1% 2023		457	0.29
2,000,000	Sabine Pass Liquefaction 6.25% 2022		1,764	1.10
2,002,000	Saudi Arabian Oil 2.75% 2022		1,647	1.03
1,150,000	Sempra Energy FRN 2021		938	0.59
500,000	Shimao Property 6.125% 2024		430	0.27
325,000	Synchrony Financial 2.85% 2022		266	0.17
450,000	Tenet Healthcare 4.375% 2021		374	0.23
450,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 3.65% 2021		351	0.22
625,000	UBS 2.45% 2020		511	0.32
1,450,000	Welltower 3.75% 2023		1,230	0.77
500,000	Western Midstream Operating 4% 2022		416	0.26
800,000	ZF North America Capital 4% 2020		656	0.41
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
1,200,000	ABN Amro FRN 2028		1,010	0.63
635,000	CSC Holdings 10.875% 2025		593	0.37
103,000	Graham Holdings 5.75% 2026		89	0.06
greater than 25 years to maturity				
1,410,000	JP Morgan Mortgage Trust 2018-6 3.5% 2048		948	0.59
237,153	JP Morgan Mortgage Trust 2018-9 4% 2049		163	0.10
1,379,171	Sequoia Mortgage Trust 2018-6 4% 2048		831	0.52
Perpetual				
800,000	Credit Suisse 6.25% Perpetual		689	0.43
1,300,000	Nordea Bank FRN Perpetual		1,062	0.66
960,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 8.625% Perpetual		834	0.52
800,000	UBS 7.125% fixed to floating Perpetual		662	0.41
Government Bonds (0.92%)			339	0.21
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
400,000	US Treasury 2.5% 2026		339	0.21

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Collective Investment Schemes (1.77%)		3,005	1.88
3,005	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund*	3,005	1.88
Derivatives (-0.46%)		(3,350)	(2.10)
Credit Default Swaps (0.00%)		(1,546)	(0.97)
40,300,000	Buy iTRAXX Europe Series 31 20/06/2024 1%	(944)	(0.59)
1,800,000	Buy iTRAXX Europe Series 31 20/06/24 5%	(194)	(0.12)
1,683,000	Buy CDX High Yield North American High Yield Series 32 20/06/24	(117)	(0.07)
21,300,000	Buy CDX Investment Grade Series 32 30/06/24	(410)	(0.26)
4,000,000	Buy Vodafone Senior Unsecured	(79)	(0.05)
1,600,000	Sell Virgin Media Senior Unsecured	198	0.12
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.37%)		(2,572)	(1.61)
	Buy AUD 5,755,000 Sell CAD 5,253,353 22/08/2019	(26)	(0.02)
	Buy AUD 181,000 Sell GBP 98,843 22/08/2019	3	-
	Buy AUD 2,937,000 Sell GBP 1,587,331 22/08/2019	65	0.04
	Buy AUD 2,863,000 Sell JPY 215,113,795 22/08/2019	(8)	-
	Buy AUD 2,894,000 Sell JPY 218,077,080 22/08/2019	(13)	(0.01)
	Buy AUD 5,708,000 Sell NZD 5,958,267 22/08/2019	3	-
	Buy BRL 3,426,000 Sell USD 853,512 22/08/2019	45	0.03
	Buy BRL 4,029,000 Sell USD 982,922 22/08/2019	71	0.03
	Buy CAD 349,000 Sell GBP 203,893 22/08/2019	13	0.01
	Buy CAD 5,316,000 Sell USD 4,024,330 22/08/2019	21	0.01
	Buy CHF 4,147,000 Sell GBP 3,195,547 22/08/2019	229	0.14
	Buy CHF 1,998,294 Sell NZD 3,061,000 22/08/2019	1	-
	Buy CHF 1,972,000 Sell USD 2,001,977 22/08/2019	(5)	-
	Buy CZK 2,209,000 Sell GBP 74,220 22/08/2019	4	-
	Buy EUR 436,000 Sell GBP 392,274 15/08/2019	4	-
	Buy EUR 1,919,000 Sell GBP 1,721,068 15/08/2019	25	0.01
	Buy EUR 147,000 Sell GBP 130,847 22/08/2019	3	-
	Buy EUR 212,000 Sell GBP 189,159 22/08/2019	4	-
	Buy EUR 217,000 Sell GBP 194,324 22/08/2019	3	-
	Buy EUR 567,000 Sell GBP 506,954 22/08/2019	9	0.01
	Buy EUR 813,000 Sell GBP 725,507 22/08/2019	14	0.01
	Buy EUR 1,778,000 Sell JPY 215,279,351 22/08/2019	(2)	
	Buy EUR 1,778,000 Sell JPY 216,489,102 22/08/2019	(11)	(0.01)
	Buy EUR 1,788,000 Sell JPY 219,401,904 22/08/2019	(24)	(0.02)
	Buy EUR 1,801,000 Sell USD 2,009,872 22/08/2019	(1)	-

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	Buy GBP 561,286 Sell AUD 1,006,000 15/08/2019	(5)	-
	Buy GBP 209,513 Sell AUD 376,000 22/08/2019	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 4,069,585 Sell AUD 7,600,000 22/08/2019	(207)	(0.13)
	Buy GBP 259,764 Sell CAD 455,000 22/08/2019	(23)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 3,023,686 Sell CAD 5,287,000 22/08/2019	(263)	(0.16)
	Buy GBP 95,409 Sell CHF 121,000 22/08/2019	(5)	-
	Buy GBP 78,495 Sell CZK 2,308,000 22/08/2019	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 160,253 Sell EUR 178,000 15/08/2019	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 179,410 Sell EUR 201,000 15/08/2019	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 657,560 Sell EUR 731,000 15/08/2019	(7)	-
	Buy GBP 1,899,161 Sell EUR 2,111,000 15/08/2019	(21)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 22,337,012 Sell EUR 24,894,000 15/08/2019	(310)	(0.19)
	Buy GBP 22,341,768 Sell EUR 24,895,000 15/08/2019	(306)	(0.19)
	Buy GBP 79,757 Sell EUR 89,000 22/08/2019	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 105,246 Sell EUR 117,000 22/08/2019	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 127,581 Sell EUR 144,000 22/08/2019	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 128,329 Sell EUR 144,000 22/08/2019	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 131,970 Sell EUR 148,000 22/08/2019	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 143,448 Sell EUR 162,000 22/08/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 188,206 Sell EUR 212,000 22/08/2019	(5)	-
	Buy GBP 6,266,190 Sell EUR 7,197,000 22/08/2019	(283)	(0.18)
	Buy GBP 3,179,152 Sell ILS 14,698,000 22/08/2019	(254)	(0.16)
	Buy GBP 95,016 Sell JPY 13,110,000 22/08/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 158,872 Sell JPY 22,280,000 22/08/2019	(9)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 109,668 Sell NOK 1,215,000 22/08/2019	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 78,141 Sell NZD 152,000 22/08/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 1,564,373 Sell NZD 3,086,000 22/08/2019	(98)	(0.06)
	Buy GBP 140,906 Sell USD 176,000 15/08/2019	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 163,381 Sell USD 204,000 15/08/2019	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 206,421 Sell USD 259,000 15/08/2019	(5)	-
	Buy GBP 438,064 Sell USD 547,000 15/08/2019	(8)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 1,133,320 Sell USD 1,416,000 15/08/2019	(22)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 29,201,257 Sell USD 36,789,000 15/08/2019	(822)	(0.51)
	Buy GBP 29,202,138 Sell USD 36,789,000 15/08/2019	(821)	(0.51)
	Buy GBP 78,138 Sell USD 100,000 22/08/2019	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 80,173 Sell USD 102,000 22/08/2019	(3)	-
	Buy GBP 101,965 Sell USD 130,000 22/08/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 105,564 Sell USD 135,000 22/08/2019	(5)	-
	Buy GBP 108,169 Sell USD 138,000 22/08/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 115,681 Sell USD 147,000 22/08/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 120,131 Sell USD 147,000 22/08/2019	-	-
	Buy GBP 128,996 Sell USD 164,000 22/08/2019	(5)	-

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	Buy GBP 161,992 Sell USD 203,000 22/08/2019	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 180,426 Sell USD 227,000 22/08/2019	(5)	-
	Buy GBP 195,779 Sell USD 249,000 22/08/2019	(7)	-
	Buy GBP 271,422 Sell USD 346,000 22/08/2019	(11)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 290,980 Sell USD 370,000 22/08/2019	(11)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 631,202 Sell USD 813,000 22/08/2019	(32)	(0.02)
	Buy GBP 821,841 Sell USD 1,045,000 22/08/2019	(31)	(0.02)
	Buy GBP 1,395,128 Sell USD 1,780,000 22/08/2019	(57)	(0.04)
	Buy GBP 1,562,233 Sell ZAR 29,380,000 22/08/2019	(124)	(0.08)
	Buy ILS 14,707,000 Sell EUR 3,752,743 22/08/2019	21	0.01
	Buy INR 137,354,000 Sell USD 1,985,458 22/08/2019	4	-
	Buy JPY 220,017,164 Sell AUD 2,911,000 22/08/2019	18	0.01
	Buy JPY 216,554,779 Sell EUR 1,801,000 22/08/2019	(9)	(0.01)
	Buy JPY 217,068,941 Sell EUR 1,785,000 22/08/2019	9	0.01
	Buy JPY 906,660,000 Sell GBP 6,403,676 22/08/2019	420	0.26
	Buy JPY 213,922,872 Sell USD 1,992,000 22/08/2019	(15)	(0.01)
	Buy JPY 231,188,983 Sell USD 2,143,000 22/08/2019	(8)	(0.01)
	Buy JPY 439,740,000 Sell USD 4,076,464 22/08/2019	(16)	(0.01)
	Buy MXN 19,158,000 Sell USD 999,181 22/08/2019	5	-
	Buy NOK 35,911,000 Sell GBP 3,168,677 22/08/2019	169	0.11
	Buy USD 998,536 Sell BRL 3,753,000 22/08/2019	2	-
	Buy USD 1,858,660 Sell BRL 7,522,000 22/08/2019	(113)	(0.08)
	Buy USD 1,985,641 Sell BRL 7,744,000 22/08/2019	(57)	(0.04)
	Buy USD 94,000 Sell GBP 76,842 15/08/2019	-	-
	Buy USD 208,000 Sell GBP 166,123 15/08/2019	4	-
	Buy USD 416,000 Sell GBP 341,599 15/08/2019	(2)	-
	Buy USD 502,000 Sell GBP 400,700 15/08/2019	9	0.01
	Buy USD 92,000 Sell GBP 72,051 22/08/2019	3	-
	Buy USD 96,000 Sell GBP 75,026 22/08/2019	3	-
	Buy USD 129,000 Sell GBP 101,453 22/08/2019	4	-
	Buy USD 140,000 Sell GBP 111,300 22/08/2019	3	-
	Buy USD 149,000 Sell GBP 116,953 22/08/2019	5	-
	Buy USD 181,000 Sell GBP 144,823 22/08/2019	3	-
	Buy USD 193,000 Sell GBP 152,106 22/08/2019	5	-
	Buy USD 200,000 Sell GBP 157,185 22/08/2019	6	-
	Buy USD 250,000 Sell GBP 192,688 22/08/2019	11	0.01
	Buy USD 264,000 Sell GBP 209,595 22/08/2019	6	-
	Buy USD 264,000 Sell GBP 210,156 22/08/2019	5	-
	Buy USD 295,000 Sell GBP 231,477 22/08/2019	9	0.01
	Buy USD 458,000 Sell GBP 362,289 22/08/2019	11	0.01
	Buy USD 4,981,000 Sell GBP 3,826,767 22/08/2019	237	0.15
	Buy USD 2,003,507 Sell KRW 2,357,527,000 22/08/2019	7	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy USD 4,032,588 Sell KRW 4,702,845,000 22/08/2019	43	0.03
	Buy USD 995,695 Sell ZAR 14,198,000 22/08/2019	(3)	-
	Buy ZAR 14,093,000 Sell USD 1,009,581 22/08/2019	(15)	(0.01)
	Buy ZAR 14,114,000 Sell USD 939,711 22/08/2019	43	0.03
Futures (-0.09%)		(298)	(0.19)
613	Long 90 Day Euro Future 14/12/2019	334	0.21
214	Long US 10 Year Ultra Future 19/09/2019	396	0.25
254	Long US 5 Year Note Future 30/09/2019	(91)	(0.06)
(198)	Short 90 Day Euro Future 16/09/2019	46	0.03
(207)	Short 90 Day Euro Future 16/12/2019	(402)	(0.25)
(125)	Short Australian 10 Year Bond Future 16/09/2019	(154)	(0.11)
(3)	Short Australian 3 Year Bond Future 16/09/2019	(1)	-
(27)	Short Euro Bond Future 06/09/2019	(18)	(0.01)
(254)	Short Euro Schatz Future 06/09/2019	(50)	(0.03)
(98)	Short Euro-Bobl Future 06/09/2019	(80)	(0.05)
(35)	Short Euro-Oat Future 06/09/2019	(173)	(0.11)
(35)	Short Long Gilt Future 26/09/2019	(87)	(0.05)
(183)	Short US 2 Year Note Future 30/09/2019	(11)	(0.01)
(40)	Short US Ultra Bond (CBT) Future 19/09/2019	(7)	-
Inflation Swaps (0.00%)		47	0.03
5,290,000	Pay floating FRCPXTOB receive fixed 1.345% 15/04/2027	159	0.10
7,390,000	Pay floating UKRPI receive fixed 3.3425% 15/07/2023	(112)	(0.07)
Interest Rate Swaps (0.00%)		1,019	0.64
AUD 204,750,000	Pay fixed 1.22% receive floating AUD-BBR-BBSW 25/05/2020	(184)	(0.11)
CAD 55,220,000	Pay fixed 1.943% receive floating CAD-BA-CDOR 25/05/2021	69	0.04
CAD 8,180,000	Pay fixed 2.038% receive floating CAD-BA-CDOR 25/11/2026	(76)	(0.05)
CAD 8,180,000	Pay fixed 2.038% receive floating CAD-BA-CDOR 25/11/2026	(76)	(0.05)
EUR 43,830,000	Pay fixed -0.135% receive floating EONIA 29/01/2022	(392)	(0.24)
GBP 56,820,000	Pay fixed 0.478% receive floating SONIA 05/04/2021	(42)	(0.03)
GBP 1,650,000	Pay fixed 1.056% receive floating LIBOR 07/12/2022	(22)	(0.01)
GBP 1,730,000	Pay fixed 1.056% receive floating LIBOR 07/12/2022	(23)	(0.01)
GBP 2,110,000	Pay fixed 1.123% receive floating LIBOR 30/07/2050	(17)	(0.01)
GBP 9,840,000	Pay fixed 1.373% receive floating LIBOR 12/09/2023	(293)	(0.18)
USD 2,500,000	Pay fixed 1.347% receive floating USD-LIBOR 11/10/2022	23	0.01
USD 5,000,000	Pay fixed 2.002% receive floating USD-LIBOR 17/05/2023	(28)	(0.02)

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USD 2,400,000	Pay fixed 2.079% receive floating USD-LIBOR 17/05/2024	(24)	(0.02)
USD 11,710,000	Pay fixed 2.466% receive floating FEDFUNDS 29/01/2030	(671)	(0.42)
USD 9,830,000	Pay fixed 2.744% receive floating USD-LIBOR 02/07/2023	(296)	(0.18)
USD 6,170,000	Pay fixed 3.021% receive floating USD-LIBOR 19/09/2023	(290)	(0.18)
AUD 34,960,000	Pay floating AUD-BBR-BBSW receive fixed 1.7775% 23/05/2025	297	0.20
CAD 93,850,000	Pay floating CAD-BA-CDOR receive 1.793% 05/01/2021	(11)	(0.01)
CAD 55,220,000	Pay floating CAD-BA-CDOR receive fixed 1.943% 25/05/2021	69	0.04
EUR 34,070,000	Pay floating EONIA receive fixed -0.0425% 17/06/2025	254	0.16
EUR 8,990,000	Pay floating EONIA receive fixed 0.757% 29/01/2030	742	0.46
EUR 2,120,000	Pay floating EURIBOR receive fixed 0.614% 01/08/2050	20	0.01
EUR 6,350,000	Pay floating EURIBOR receive fixed 1.272% 11/06/2039	187	0.12
NZD 48,280,000	Pay floating NZD-BKBM receive fixed 1.81% 03/05/2023	292	0.18
USD 53,380,000	Pay floating FEDL01 receive fixed 2.31% 29/01/2022	740	0.46
USD 28,700,000	Pay floating USD-LIBOR receive fixed 2.95% 19/09/2020	429	0.27
USD 22,900,000	Pay floating USD-LIBOR receive 2.95% 19/09/2020	342	0.21
Total investment assets and liabilities		154,288	96.37
Net other assets		5,819	3.63
Total Net Assets		160,107	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital losses	1	(1,181)	(357)
Revenue	3	4,858	4,631
Expenses	4	(279)	(702)
Interest payable and similar charges*	5	(1,034)	(11)
Net revenue before taxation		3,545	3,918
Taxation	6	(7)	(21)
Net revenue after taxation		3,538	3,897
Total return before distributions		2,357	3,540
Distributions	7	(3,538)	(3,897)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(1,181)	(357)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	175,455	182,076
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	6,766	75,077
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(24,358)	(85,132)
	(17,592)	(10,055)
Dilution adjustment	27	182
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	(1,181)	(357)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	3,398	3,609
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	160,107	175,455

* For presentation purposes this line is now shown separately from expenses.

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		163,817	175,227
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	3,116	4,788
Cash and bank balances	9	2,976	6,084
		6,092	10,872
Total assets		169,909	186,099
Liabilities:			
Investment liabilities		(9,529)	(6,665)
Creditors	10	(260)	(2,888)
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers		-	(1,063)
Distribution payable		(13)	(28)
		(273)	(3,979)
Total liabilities		(9,802)	(10,644)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		160,107	175,455

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Losses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	6,216	(3,603)
Derivative contracts	(1,809)	3,335
Forward currency contracts	(5,087)	(242)
Other (losses)/gains	(501)	153
Net capital losses	(1,181)	(357)

2. Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bonds	92,599	167,470	110,851	165,044
Collective investment schemes	59,897	86,251	59,994	85,672
Trades in the year before transaction costs	152,496	253,721	170,845	250,716
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	152,496	253,721	170,845	250,716

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.37% (2018: 0.34%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Taxable distributions on offshore funds	32	45
Interest on debt securities	4,808	5,919
Derivative revenue	-	(1,369)
Bank interest	15	19
Stocklending income	3	17
Total revenue	4,858	4,631

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	99	442
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	180	260
	279	702
Total expenses	279	702

5 Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	12	11
Derivative expense	1,022	-
Total interest payable & similar charges	1,034	11

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Corporation tax	-	4
Double taxation relief	-	(4)
Overseas taxes	7	21
Total current tax	7	21
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	3,545	3,918
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	709	784
Effects of:		
Overseas taxes	7	21
Overseas tax expensed	(1)	-
Double taxation relief	-	(4)
Distributions treated as tax deductible	(708)	(780)
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	7	21

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

7. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interim distribution	2,206	1,807
Final distribution	1,235	1,865
	3,441	3,672
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	160	444
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(63)	(219)
Net distribution for the year	3,538	3,897

Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	4	3
Sales awaiting settlement	748	1,515
Accrued revenue	2,364	3,270
Total debtors	3,116	4,788

9. Cash and Bank Balances

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers	1,477	4,378
Cash and bank balances	1,499	1,706
Total cash and bank balances	2,976	6,084

10. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	83	111
Purchases awaiting settlement	157	880
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	20	30
Currency contracts payable	-	1,515
Swap interest payable	-	352
Total creditors	260	2,888

11. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £7,296,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £7,964,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Barclays	-	1,129
BNP Paribas	-	2,610
JPM Chase	-	3,557
Total securities on loan	-	7,296

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Government Bond	-	7,964
Total collateral held	-	7,964

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £4,000 (2018: £21,000) and £1,000 (2018: £4,000).

12. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 10.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 10.

13. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	1,233,542	148,270	(241,755)	1,140,057
A Income shares	8,376	31	(1,130)	7,277
I Accumulation shares	7,922,608	884,504	(2,079,089)	6,728,023
I Income shares	3,190,752	328,646	(1,200,474)	2,318,924
Z Accumulation shares	109,450,425	3,997,707	(2,850,346)	110,597,786
I Gross Accumulation shares	14,017,903	(874)	(13,979,763)	37,266
I Gross Income shares	115,303	-	(9,178)	106,125
K Accumulation shares	24,044	35,006	(37,474)	21,576
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	100

14. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Bonds	339	154,294	-	-	167,166	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	3,005	-	-	3,101	-
Derivatives	776	5,403	-	250	4,710	-
Total investment assets	1,115	162,702	-	250	174,977	-
Derivatives	(1,074)	(8,455)	-	(406)	(6,259)	-
Total investment liabilities	(1,074)	(8,455)	-	(406)	(6,259)	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

15. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

Global Exposure

Based on the investment strategy, types of complexities of the derivatives and the proportion of the Fund comprising derivatives, the method of estimating the Fund's overall risk position (Global Exposure) is to use the value at risk (VaR) techniques which estimate the probability of portfolio losses based on the statistical analysis of historical price trends and volatilities. The VaR is produced on a daily basis and the Fund's current VaR limit is detailed below.

(a) Value at risk (VaR)

The market risk of the Fund's financial asset and liability positions is monitored by the Investment Manager using VaR analysis. VaR analysis reflects the interdependencies between risk variables, unlike a traditional sensitivity analysis. VaR represents the potential losses from adverse changes in market factors for a specified time period and confidence level.

Model assumptions:

System:	Advanced Portfolio Technologies (APT)
VaR methodology:	Parametric
Confidence level:	99%
Holding period:	1 week (5 days)
Decay factor for exponential smoothing of the historical market data:	nil
Historical observation period:	180 weeks
VaR limit (absolute)	20%
VaR limit (relative)	200%
Reference portfolio for relative VaR	

The table below indicated the VaR of the Fund's financial instruments, measured as the potential 5 day loss in value from adverse changes in equity prices, interest rates, inflation and foreign currency exchange rates, with a 99 percent confidence level. Calculated on this basis, the table indicates that the net value of the Fund's financial assets and liabilities could be expected to change by more than the stated amount on only two days out of 200, in response to either price, interest rate, inflation or foreign currency exchange rate changes.

The VaR measures of the Fund are detailed below.

	2019*	2018
Minimum VaR	0.45%	0.43%
Maximum VaR	0.90%	0.95%
Average VaR	0.59%	0.63%

* Two outlier points were smoothed over, on 11/03/2019 and 12/03/2019.

VaR table

	FX risk	Interest rate risk	Inflation risk	Contribution from credit risk	Overall VaR
31 July 2019	(1.85%)	0.42%	-	2.07%	0.64%
31 July 2018	0.03%	0.47%	-	0.19%	0.69%

(b) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(c) Financial Derivatives Instrument Risk*

At the year end the Fund held derivatives for the purposes of efficient portfolio management or to meet the Fund's investment objectives. These types of transaction can introduce market exposure greater than the market value of the instrument. These transactions exchange benefits with a third party at a future date creating both counterparty and concentration risk. The Investment Adviser's policies for managing these risks are outlined in the Fund's prospectus.

At the balance sheet date the Fund had the following exposures:

Market Exposure	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Credit Default Swaps	62,143	-
Forward Currency Contracts	268,890	1,447
Futures	352,858	-
Interest Rate Swaps	585,702	892
Total Market Exposure	1,269,593	2,339

The total market exposure is the sum of the notional derivative contracts on a gross basis with no offsetting.

Counterparty Exposure

Derivative instruments involve an agreement to exchange a benefit at a future date. This introduces counterparty risk where an agreement is bilateral (between two parties) and concentration risk where a clearing broker operates on an exchange. Where the counterparty or clearing broker is not solvent the market exposure obtained would be lost.

At 31 July 2019 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows

Counterparty or clearer	Credit Default Swaps £'000	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Futures £'000	Interest Rate Swaps £'000	Inflation Rate Swaps £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	-	(673)	(298)	-	-	(971)
Barclays	(940)	172	-	530	(112)	(350)
BNP Paribas	-	173	-	(293)	-	(120)
Citigroup	-	493	-	378	-	871
Deutsche Bank	-	5	-	292	-	297
Goldman Sachs	-	89	-	(301)	-	(212)
HSBC	(79)	(327)	-	-	159	(247)
JP Morgan	(527)	-	-	-	-	(527)
Morgan Stanley	-	(957)	-	-	-	(957)
Royal Bank of Canada	-	(41)	-	-	-	(41)
StateStreet	-	(1,147)	-	-	-	(1,147)
UBS	-	(359)	-	413	-	54
Total	(1,546)	(2,572)	(298)	1,019	47	(3,350)

At 31 July 2018 the underlying exposure for each category of derivatives was as follows:

Counterparty	Forward currency exchange contracts £'000	Swap contracts £'000	Total by counterparty £'000
Barclays	81	1,308	1,389
BNP Paribas	85	-	85
Citigroup	55	5	60
Deutsche Bank	161	16	177
Goldman Sachs	143	1,695	1,838
HSBC	14	-	14
JPM Chase	45	-	45
Merrill Lynch	574	-	574
Morgan Stanley	129	-	129
Royal Bank of Canada	7	-	7
State Street	26	-	26
UBS	127	240	367
Total exposure	1,447	3,264	4,711

*Following the change in administrators the methodology used for compiling this note has changed.

(d) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.1192	-	1.1192*	0.4489
Group 2	0.7678	0.3514	1.1192*	0.4489
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.9153	-	0.9153**	0.3703
Group 2	0.5558	0.3595	0.9153**	0.3703
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2594	-	1.2594*	0.6527
Group 2	0.7035	0.5559	1.2594*	0.6527
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.1342	-	1.1342**	0.5965
Group 2	0.7870	0.3472	1.1342**	0.5965
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.4403	-	1.4403*	0.7486
Group 2	1.0403	0.4000	1.4403*	0.7486
I Gross Income shares				
Group 1	1.1261	-	1.1261**	0.5911
Group 2	-	-	-	0.5911
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2660	-	1.2660*	0.6671
Group 2	0.7027	0.5633	1.2660*	0.6671
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.6500	-	0.6500*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.6500	-	0.6500**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.8984	-	1.8984*	1.1357
Group 2	0.8937	1.0047	1.8984*	1.1357

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A Shares created for initial seeding of the share class prior to 29 November 2018

^B Shares purchased between 29 November 2018 and 31 January 2019

For the six months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3932	-	0.3932*	0.7368
Group 2	-	0.3932	0.3932*	0.7368
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3298	-	0.3298**	0.6055
Group 2	-	0.3298	0.3298**	0.6055
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5908	-	0.5908*	0.9189
Group 2	-	0.5908	0.5908*	0.9189
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.5347	-	0.5347**	0.8347
Group 2	-	0.5347	0.5347**	0.8347
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6787	-	0.6787*	1.0605
Group 2	-	-	-	1.0605
I Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.5305	-	0.5305**	0.8322
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8322
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6044	-	0.6044*	0.9365
Group 2	-	0.6044	0.6044*	0.9365
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0000	-	1.0000*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
M Income shares				
Group 1	1.0100	-	1.0100**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0648	-	1.0648*	1.4683
Group 2	-	1.0648	1.0648*	1.4683

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

ASI UK Equity Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The objective of the Fund is to provide capital growth through investment in companies registered in the United Kingdom, or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from the United Kingdom or have a significant proportion of their assets there.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI UK Equity Fund – A Income Shares increased by 4.44% compared to an increase of 1.27% in the benchmark, the FTSE All Share Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

UK equities in the All-Share index rose in the year under review, despite the volatility caused by political upheaval, Brexit-related uncertainty and concerns about the economy. The ongoing US-China trade war also weighed on sentiment. On the political front, Prime Minister Theresa May announced her resignation after MPs rejected her EU Withdrawal Agreement on three occasions. She was replaced by Boris Johnson. He quickly set out his stall, making the prospect of a 'no-deal' more likely. This caused the pound to weaken as uncertainty built, benefiting a number of FTSE 100 companies that make a sizeable portion of their profits overseas. Despite all this, the UK economy held up relatively well for much of the period. However, the strain eventually showed, with gross domestic product contracting 0.2% in the second quarter.

Portfolio review

A key contributor to the Fund's outperformance was UK engineering software developer Aveva, as the Group delivered further earnings upgrades from a combination of stronger end markets and synergy benefits on the back of its corporate combination with Schneider Software. Also benefiting the Fund was the London Stock Exchange, which was boosted by a deal to acquire market data and analytics provider Refinitiv towards the end of the period, which we expect to be highly accretive. Another contributor was BTG, which saw shares rise close to the 840p offer price after receiving a takeover bid from US peer Boston Scientific that has since been confirmed;

Capping gains was Fevertree Drinks, where poor weather trends against last year's tough comps had caused uncertainty around the UK growth prospects. We still believe that the slowdown expected here will ultimately be more than offset by the growth potential in the rest of the world, particularly the US. Also costing the Fund was a lack of exposure to AstraZeneca whose recent stream of positive pipeline news is incrementally building a stronger earnings outlook. We have since re-introduced this name into our portfolio in the belief that this is not reflected in the valuation. Another detractor was Weir Group, who continued to face headwinds in its oil & gas division given the weaker oil price.

In addition to the portfolio changes already mentioned in the first-half review, we exited IHG, Schroders and Ultra Electronics in favour of more attractive opportunities elsewhere.

Against this, we introduced oilfield-services company Hunting, where we see attraction in its marketing-leading positions and high levels of innovation. Together, these enable it to benefit from the structural growth driven by increased oil-rig complexity, as well as US shale activity required to meet global oil demand. Additionally, its net-cash balance sheet and robust cash generation provide some protection against the cyclical nature of this segment, where the current valuation prices in very little for a recovery, particularly in its international business. We also initiated medical-devices developer Smith & Nephew. Its leading technology and new management oversight presents a sturdier organic growth trajectory, while better operational execution and self-help should support significant margin expansion. Its robust balance sheet also presents opportunities for further earnings-enhancing mergers and acquisitions. We started a new position in financial services group St. James's Place. We believe it has an attractive growth trajectory, underpinned by an increasing pool of wealthy individuals requiring financial advice. It also has the opportunity to gain market share. This long-term potential is not reflected in the company's current valuation. Another introduction was well-known retailer WH Smith which has transitioned from a High Street store operator into an international travel player where competition is limited, pricing power is more robust and growth is underpinned by the increasing air-traffic trends. This has resulted in a solid returns profile and improving earnings power which we think hasn't been fully reflected in its valuation.

Outlook

The market remains volatile. UK domestically-focused and global cyclical companies continue to be under pressure given macroeconomic concerns. These companies are usually hit hardest when markets fall. We do not expect imminent relief from this general environment.

The UK government's Brexit policy appears increasingly likely to result in either a 'no-deal' Brexit or a general election (or both). This means further volatility in sterling and in UK domestic stocks. While there is compelling value in domestically-focus companies, we do not believe either a 'no-deal' Brexit or a possible Corbyn-led government is fully priced into UK equities. Therefore, we are looking to minimise relative risk surrounding exposure to a 'no-deal' Brexit. To achieve this we are working closely with our risk team.

The global economic cycle is not coming to an end just yet, unless politicians tip the economy into recession through trade policies. However, there are clear signs of economic activity slowing. As a result, we believe it is prudent to be cautious on the global growth outlook. In general, we are avoiding industrial businesses trading on full valuations. These businesses have seen a substantial increase in profit margins during the current cycle.

Investors focusing on the macro environment are overlooking company-level fundamentals. Stocks are trading more according to themes rather than on company specifics. Momentum is proving a far greater driver of share price performance than valuation. Our focus is on delivering a diversified portfolio of high-conviction ideas that are undervalued, and we are confident this will be crystallised in the long-run. Stock-specific insights will drive relative performance.

UK Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019.

The Fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The Fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	210.24	193.04	172.37
Return before operating charges*	11.81	20.35	23.61
Operating charges	(2.82)	(3.15)	(2.94)
Return after operating charges*	8.99	17.20	20.67
Distributions	(2.08)	(2.03)	(2.94)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.08	2.03	2.94
Closing net asset value per share	219.23	210.24	193.04
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.32	0.45	0.20
Performance			
Return after charges	4.28%	8.91%	11.99%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	86,801	90,261	95,821
Closing number of shares	39,593,142	42,932,985	49,638,662
Operating charges	1.40%	1.60%	1.60%
Direct transaction costs	0.16%	0.23%	0.11%
Prices			
Highest share price	222.0	212.2	200.2
Lowest share price	177.0	183.9	169.3

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The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

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A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	166.23	154.15	139.81
Return before operating charges*	9.24	16.21	19.10
Operating charges	(2.22)	(2.51)	(2.38)
Return after operating charges*	7.02	13.70	16.72
Distributions	(1.64)	(1.62)	(2.38)
Closing net asset value per share	171.61	166.23	154.15
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.25	0.36	0.16
Performance			
Return after charges	4.22%	8.89%	11.96%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	32,912	33,985	36,631
Closing number of shares	19,177,938	20,444,361	23,763,183
Operating charges	1.40%	1.60%	1.60%
Direct transaction costs	0.16%	0.23%	0.11%
Prices			
Highest share price	174.7	168.9	161.7
Lowest share price	140.0	146.4	137.3

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	227.82	207.62	184.00
Return before operating charges*	12.92	22.00	25.29
Operating charges	(1.86)	(1.80)	(1.67)
Return after operating charges*	11.06	20.20	23.62
Distributions	(3.46)	(3.79)	(4.63)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	3.46	3.79	4.63
Closing net asset value per share	238.88	227.82	207.62
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.35	0.49	0.21
Performance			
Return after charges	4.85%	9.73%	12.84%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	53,973	83,232	76,753
Closing number of shares	22,593,871	36,533,621	36,967,786
Operating charges	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%
Direct transaction costs	0.16%	0.23%	0.11%
Prices			
Highest share price	241.9	229.9	215.1
Lowest share price	192.4	198.8	180.8

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	166.10	154.00	139.67
Return before operating charges*	9.25	16.23	19.07
Operating charges	(1.35)	(1.33)	(1.25)
Return after operating charges*	7.90	14.90	17.82
Distributions	(2.51)	(2.80)	(3.49)
Closing net asset value per share	171.49	166.10	154.00
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.25	0.36	0.16
Performance			
Return after charges	4.76%	9.68%	12.76%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	11,143	11,185	9,827
Closing number of shares	6,497,753	6,734,196	6,381,369
Operating charges	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%
Direct transaction costs	0.16%	0.23%	0.11%
Prices			
Highest share price	175.0	169.3	162.0
Lowest share price	140.3	146.4	137.2

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K Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	136.63	124.42	110.18
Return before operating charges*	7.76	13.21	15.16
Operating charges	(1.02)	(1.00)	(0.92)
Return after operating charges*	6.74	12.21	14.24
Distributions	(2.17)	(2.37)	(2.86)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.17	2.37	2.86
Closing net asset value per share	143.37	136.63	124.42
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.21	0.29	0.13
Performance			
Return after charges	4.93%	9.81%	12.92%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	857	887	148
Closing number of shares	597,718	648,935	118,674
Operating charges	0.78%	0.78%	0.78%
Direct transaction costs	0.16%	0.23%	0.11%
Prices			
Highest share price	145.2	137.9	128.9
Lowest share price	115.4	119.2	108.3

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L Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	123.23	111.69	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	7.01	11.85	11.81
Operating charges	(0.71)	(0.31)	(0.12)
Return after operating charges*	6.30	11.54	11.69
Distributions	(2.17)	(2.66)	(2.33)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.17	2.66	2.33
Closing net asset value per share	129.53	123.23	111.69
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.19	0.26	0.12
Performance			
Return after charges	5.11%	10.33%	11.69%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	170	193	178
Closing number of shares	131,176	156,700	159,700
Operating charges	0.60%	0.27%	0.13%
Direct transaction costs	0.16%	0.23%	0.11%
Prices			
Highest share price	131.2	124.4	115.6
Lowest share price	104.2	107.4	97.07

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Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A L Accumulation share class was launched on 30 September 2016.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

L Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	117.95	109.34	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	6.58	11.50	11.78
Operating charges	(0.67)	(0.30)	(0.12)
Return after operating charges*	5.91	11.20	11.66
Distributions	(2.07)	(2.59)	(2.32)
Closing net asset value per share	121.79	117.95	109.34
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.18	0.25	0.12
Performance			
Return after charges	5.01%	10.24%	11.66%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	38	44	363
Closing number of shares	31,267	37,300	331,600
Operating charges	0.60%	0.27%	0.13%
Direct transaction costs	0.16%	0.23%	0.11%
Prices			
Highest share price	124.4	120.4	115.3
Lowest share price	99.71	104.1	97.07

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A L Income share class was launched on 30 September 2016.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	17.93
Operating charges	(0.58)
Return after operating charges*	17.35
Distributions	(1.32)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.32
Closing net asset value per share	117.35
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.10
Performance	
Return after charges	17.35%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.90%
Direct transaction costs	0.16%
Prices	
Highest share price	118.8
Lowest share price	94.32

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 30 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	17.91
Operating charges	(0.58)
Return after operating charges*	17.33
Distributions	(1.32)
Closing net asset value per share	116.01
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.10
Performance	
Return after charges	17.33%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.90%
Direct transaction costs	0.16%
Prices	
Highest share price	118.6
Lowest share price	94.32

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Income share class was launched on 30 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Accumulation shares ^A	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share		
Opening net asset value per share	135.50	119.13
Return before operating charges*	7.44	16.50
Operating charges	(0.11)	(0.13)
Return after operating charges*	7.33	16.37
Distributions	(1.51)	(4.03)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	1.51	4.03
Redemption value as at 11 May 2018	(142.83)	-
Closing net asset value per share	-	135.50
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.31	0.14
Performance		
Return after charges	5.41%	13.74%
Other information		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1
Closing number of shares	-	780
Operating charges	0.10%	0.10%
Direct transaction costs	0.23%	0.11%
Prices		
Highest share price	142.9	140.2
Lowest share price	130.4	117.0

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A Z Accumulation share class closed on 11 May 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (100.02%)		182,327	98.08
Basic Materials (3.47%)		10,241	5.51
100,228	Croda	4,697	2.53
172,500	Johnson Matthey	5,544	2.98
Consumer Goods (18.28%)		32,600	17.53
157,400	Associated British Foods	3,808	2.05
177,900	British American Tobacco	5,251	2.82
1,241,000	Countryside Properties	3,646	1.96
291,000	Diageo	10,019	5.39
155,600	Fever Tree Drinks	3,633	1.95
126,000	Unilever	6,243	3.36
Consumer Services (18.73%)		32,510	17.49
1,760,400	Boohoo.com	4,214	2.27
202,600	Compass	4,218	2.27
250,100	Euromoney Institutional Investor	3,446	1.85
723,300	Just Eat	5,506	2.96
413,500	RELX	8,076	4.34
631,400	Rightmove	3,336	1.80
175,500	WH Smith	3,714	2.00
Financials (17.46%)		39,315	21.15
1,110,600	Ashmore	5,953	3.20
345,500	Close Brothers	4,595	2.47
1,894,500	Epic Brand Investments ^Ω	-	-
6,075	HIE Ventures ^Ω	-	-
128,800	London Stock Exchange	8,532	4.59
4,492,239	Newfound ^Ω	-	-
456,400	Prudential	7,747	4.17
343,300	St James's Place	3,377	1.82
823,600	Standard Chartered	5,573	3.00
731,000	Standard Life UK Smaller Companies Trust ⁺	3,538	1.90

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Health Care (12.26%)		20,860	11.22
382,800	Abcam	5,003	2.69
199,700	Dechra Pharmaceuticals	5,879	3.16
218,100	Genus	5,754	3.10
227,300	Smith & Nephew	4,224	2.27
Industrials (26.06%)		35,966	19.35
509,300	Bodycote	3,748	2.02
223,300	Experian	5,580	3.00
62,000	Intertek	3,538	1.90
493,100	Marshalls	3,133	1.68
1,376,800	Rentokil	5,988	3.22
407,500	Rolls-Royce	3,512	1.89
510,200	Smart Metering Systems	2,559	1.38
34,700	Spirax-Sarco Engineering	3,119	1.68
320,000	Weir	4,789	2.58
Oil & Gas (0.00%)		3,494	1.88
685,700	Hunting	3,494	1.88
Technology (3.76%)		7,341	3.95
184,000	AVEVA	7,341	3.95
Total investment assets		182,327	98.08
Net other assets		3,567	1.92
Total Net Assets		185,894	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

^a Unapproved/unquoted security.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains	1	4,625	16,167
Revenue	3	4,810	5,698
Expenses	4	(2,294)	(2,759)
Net revenue before taxation		2,516	2,939
Taxation	5	-	(11)
Net revenue after taxation		2,516	2,928
Total return before distributions		7,141	19,095
Distributions	6	(2,516)	(2,935)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		4,625	16,160

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	219,787	219,722
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	4,483	3,720
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(44,866)	(22,137)
	(40,383)	(18,417)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	4,625	16,160
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	1,838	2,299
Unclaimed distributions	27	23
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	185,894	219,787

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		182,327	219,833
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	248	300
Cash and bank balances		3,933	1,964
		4,181	2,264
Total assets		186,508	222,097
Liabilities:			
Creditors	8	(345)	(1,964)
Distribution payable		(269)	(346)
		(614)	(2,310)
Total liabilities		(614)	(2,310)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		185,894	219,787

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	4,620	16,165
Other gains	5	2
Net capital gains	4,625	16,167

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	46,605	99,979	89,044	101,988
Collective investment schemes	-	-	-	6,132
Trades in the year before transaction costs	46,605	99,979	89,044	108,120
Commissions				
Equities	86	44	(70)	(41)
Total commissions	86	44	(70)	(41)
Taxes				
Equities	157	406	-	-
Total taxes	157	406	-	-
Total transaction costs	243	450	(70)	(41)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	46,848	100,429	88,974	108,079

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.18	0.04	0.08	0.04
Taxes				
Equities	0.34	0.41	-	-

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.08	0.04
Taxes	0.08	0.19

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.12% (2018: 0.13%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK dividends	4,802	5,333
Overseas dividends	-	126
Stock dividends	-	120
Franked dividend distributions	-	93
Bank interest	3	4
Stocklending income	5	22
Total revenue	4,810	5,698

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	2,098	2,544
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	196	215
Total expenses	2,294	2,759

5. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	-	11
Total current tax	-	11

(b)

Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Net revenue before taxation	2,516	2,939
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	503	588
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(960)	(1,109)
Excess allowable expenses	457	546
Overseas taxes	-	11
Overseas withholding tax: prior year adjustment	-	(25)
Total tax charge for year (note 5a)	-	11

(c)

Factors that may affect future tax charge

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £17,768,000 (2018: £17,311,000) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

6.

Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interim distribution	1,152	1,015
Final distribution	1,171	1,815
	2,323	2,830
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	214	120
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(21)	(15)
Net distribution for the year	2,516	2,935
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	2,516	2,928
Movement between share classes due to conversions	-	7
	2,516	2,935

7.

Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	-	41
Accrued revenue	248	259
Total debtors	248	300

8. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	166	216
Purchases awaiting settlement	-	1,510
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	179	238
Total creditors	345	1,964

9. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £14,285,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £15,530,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
ABN Amro	-	830
Credit Suisse	-	9,239
NATIXIS	-	4,216
Total securities on loan	-	14,285

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	-	5,627
Government Bond	-	9,903
Total collateral held	-	15,530

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £6,000 (2018: £28,000) and £1,000 (2018: £6,000).

10. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 7 and 8.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 8.

11. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	42,932,985	377,440	(3,420,261)	(297,022)	39,593,142
A Income shares	20,444,361	116,908	(1,238,229)	(145,102)	19,177,938
I Accumulation shares	36,533,621	955,326	(15,164,060)	268,984	22,593,871
I Income shares	6,734,196	318,926	(705,937)	150,568	6,497,753
K Accumulation shares	648,935	954	(52,171)	-	597,718
L Accumulation shares	156,700	-	(25,524)	-	131,176
L Income shares	37,300	-	(6,033)	-	31,267
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100

12. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	182,327	-	-	219,833	-	-
Total investment assets	182,327	-	-	219,833	-	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

13. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at 31 July 2019 by £9,116,000 (2018: £10,992,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

The income and capital value of the Fund's investments are mainly denominated in sterling, the Fund's functional currency; therefore, the financial statements are not subject to any significant risk of currency movements. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(c) Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(d) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) Financial Derivative Instrument Risk

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018: nil).

(f) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8687	-	0.8687*	0.6182
Group 2	0.3836	0.4851	0.8687*	0.6182
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.6868	-	0.6868**	0.4936
Group 2	0.2359	0.4509	0.6868**	0.4936
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.6326	-	1.6326*	1.4628
Group 2	0.7544	0.8782	1.6326*	1.4628
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.1903	-	1.1903**	1.0850
Group 2	0.7509	0.4394	1.1903**	1.0850
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0265	-	1.0265*	0.9288
Group 2	-	-	-	-
L Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0265	-	1.0265*	1.2180
Group 2	-	-	-	-
L Income shares				
Group 1	0.9822	-	0.9822**	1.1924
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.2200	-	0.2200*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.2200	-	0.2200**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
Z Accumulation shares^c				
Group 1	-	-	-	1.5094
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^a Shares created prior to initial seeding of the share class on 30 November 2018.

^b Shares purchased between 30 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

^c Z Accumulation share class closed on 11 May 2018.

For the six months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2137	-	1.2137*	1.4153
Group 2	0.3541	0.8596	1.2137*	1.4153
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.9553	-	0.9553**	1.1267
Group 2	0.1699	0.7854	0.9553**	1.1267
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.8276	-	1.8276*	2.3250
Group 2	0.4293	1.3983	1.8276*	2.3250
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.3222	-	1.3222**	1.7126
Group 2	0.3466	0.9756	1.3222**	1.7126
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.1473	-	1.1473*	1.4401
Group 2	-	1.1473	1.1473*	1.4401
L Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.1426	-	1.1426*	1.4424
Group 2	-	-	-	-
L Income shares				
Group 1	1.0839	-	1.0839**	1.3970
Group 2	-	-	-	-

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.1000	-	1.1000*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	1.1000	-	1.1000**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Interim Dividend	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%	100.00%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%	0.00%

ASI UK Income Equity Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to achieve an attractive level of income combined with capital growth from a portfolio primarily consisting of UK Equity and Equity-Related Securities. This Fund may invest in companies listed or incorporated anywhere in the world, as long as the companies' principal activities are in, or their main economic exposure is to, the UK. This Fund may also invest in Equity and Equity-Related Securities of non-UK companies. The Fund may also hold ancillary liquid assets and debt and debt-related securities.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI UK Income Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 3.72% compared to an increase of 1.27% in the benchmark, the FTSE All Share Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

UK equities in the All-Share index rose in the year under review, despite the volatility caused by political upheaval, Brexit-related uncertainty and concerns about the economy. The ongoing US-China trade war also weighed on sentiment. On the political front, Prime Minister Theresa May announced her resignation after MPs rejected her EU Withdrawal Agreement on three occasions. She was replaced by Boris Johnson. He quickly set out his stall, making the prospect of a 'no-deal' more likely. This caused the pound to weaken as uncertainty built, benefiting a number of FTSE 100 companies that make a sizeable portion of their profits overseas. Despite all this, the UK economy held up relatively well for much of the period. However, the strain eventually showed, with gross domestic product contracting 0.2% in the second quarter.

Portfolio review

A key contributor to the Fund's outperformance was UK engineering software developer Aveva, as the Group delivered further earnings upgrades from a combination of stronger end markets and synergy benefits on the back of its corporate combination with Schneider Software. Also benefiting the Fund was the Ashmore Group, whose emerging market exposure, above average net flows and strong fund performance continues to drive outperformance. Another contributor to performance was Nestle, as the shares performed well after its US capital markets day was well-received.

In contrast, the position in Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield detracted as investor sentiment for shopping mall owners soured over the period together with company specific issues relating to challenges integrating its 2018 acquisition of Westfield Group. Also costing the fund was Saga, where continued competition and regulatory pressure led them to cut both profits and the dividend to enable strategic reinvestment. We sold the holding, reflecting the deterioration in its quality, given the increasingly commoditised

nature of the broking business, high debt levels, new product risk and an unproven management. Another detractor was Weir Group, which continued to face headwinds in its oil & gas division given the weaker oil price.

In addition to the portfolio changes already mentioned in the first-half review, we exited Nordea, Saga, Schroders and Ultra Electronics in favour of more attractive opportunities elsewhere.

Against this, we introduced medical technology firm ConvaTec. While it was mismanaged in the past, we think this will change with new people at the helm and should help improve the quality of the business. Its valuation and dividend are also attractive. We initiated a position in Sirius Real Estate. In our view, investors are underappreciating the value of the company's operating platform. This allows Sirius to buy properties, enhance the tenant base and then sell at a good profit. We also established a position in US-focused conventional natural gas and oil producer Diversified Gas & Oil. Its mature producing assets, with long life spans and low operational costs, underpin its healthy yield, which has the potential to grow further as it acquires other discounted mature natural-gas assets in the region.

Another new inclusion was medical-devices developer Smith & Nephew. Its leading technology and new management oversight presents a sturdier organic growth trajectory, while better operational execution and self-help should support significant margin expansion. Its robust balance sheet also presents opportunities for further earnings-enhancing mergers and acquisitions. We purchased shares in high-yielding energy provider SSE. It owns an attractive mix of networks, with the potential for significant regulatory asset-value growth. Its renewable assets are also attractive, with compelling onshore and offshore wind fields. We started a new position in financial services group St. James's Place. We believe it has an attractive growth trajectory, underpinned by an increasing pool of wealthy individuals requiring financial advice. It also has the opportunity to gain market share. This long-term potential is not reflected in the company's current valuation. Another new name was well-known retailer WH Smith which has transitioned from a High Street store operator into an international travel player where competition is limited, pricing power is more robust and growth is underpinned by the increasing air-traffic trends. This has resulted in a solid returns profile and improving earnings power which we think hasn't been fully reflected in its valuation.

Outlook

The market remains volatile. UK domestically-focused and global cyclical companies continue to be under pressure given macroeconomic concerns. These companies are usually hit hardest when markets fall. We do not expect imminent relief from this general environment.

The UK government's Brexit policy appears increasingly likely to result in either a 'no-deal' Brexit or a general election (or both). This means further volatility in sterling and in UK domestic stocks. While there is compelling value in domestically-focus companies,

we do not believe either a 'no-deal' Brexit or a possible Corbyn-led government is fully priced into UK equities. Therefore, we are looking to minimise relative risk surrounding exposure to a 'no-deal' Brexit. To achieve this we are working closely with our risk team.

The global economic cycle is not coming to an end just yet, unless politicians tip the economy into recession through trade policies. However, there are clear signs of economic activity slowing. As a result, we believe it is prudent to be cautious on the global growth outlook. In general, we are avoiding industrial businesses trading on full valuations. These businesses have seen a substantial increase in profit margins during the current cycle.

Investors focusing on the macro environment are overlooking company-level fundamentals. Stocks are trading more according to themes rather than on company specifics. Momentum is proving a far greater driver of share price performance than valuation. Our focus is on delivering a diversified portfolio of high-conviction ideas that are undervalued, and we are confident this will be crystallised in the long-run. Stock-specific insights will drive relative performance.

UK Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The Fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The Fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The Fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	1,241.95	1,188.73	1,081.81
Return before operating charges*	61.03	72.29	125.55
Operating charges	(16.75)	(19.07)	(18.63)
Return after operating charges*	44.28	53.22	106.92
Distributions	(51.09)	(45.73)	(45.07)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	51.09	45.73	45.07
Closing net asset value per share	1,286.23	1,241.95	1,188.73
* after direct transaction costs of:	1.55	1.17	0.64
Performance			
Return after charges	3.57%	4.48%	9.88%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	58,855	61,988	66,961
Closing number of shares	4,575,770	4,991,225	5,632,976
Operating charges	1.41%	1.61%	1.62%
Direct transaction costs	0.13%	0.10%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	1,303	1,242	1,254
Lowest share price	1,084	1,102	1,063

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	381.24	378.91	358.66
Return before operating charges*	17.95	22.82	41.18
Operating charges	(5.09)	(6.04)	(6.13)
Return after operating charges*	12.86	16.78	35.05
Distributions	(15.52)	(14.45)	(14.80)
Closing net asset value per share	378.58	381.24	378.91
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.47	0.37	0.21
Performance			
Return after charges	3.37%	4.43%	9.77%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	60,471	64,833	71,648
Closing number of shares	15,973,007	17,005,887	18,908,698
Operating charges	1.41%	1.61%	1.62%
Direct transaction costs	0.13%	0.10%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	393.0	392.3	409.7
Lowest share price	332.6	346.6	352.3

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	1,364.53	1,296.25	1,170.85
Return before operating charges*	67.64	79.43	136.27
Operating charges	(11.19)	(11.15)	(10.87)
Return after operating charges*	56.45	68.28	125.40
Distributions	(56.31)	(50.05)	(48.96)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	56.31	50.05	48.96
Closing net asset value per share	1,420.98	1,364.53	1,296.25
* after direct transaction costs of:	1.71	1.28	0.69
Performance			
Return after charges	4.14%	5.27%	10.71%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	21,567	18,651	18,346
Closing number of shares	1,517,773	1,366,818	1,415,297
Operating charges	0.85%	0.86%	0.87%
Direct transaction costs	0.13%	0.10%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	1,439	1,365	1,366
Lowest share price	1,194	1,208	1,153

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	421.19	415.44	390.25
Return before operating charges*	20.03	25.20	44.96
Operating charges	(3.43)	(3.55)	(3.60)
Return after operating charges*	16.60	21.65	41.36
Distributions	(17.20)	(15.90)	(16.17)
Closing net asset value per share	420.59	421.19	415.44
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.52	0.41	0.23
Performance			
Return after charges	3.94%	5.21%	10.60%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	14,890	16,579	16,529
Closing number of shares	3,540,194	3,936,318	3,978,616
Operating charges	0.85%	0.86%	0.87%
Direct transaction costs	0.13%	0.10%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	436.6	431.5	448.7
Lowest share price	368.5	381.9	384.3

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Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

K Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	117.03	114.96	108.46
Return before operating charges*	5.56	7.37	12.73
Operating charges	(0.87)	(0.90)	(0.89)
Return after operating charges*	4.69	6.47	11.84
Distributions	(4.78)	(4.40)	(5.34)
Closing net asset value per share	116.94	117.03	114.96
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.15	0.11	0.06
Performance			
Return after charges	4.01%	5.63%	10.92%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	35	22	1
Closing number of shares	29,770	18,404	1,259
Operating charges	0.78%	0.79%	0.80%
Direct transaction costs	0.13%	0.10%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	121.4	119.9	124.2
Lowest share price	102.4	106.1	106.8

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The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	13.91
Operating charges	(0.63)
Return after operating charges*	13.28
Distributions	(2.75)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.75
Closing net asset value per share	113.28
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.09
Performance	
Return after charges	13.28%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.90%
Direct transaction costs	0.13%
Prices	
Highest share price	114.7
Lowest share price	95.00

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV. Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 30 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	13.86
Operating charges	(0.63)
Return after operating charges*	13.23
Distributions	(2.73)
Closing net asset value per share	110.50
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.09
Performance	
Return after charges	13.23%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.90%
Direct transaction costs	0.13%
Prices	
Highest share price	114.5
Lowest share price	95.00

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Income share class was launched on 30 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	1,508.90	1,422.73	1,275.83
Return before operating charges*	(58.18)	87.73	148.52
Operating charges	(1.65)	(1.56)	(1.62)
Return after operating charges*	(59.83)	86.17	146.90
Distributions	-	(55.26)	(53.62)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	-	55.26	53.62
Redemption value as at 14 September 2018	(1,449.07)	-	-
Closing net asset value per share	-	1,508.90	1,422.73
* after direct transaction costs of:	-	1.41	0.75
Performance			
Return after charges	-	6.06%	11.51%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	2	185
Closing number of shares	-	132	13,032
Operating charges	0.11%	0.11%	0.12%
Direct transaction costs	-	0.10%	0.06%
Prices			
Highest share price	-	1,509	1,497
Lowest share price	-	1,332	1,259

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A Z Accumulation share class closed on 14 September 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (98.75%)		151,278	97.09
Basic Materials (7.82%)		10,309	6.62
256,100	BHP	5,081	3.26
43,947	Croda	2,059	1.32
67,448	Rio Tinto	3,169	2.04
Consumer Goods (18.05%)		29,292	18.80
101,000	Associated British Foods	2,443	1.57
179,000	British American Tobacco	5,283	3.39
1,020,800	Countryside Properties	2,999	1.93
183,400	Diageo	6,315	4.05
63,100	Imperial Brands	1,322	0.85
550,000	Inchcape	3,432	2.20
24,400	Nestle	2,127	1.37
134,000	Scandinavian Tobacco Group	1,159	0.74
85,000	Unilever	4,212	2.70
Consumer Services (6.15%)		11,746	7.54
121,800	Compass	2,536	1.63
185,200	Euromoney Institutional Investor	2,552	1.64
387,000	Hostelworld	658	0.42
245,900	RELX	4,802	3.08
56,600	WH Smith	1,198	0.77
Financials (24.97%)		34,372	22.06
480,602	Ashmore	2,576	1.65
5,247,185	Assura	3,384	2.17
230,000	Big Yellow	2,274	1.46
521,900	Chesnara	1,725	1.11
182,400	Close Brothers	2,426	1.56
1,121,050	Hansteen REIT	981	0.63
424,500	HSBC	2,787	1.79
26,400	London Stock Exchange	1,749	1.12
981,447	LondonMetric Property	1,990	1.28
295,100	Prudential	5,009	3.22
1,169,927	Sirius Real Estate	778	0.50

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
180,800	St James's Place		1,779	1.14
449,500	Standard Chartered		3,041	1.95
400,000	Standard Life UK Smaller Companies Trust ⁺		1,936	1.24
17,600	Unibail-Rodamco		1,937	1.24
Health Care (10.64%)			17,534	11.25
58,900	AstraZeneca		4,158	2.67
816,200	ConvaTec		1,274	0.82
298,500	GlaxoSmithKline		5,082	3.26
44,500	Novo Nordisk		1,762	1.13
14,200	Roche		3,123	2.00
114,900	Smith & Nephew		2,135	1.37
Industrials (16.63%)			19,611	12.58
533,500	BBA Aviation		1,706	1.09
199,300	Bodycote		1,467	0.94
64,000	Diploma		970	0.62
119,000	Experian		2,974	1.91
356,900	Howdens Joinery		1,980	1.27
54,000	Kone		2,532	1.62
183,008	Marshalls		1,163	0.75
625,700	Rentokil		2,721	1.75
15,100	VAT		1,554	1.00
169,985	Weir		2,544	1.63
Oil & Gas (5.80%)			10,874	6.98
811,900	BP		4,430	2.85
1,386,000	Diversified Gas & Oil		1,469	0.94
191,200	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'		4,975	3.19
Technology (2.79%)			4,545	2.92
113,900	AVEVA		4,545	2.92
Telecommunications (4.49%)			5,902	3.79
140,000	Telecom Plus		1,862	1.19
2,692,000	Vodafone		4,040	2.60

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Utilities (1.41%)		7,093	4.55
471,762	National Grid	3,982	2.55
282,800	SSE	3,111	2.00
Collective Investment Schemes (0.00%)		750	0.48
750	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund ⁺	750	0.48
Total investment assets		152,028	97.57
Net other assets		3,790	2.43
Total Net Assets		155,818	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

⁺ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains	1	301	3,013
Revenue	3	6,757	6,710
Expenses	4	(1,918)	(2,394)
Net revenue before taxation		4,839	4,316
Taxation	5	(106)	(138)
Net revenue after taxation		4,733	4,178
Total return before distributions		5,034	7,191
Distributions	6	(6,402)	(6,354)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(1,368)	837

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	162,075	173,670
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	6,383	2,940
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(14,499)	(18,436)
	(8,116)	(15,496)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	(1,368)	837
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	3,188	3,029
Unclaimed distributions	39	35
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	155,818	162,075

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		152,028	160,043
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	789	570
Cash and bank balances	8	5,095	4,316
		5,884	4,886
Total assets		157,912	164,929
Liabilities:			
Creditors	9	(212)	(889)
Distribution payable		(1,882)	(1,965)
		(2,094)	(2,854)
Total liabilities		(2,094)	(2,854)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		155,818	162,075

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	243	2,978
Derivative contracts	35	48
Other gains/(losses)	24	(13)
Handling charges taken from the capital account	(1)	-
Net capital gains	301	3,013

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	32,483	31,041	40,285	42,941
Collective investment schemes	1,300	-	550	941
Corporate actions	-	-	1,000	-
Trades in the year before transaction costs	33,783	31,041	41,835	43,882
Commissions				
Equities	59	18	(27)	(15)
Total commissions	59	18	(27)	(15)
Taxes				
Equities	107	130	-	-
Total taxes	107	130	-	-
Total transaction costs	166	148	(27)	(15)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	33,949	31,189	41,808	43,867

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.18	0.06	0.07	0.03
Taxes				
Equities	0.33	0.42	-	-

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.06	0.02
Taxes	0.07	0.08

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.12% (2018: 0.14%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK dividends	5,528	5,272
Overseas dividends	813	1,103
Stock dividends	-	202
Taxable distributions on offshore funds	6	1
Derivative revenue	404	114
Bank interest	4	3
Stocklending income	2	15
Total revenue	6,757	6,710

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	1,768	2,209
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	150	185
Total expenses	1,918	2,394

5. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	106	138
Total current tax	106	138
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	4,839	4,316
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	968	863
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(1,223)	(1,271)
Overseas taxes	106	138
Excess allowable expenses	255	408
Total tax charge for year (note 5a)	106	138

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

(c) **Factors that may affect future tax charge**

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £17,916,000 (2018: £17,661,000) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

6. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interim distribution	2,485	2,303
Final distribution	3,841	3,865
	6,326	6,168
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	178	219
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(102)	(33)
Net distribution for the year	6,402	6,354
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	4,733	4,178
Capitalised fees	1,768	2,209
Tax thereon	(99)	(33)
Total distributions	6,402	6,354

7. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	33	1
Tax recoverable	-	5
Accrued revenue	624	516
Foreign withholding tax recoverable	132	48
Total debtors	789	570

8. Cash and Bank Balances

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers	183	255
Cash and bank balances	4,912	4,061
Total cash and bank balances	5,095	4,316

9. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	53	416
Purchases awaiting settlement	-	275
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	159	198
Total creditors	212	889

10. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £7,728,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £9,133,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
ABN Amro	-	4,520
BNP Paribas	-	1,520
Citigroup	-	402
JPM Chase	-	399
Morgan Stanley	-	887
Total securities on loan	-	7,728

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	-	7,776
Government Bond	-	1,357
Total collateral held	-	9,133

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £3,000 (2018: £19,000) and £1,000 (2018: £4,000).

11. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 7 and 9.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 9.

12. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	4,991,225	30,496	(410,872)	(35,079)	4,575,770
A Income shares	17,005,887	406,881	(1,403,832)	(35,929)	15,973,007
I Accumulation shares	1,366,818	268,813	(149,658)	31,800	1,517,773
I Income shares	3,936,318	99,247	(523,964)	28,593	3,540,194
K Income shares	18,404	4,081	(6,373)	13,658	29,770
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	132	-	(132)	-	-

13. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	151,278	-	-	160,043	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	750	-	-	-	-
Total investment assets	151,278	750	-	160,043	-	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

14. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £7,601,000 (2018: £8,002,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £16,400 (2018: £1,089,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Currency exposure

An increase or decrease in a particular foreign currency exchange rate will have a proportionate affect on the value of the Fund.

The net foreign currency exposure comprises*:

	Net foreign currency assets	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Danish Krone	90	4,332
Euro	213	6,371
Swedish Krona	-	2,794
Swiss Franc	25	8,287

* Following the change in administrators the methodology used for compiling this note has changed.

(c) Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(d) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) Financial Derivative Instrument Risk

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018: nil).

(f) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	19.7574	-	19.7574*	16.4514
Group 2	10.3903	9.3671	19.7574*	16.4514
A Income shares				
Group 1	6.0648	-	6.0648**	5.2440
Group 2	2.3727	3.6921	6.0648**	5.2440
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	21.7392	-	21.7392*	17.9584
Group 2	8.8926	12.8466	21.7392*	17.9584
I Income shares				
Group 1	6.7102	-	6.7102**	5.7555
Group 2	2.6655	4.0447	6.7102**	5.7555
K Income shares				
Group 1	1.8642	-	1.8642**	1.5831
Group 2	0.7242	1.1400	1.8642**	1.5831
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.2000	-	0.2000*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.2000	-	0.2000**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A Shares issued prior to the launch of the share class on 30 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 30 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the six months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	31.3358	-	31.3358*	29.2741
Group 2	8.0977	23.2381	31.3358*	29.2741
A Income shares				
Group 1	9.4532	-	9.4532**	9.2031
Group 2	3.9642	5.4890	9.4532**	9.2031
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	34.5752	-	34.5752*	32.0906
Group 2	10.6353	23.9399	34.5752*	32.0906
I Income shares				
Group 1	10.4887	-	10.4887**	10.1440
Group 2	3.6080	6.8807	10.4887**	10.1440
K Income shares				
Group 1	2.9146	-	2.9146**	2.8187
Group 2	1.1675	1.7471	2.9146**	2.8187
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.5500	-	2.5500*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	2.5300	-	2.5300**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Interim Dividend	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%	100.00%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%	0.00%

ASI UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

The Fund's objective is to maximise total return from capital investment predominantly in the companies of the FTSE 250 Index (excluding investment trusts), though other UK listed equities may be held where the ACD deems this appropriate.

Note: The term 'total return' means a combination of income and capital growth and no positive return is implied.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 5.71% compared to a decrease of 4.38% in the benchmark, the FTSE 250 ex Investment Trusts Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

UK mid-cap stocks were down for the last 12 months and trailed their larger peers. Trading was volatile as investors faced political upheaval, Brexit-related uncertainty and concerns about the economy. The ongoing US-China trade war also weighed on sentiment. On the political front, Prime Minister Theresa May announced her resignation after MPs rejected her EU Withdrawal Agreement on three occasions. She was replaced by Boris Johnson. He quickly set out his stall, making the prospect of a 'no-deal' more likely. This caused investors to sell stocks with a more domestic focus, which included a number of smaller companies. Meanwhile, the pound weakened as uncertainty built. This benefited a number of FTSE 100 companies that make a sizeable portion of their profits overseas. Despite all this, the UK economy held up relatively well for much of the period. However, the strain eventually showed, with gross domestic product contracting 0.2% in the second quarter.

Portfolio review

AVEVA found its shares in demand after delivering strong first-quarter 2019 results. The group, whose software is used in the oil & gas and other industrial sectors, reported high single-digit revenue growth. The good performance was due to its AVEVA Flex subscription offering, and impressive growth in Asia Pacific. AVEVA said it was on track to meet its medium-term targets. Games Workshop, the maker of the board-game Warhammer, performed well. The group continues to expand, with 27% of sales generated online. This has lifted margins and revenues. The future also looks promising. We believe the US market should grow quickly, while the company has a toe-hold in the Far East. Meanwhile, JD Sports' results beat expectations thanks to the ongoing popularity of its athleisure wear.

On the downside, polymer maker Victrex struggled. Its shares fell after it warned annual growth could stall following weak first-half 2019 performance, with pre-tax profits down 21%. This was due to fewer consumer electronics and automotive contract wins.

A position in Irish housebuilder Cairn Homes also disappointed. The company had performed well, but investors increasingly shunned property names across Europe as the period progressed. Brexit also weighed on many Irish shares, while the resignation of Cairn Homes' finance director was seen as a "blow". Just Eat reported annual profits at the top end of its guidance. However, investors were more concerned about growing competition in the market, resulting in the share price falling.

We added media business Future to the Fund. It has successfully monetised its digital content to the online transactions market. It has achieved this thanks to its high-quality content and market-leading brands. Meanwhile, organic growth and recent earnings upgrades have been impressive. We also rate the CEO. Elsewhere, we took part in Trainline's initial public offering. The company has a dominant platform business for rail and coach travel in the UK, with an impressive CEO at the helm and many avenues for growth. Importantly, the company is replicating its successful UK model in Europe. This should drive future returns. Trainline was also trading at an attractive valuation.

Meanwhile, Keywords supplies a range of technical services to computer games developers and publishers around the world. Its shares have bounced back after a difficult 2018 for the industry. We believe there is more upside to come from the group: it has a strong balance sheet, with the ability to deploy capital for acquisitions. We also think it can beat its organic growth forecast of 10%. This is because Keywords has a dominant market position globally, a broad service range that others can't rival and exposure to all the main players in the industry.

Outlook

We will be increasingly risk-aware as the 31 October Brexit date approaches. The threat of the UK crashing out without a deal has grown now that Boris Johnson is in Number 10. Such an outcome would probably see UK equity markets and sterling fall sharply. However, we maintain our focus on high-quality companies that have predictable business models, good management teams and strong balance sheets. We believe this approach should position the Fund well for what promises to be a bumpy few months.

Smaller Companies Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The Fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The shares of small and mid-cap companies may be less liquid and more volatile than those of larger companies.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	243.14	221.81	186.48
Return before operating charges*	15.35	24.98	38.63
Operating charges	(3.31)	(3.65)	(3.30)
Return after operating charges*	12.04	21.33	35.33
Distributions	(2.20)	(1.81)	(1.43)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	2.20	1.81	1.43
Closing net asset value per share	255.18	243.14	221.81
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.82	0.13	0.11
Performance			
Return after charges	4.95%	9.62%	18.95%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	19,069	19,254	22,846
Closing number of shares	7,472,480	7,918,817	10,299,881
Operating charges	1.40%	1.61%	1.61%
Direct transaction costs	0.35%	0.06%	0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	264.1	244.4	228.1
Lowest share price	206.6	216.2	182.6

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

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A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	205.94	189.28	160.19
Return before operating charges*	12.92	21.32	33.14
Operating charges	(2.79)	(3.12)	(2.82)
Return after operating charges*	10.13	18.20	30.32
Distributions	(1.86)	(1.54)	(1.23)
Closing net asset value per share	214.21	205.94	189.28
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.69	0.11	0.09
Performance			
Return after charges	4.92%	9.62%	18.93%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,281	4,405	5,350
Closing number of shares	1,998,456	2,138,881	2,826,344
Operating charges	1.40%	1.61%	1.61%
Direct transaction costs	0.35%	0.06%	0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	222.9	208.4	195.6
Lowest share price	175.0	184.5	156.9

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	198.14	179.40	149.70
Return before operating charges*	12.60	20.33	31.12
Operating charges	(1.64)	(1.59)	(1.42)
Return after operating charges*	10.96	18.74	29.70
Distributions	(2.88)	(2.86)	(2.40)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	2.88	2.86	2.40
Closing net asset value per share	209.10	198.14	179.40
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.67	0.11	0.09
Performance			
Return after charges	5.53%	10.45%	19.84%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	21,210	8,394	7,354
Closing number of shares	10,143,636	4,236,678	4,099,326
Operating charges	0.85%	0.86%	0.86%
Direct transaction costs	0.35%	0.06%	0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	216.3	199.1	184.2
Lowest share price	168.9	175.0	146.6

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	178.75	164.26	139.00
Return before operating charges*	11.25	18.55	28.79
Operating charges	(1.48)	(1.45)	(1.31)
Return after operating charges*	9.77	17.10	27.48
Distributions	(2.58)	(2.61)	(2.22)
Closing net asset value per share	185.94	178.75	164.26
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.60	0.10	0.08
Performance			
Return after charges	5.47%	10.41%	19.77%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,092	1,349	1,332
Closing number of shares	1,662,883	754,874	811,099
Operating charges	0.85%	0.86%	0.86%
Direct transaction costs	0.35%	0.06%	0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	193.9	181.5	170.2
Lowest share price	152.4	160.2	136.1

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K Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	141.03	127.59	106.38
Return before operating charges*	8.97	14.48	22.14
Operating charges	(1.05)	(1.04)	(0.93)
Return after operating charges*	7.92	13.44	21.21
Distributions	(2.14)	(2.14)	(1.74)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	2.14	2.14	1.74
Closing net asset value per share	148.95	141.03	127.59
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.47	0.08	0.06
Performance			
Return after charges	5.62%	10.53%	19.94%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	410	11	8
Closing number of shares	275,571	7,958	5,958
Operating charges	0.78%	0.79%	0.79%
Direct transaction costs	0.35%	0.06%	0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	154.1	141.7	131.0
Lowest share price	120.2	124.5	104.2

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Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	18.14
Operating charges	(0.66)
Return after operating charges*	17.48
Distributions	(1.39)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.39
Closing net asset value per share	117.48
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.25
Performance	
Return after charges	17.48%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.90%
Direct transaction costs	0.35%
Prices	
Highest share price	121.5
Lowest share price	94.70

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The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV. Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 30 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	18.17
Operating charges	(0.66)
Return after operating charges*	17.51
Distributions	(1.39)
Closing net asset value per share	116.12
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.25
Performance	
Return after charges	17.51%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.90%
Direct transaction costs	0.35%
Prices	
Highest share price	121.3
Lowest share price	94.70

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

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^A M Income share class was launched on 30 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	290.25	260.84	216.04
Return before operating charges*	18.66	29.70	45.06
Operating charges	(0.28)	(0.29)	(0.26)
Return after operating charges*	18.38	29.41	44.80
Distributions	(6.34)	(6.18)	(5.26)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	6.34	6.18	5.26
Closing net asset value per share	308.63	290.25	260.84
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.99	0.16	0.13
Performance			
Return after charges	6.33%	11.28%	20.74%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,167	5,639	12,117
Closing number of shares	2,322,273	1,942,876	4,645,576
Operating charges	0.10%	0.11%	0.11%
Direct transaction costs	0.35%	0.06%	0.05%
Prices			
Highest share price	319.1	291.6	267.6
Lowest share price	248.1	254.6	211.6

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The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (99.24%)		53,954	97.69
Basic Materials (7.73%)		990	1.79
48,600	Victrex	990	1.79
Consumer Goods (5.46%)		7,486	13.55
39,400	Barr (AG)	270	0.49
42,200	Games Workshop	1,913	3.46
82,700	Greggs	1,848	3.35
196,386	Hilton Food	1,836	3.32
249,300	JD Sports	1,619	2.93
Consumer Services (17.04%)		10,247	18.55
236,400	Auto Trader	1,280	2.32
668,000	Cineworld	1,703	3.08
57,000	Euromoney Institutional Investor	786	1.42
117,756	Future	1,328	2.41
106,000	Hostelworld	180	0.33
94,000	Just Eat	716	1.30
369,100	Moneysupermarket.com	1,361	2.46
112,500	On the Beach	531	0.96
189,600	Rightmove	1,002	1.81
318,200	Trainline	1,360	2.46
Financials (20.02%)		9,670	17.51
337,084	AJ Bell	1,402	2.54
1,434,000	Assura	925	1.67
107,000	Big Yellow	1,058	1.92
68,000	Burford Capital	1,022	1.85
24,800	Close Brothers	330	0.60
45,500	Hiscox	773	1.40
137,300	Intermediate Capital	1,907	3.45
128,856	Unite	1,328	2.41
109,600	Workspace	925	1.67
Health Care (14.82%)		4,131	7.48
118,000	Abcam	1,542	2.79

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
66,694	Dechra Pharmaceuticals		1,964	3.56
23,700	Genus		625	1.13
Industrials (24.90%)			12,685	22.97
101,500	Diploma		1,539	2.79
69,000	Fisher (J) & Sons		1,494	2.71
121,900	Hill & Smith		1,375	2.49
33,200	Keywords Studios		552	1.00
312,400	Marshalls		1,985	3.59
100,500	Meggitt		600	1.09
402,000	Melrose Industries		751	1.36
145,900	Midwich		785	1.42
279,800	Rotork		863	1.56
86,800	RWS		563	1.02
16,700	Spectris		425	0.77
19,500	Spirax-Sarco Engineering		1,753	3.17
Oil & Gas (2.17%)			-	-
Technology (5.69%)			6,218	11.26
66,700	AVEVA		2,661	4.82
33,121	Computacenter		505	0.91
218,800	FDM		1,792	3.25
224,900	Kainos		1,260	2.28
Telecommunications (1.41%)			2,527	4.58
120,400	Gamma Communication		1,313	2.38
91,300	Telecom Plus		1,214	2.20
Collective Investment Schemes (0.24%)			1,356	2.46
1,356	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund*		1,356	2.46
Total investment assets			55,310	100.15
Net other liabilities			(81)	(0.15)
Total Net Assets			55,229	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains	1	1,943	3,339
Revenue	3	980	1,035
Expenses	4	(426)	(519)
Net revenue before taxation		554	516
Taxation	5	-	-
Net revenue after taxation		554	516
Total return before distributions		2,497	3,855
Distributions	6	(553)	(518)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		1,944	3,337

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	39,052	49,007
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	18,224	1,587
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(4,573)	(15,288)
	13,651	(13,701)
Dilution adjustment	50	20
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	1,944	3,337
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	532	388
Unclaimed distributions	-	1
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	55,229	39,052

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		55,310	38,850
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	339	107
Cash and bank balances		450	288
		789	395
Total assets		56,099	39,245
Liabilities:			
Creditors	8	(821)	(149)
Distribution payable		(49)	(44)
		(870)	(193)
Total liabilities		(870)	(193)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		55,229	39,052

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	1,947	3,338
Other (losses)/gains	(4)	1
Net capital gains	1,943	3,339

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	26,831	6,709	13,592	19,177
Collective investment schemes	14,813	11,335	13,551	11,736
Corporate actions	-	-	130	-
Trades in the year before transaction costs	41,644	18,044	27,273	30,913
Commissions				
Equities	18	4	(9)	(11)
Total commissions	18	4	(9)	(11)
Taxes				
Equities	115	30	-	-
Total taxes	115	30	-	-
Total transaction costs	133	34	(9)	(11)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	41,777	18,078	27,264	30,902

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.06
Taxes				
Equities	0.43	0.45	-	-

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.07	0.04
Taxes	0.30	0.07

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.26% (2018: 0.19%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK dividends	968	969
Overseas dividends	1	36
Stock dividends	-	19
Taxable distributions on offshore funds	10	2
Stocklending income	1	9
Total revenue	980	1,035

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	385	473
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	41	46
Total expenses	426	519

5. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Total current tax	-	-
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	554	516
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	111	103
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(172)	(187)
Excess allowable expenses	64	84
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(3)	-
Total tax charge for year (note 5a)	-	-

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

(c) Factors that may affect future tax charge

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £5,312,000 (2018: £5,248,000) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

6. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interim distribution	188	105
Final distribution	414	337
	602	442
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	8	83
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(57)	(7)
Net distribution for the year	553	518
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	554	516
Undistributed revenue carried forward	(1)	-
Undistributed revenue brought forward	-	1
Movement between share classes due to conversions	-	1
Total distributions	553	518

7. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	220	51
Accrued revenue	119	53
United Kingdom income tax recoverable	-	3
Total debtors	339	107

8. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	23	109
Purchases awaiting settlement	754	-
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	44	40
Total creditors	821	149

9. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £3,529,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £3,937,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
NATIXIS	-	3,529
Total securities on loan	-	3,529

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	-	3,937
Total collateral held	-	3,937

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £1,000 (2018: £11,000) and £250 (2018: £2,000).

10. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 7 and 8.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 8.

11. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	7,918,817	353,759	(712,155)	(87,941)	7,472,480
A Income shares	2,138,881	21,757	(146,244)	(15,938)	1,998,456
I Accumulation shares	4,236,678	6,327,174	(519,371)	99,155	10,143,636
I Income shares	754,874	1,145,828	(256,168)	18,349	1,662,883
K Accumulation shares	7,958	280,795	(24,876)	11,694	275,571
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100
Z Accumulation shares	1,942,876	694,742	(315,345)	-	2,322,273

12. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	53,954	-	-	38,756	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	1,356	-	-	94	-
Total investment assets	53,954	1,356	-	38,756	94	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

13. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £2,766,000 (2018: £1,943,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

The income and capital value of the Fund's investments are mainly denominated in Sterling, the Fund's functional currency; therefore, the financial statements are not subject to any significant risk of currency movements. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(c) Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(d) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) Financial Derivative Instrument Risk

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018: nil).

(f) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7341	-	0.7341*	0.1723
Group 2	0.3818	0.3523	0.7341*	0.1723
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.6218	-	0.6218**	0.1470
Group 2	0.2923	0.3295	0.6218**	0.1470
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2071	-	1.2071*	0.8265
Group 2	0.5953	0.6118	1.2071*	0.8265
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.0885	-	1.0885**	0.7568
Group 2	0.8220	0.2665	1.0885**	0.7568
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9098	-	0.9098*	0.6417
Group 2	0.2992	0.6106	0.9098*	0.6417
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.2700	-	0.2700*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.2700	-	0.2700**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	2.1992
Group 2	-	-	-	2.1992

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 30 November 2018.^B shares purchased between 30 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the six months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.4698	-	1.4698*	1.6333
Group 2	0.8837	0.5861	1.4698*	1.6333
A Income shares				
Group 1	1.2371	-	1.2371**	1.3928
Group 2	0.3164	0.9207	1.2371**	1.3928
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.6704	-	1.6704*	2.0287
Group 2	0.9037	0.7667	1.6704*	2.0287
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.4879	-	1.4879**	1.8492
Group 2	0.9790	0.5089	1.4879**	1.8492
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2320	-	1.2320*	1.4988
Group 2	0.0896	1.1424	1.2320*	1.4988
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.1200	-	1.1200*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	1.1200	-	1.1200**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	3.5444	-	3.5444*	3.9841
Group 2	3.4481	0.0963	3.5444*	3.9841

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Interim Dividend	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%	100.00%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%	0.00%

ASI UK Real Estate Share Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy:

The objective of the Fund is to provide long term total return, from a diversified portfolio of property company securities or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from property, or have a significant proportion of their assets in property. Holdings will be concentrated in the United Kingdom, though investment overseas is permitted.

Note: The term 'total return' means a combination of income and capital growth and no positive return is implied.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of the ASI UK Real Estate Share Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 2.00% compared to a decrease of 8.42% in the benchmark, the FTSE 350 Real Estate Index.

Source: Lipper & Factset, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

UK property equities fell over the year, broadly mirroring the performance of the underlying property market. Gains for landlords exposed to healthy segments of the market, such as student accommodation, healthcare, self-storage and industrials were offset by a sharp deterioration in the fundamentals of a handful of large index weights exposed to retail properties. The UK high street was buffeted by both cyclical and structural pressures, with a number of large retailers either going into administration or winning significant rent reductions. As detailed below, the Fund has long been cautious in its exposure to the retail segment of the market, seeing better long-term opportunities elsewhere. This position was a major driver of Fund performance over the year.

The macroeconomic and political backdrop remained uncertain over the period. There were periodic bouts of optimism and pessimism around the direction of both interest rates globally and the negotiations for the UK to exit the EU. It was property fundamentals, though, that principally determined the winners and losers in the sector.

Portfolio review

The Fund substantially outperformed its benchmark over the period, demonstrating again that it typically outperforms during periods of market weakness.

The Fund mandate is deliberately set up to give us significant flexibility to invest in those areas of the market where we see the best long-term opportunities. Specifically, we typically consider performance with respect to three main allocations: firstly, stock picking within the UK cohort of property stocks; secondly, owning overseas securities; and, thirdly, owning UK stocks that are not classified as property but which nonetheless bring attractive property exposure. Strong performance from all three allocations has been a feature of the Fund's attractive track record over the last decade, and it was gratifying to see this continue in the year under review.

With respect to stock picking among UK property classified stocks, the greatest contribution came from our long-standing and very cautious positioning towards retail landlords. In particular, not holding shares in shopping mall landlord Intu Properties was beneficial. It lost most of its value during the period as it struggled with pressure on rents and values, exacerbated by a high level of financial gearing. Not owning or being significantly underweight in shopping mall owners Hammerson, British Land and NewRiver REIT also helped. Investing instead in mid-cap sized securities, such as logistics owner LondonMetric, student landlord Unite Group, and healthcare property owner Assura, proved to be much more profitable. The only significant detractor from performance came from logistics landlord SEGRO.

Using the Fund's flexibility to invest up to 20% in overseas listed securities was positive for performance – albeit with some significant divergences. The positives included owning Hufvudstaden and Castellum, which are exposed to the buoyant Swedish property market. LEG Immobilien also benefited from the strong performance of the German residential market. On the flip side, the position in globally diversified shopping-mall owner Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield detracted as it struggled to successfully integrate a large acquisition in the United States. Dublin-exposed housebuilder Cairn Homes also suffered as investor sentiment for housebuilders and Ireland soured towards the end of the period. We ultimately sold the position in Unibail, while noting that it has been a positive contributor to Fund performance since introducing it in 2006.

Owning UK stocks that are not classified as property companies but which derive the majority of their revenues or assets from property also aided performance. The greatest contribution came from Millennium & Copthorne Hotels. It rallied strongly following a recommended takeover offer from its parent company at a significant premium to the market price. The stock has delivered healthy outperformance since buying it in 2006.

Merger and acquisition (M&A) activity delivered more healthy gains for the Fund in the form of a friendly takeover of industrial REIT Mucklow by one of our other holdings, LondonMetric Properties. The Fund's holding in pub and restaurant owner Fuller Smith & Turner also rallied following the well-priced sale of its brewery assets to Japanese brewer Asahi.

Fund activity over the year included an above average number of introductions and exits. In part, this was due to the M&A activity mentioned above, which prompted the profitable sales of Millennium & Copthorne Hotels and Mucklow. Other sales were driven by continued caution towards the retail segment of the market, which meant that we sold retail-exposed landlords like Hammerson, British Land, Landsec, and Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield. We also sold Swiss office landlord PSP Swiss Property on valuation grounds following a healthy gain. On the flip side, our broad breadth of research coverage across both the UK and European equity markets generated a number of new investment ideas. In some instances, we were investing in a contrarian fashion, such as introducing housebuilders Bellway and Countryside

Properties, as well as residential and retail exposed Capital & Counties. In each case, we feel that the medium-term implied returns are attractive and crucially each company benefits from very robust balance sheets. We participated in the initial public offering of Shurgard Self Storage, the leading player across Europe for self-storage, which increased the Fund's exposure to one of our favourite segments of the property market. We used an equity raise to introduce Supermarket Income REIT, an owner of supermarkets with very long leases and rents linked to the retail price index. Towards the end of the year, we introduced CA Immobilien, an Austrian office owner and developer that brings diversified exposure to key office markets across Central and Eastern Europe.

Outlook

We end the period much as we started it: facing an environment of significant economic and political uncertainty at home and abroad. In particular, the UK's scheduled departure from the EU on October 31 is fast approaching.

Over the long term, company fundamentals will determine investor returns. We draw comfort from observing that the Fund's 30 holdings have reported, on average, high single-digit growth in dividends and net asset values over the year.

In terms of positioning, the Fund is anchored around a portfolio of robust UK-listed property stocks, with healthy balance sheets and well-covered dividends. These stocks are exposed to segments of the market with relatively attractive fundamentals, such as logistics, self-storage, healthcare and student accommodation. In addition, we use the Fund's flexibility to diversify its exposure with a select number of overseas holdings, together with positions in UK companies that are not classified as property but which bring attractive property exposure.

Conversely, we remain extremely cautious in our positioning of the Fund with respect to retail landlords, where pressures on rents and capital values appear set to continue. We are also selective in our choice of office-exposed stocks, with an aversion to owners of mature assets. We prefer those with very robust balance sheets and track records of developing the type of modern office space that tenants are increasingly demanding.

While the Fund remains defensively positioned compared with the benchmark, recent activity illustrates that we are not adverse to investing in more cyclical areas of the market. For instance, introducing housebuilders Bellway and Countryside Properties, together with London residential and retail landlord Capital & Counties. In each case, we felt the valuations on offer rewarded us for the risk. And, crucially, downside protection was in place through their differentiated business models, assets and robust balance sheets.

We remain confident in the prospects for our holdings given our investment focus on the quality of each company's underlying assets and its management teams. In addition, we maintain a sensible and diverse spread of end-market exposures. This leaves the Fund well-positioned to weather ongoing market uncertainty and to respond as opportunities arise.

UK Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The Fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- Dividend payment policies of the REITs in which the Fund invests are not representative of the dividend payment policy of the Fund.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	126.10	114.07	102.34
Return before operating charges*	4.15	13.96	13.42
Operating charges	(1.73)	(1.93)	(1.69)
Return after operating charges*	2.42	12.03	11.73
Distributions	(2.30)	(1.96)	(1.98)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.30	1.96	1.98
Closing net asset value per share	128.52	126.10	114.07
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.14	0.01	-
Performance			
Return after charges	1.92%	10.55%	11.46%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	94,510	104,437	104,348
Closing number of shares	73,536,431	82,818,208	91,477,212
Operating charges	1.41%	1.61%	1.61%
Direct transaction costs	0.11%	0.01%	-
Prices			
Highest share price	132.4	127.7	115.2
Lowest share price	111.7	112.7	95.49

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	212.85	192.05	171.55
Return before operating charges*	6.02	22.54	22.02
Operating charges	(1.77)	(1.74)	(1.52)
Return after operating charges*	4.25	20.80	20.50
Distributions	(4.04)	(4.04)	(4.05)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	4.04	4.04	4.05
Closing net asset value per share	217.10	212.85	192.05
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.24	0.03	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.00%	10.83%	11.95%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	266,221	305,616	239,214
Closing number of shares	122,624,294	143,582,729	124,558,407
Operating charges	0.85%	0.86%	0.86%
Direct transaction costs	0.11%	0.01%	-
Prices			
Highest share price	223.5	215.2	193.8
Lowest share price	188.8	189.6	160.4

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K Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	125.09	112.80	100.70
Return before operating charges*	3.53	13.23	12.94
Operating charges	(0.96)	(0.94)	(0.84)
Return after operating charges*	2.57	12.29	12.10
Distributions	(2.45)	(2.45)	(2.46)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.45	2.45	2.46
Closing net asset value per share	127.66	125.09	112.80
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.14	0.01	-
Performance			
Return after charges	2.05%	10.90%	12.02%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,460	11,450	4,698
Closing number of shares	6,626,444	9,153,552	4,165,506
Operating charges	0.78%	0.79%	0.79%
Direct transaction costs	0.11%	0.01%	-
Prices			
Highest share price	131.4	126.5	113.8
Lowest share price	111.0	111.4	94.19

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	9.12
Operating charges	(0.63)
Return after operating charges*	8.49
Distributions	(2.19)
Retained distributions on accumulation shares	2.19
Closing net asset value per share	108.49
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.08
Performance	
Return after charges	8.49%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.90%
Direct transaction costs	0.11%
Prices	
Highest share price	111.8
Lowest share price	94.40

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV. Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation Share class was launched on 29 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (97.23%)		358,299	97.05
European Equities (18.29%)		64,138	17.37
Austria (0.00%)		6,864	1.86
237,000	CA Immo	6,864	1.86
Belgium (0.00%)		7,092	1.92
248,000	Shurgard Self Storage	7,092	1.92
France (3.70%)		-	-
Germany (5.73%)		32,681	8.85
301,411	Deutsche Wohnen	9,102	2.47
112,100	LEG Immobilien	10,678	2.89
19,400,000	Sirius Real Estate	12,901	3.49
Ireland (3.41%)		6,740	1.83
6,980,000	Cairn Homes	6,740	1.83
Sweden (4.03%)		10,761	2.91
192,000	Castellum	3,209	0.87
520,000	Hufvudstaden	7,552	2.04
Switzerland (1.42%)		-	-
UK Equities (78.94%)		294,161	79.68
Consumer Goods (0.00%)		16,902	4.58
260,000	Bellway	7,719	2.09
3,125,586	Countryside Properties	9,183	2.49
Consumer Services (7.66%)		22,049	5.97
767,060	Fuller Smith & Turner	8,208	2.22
2,620,000	Rightmove	13,841	3.75

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Financials (71.28%)		255,210	69.13
40,428,289	Assura	26,076	7.06
1,950,000	Big Yellow	19,276	5.22
6,951,000	Capital & Counties Properties	13,766	3.73
119,194	Daejan	6,615	1.79
365,000	Derwent Valley	10,651	2.88
5,106,000	Grainger	11,601	3.14
870,000	Great Portland Estates	5,756	1.56
4,668,984	Hansteen REIT	4,085	1.11
1,390,000	Helical Bar	4,941	1.34
12,295,460	LondonMetric Property	24,935	6.75
2,520,000	Safestore	15,737	4.26
670,000	Savills	6,372	1.73
3,870,000	Segro	29,567	8.01
1,760,000	Shaftesbury	13,834	3.75
3,230,000	St Modwen Properties	13,421	3.64
5,185,427	Supermarket Income REIT	5,367	1.45
2,431,000	Unite	25,064	6.79
2,150,000	Workspace	18,146	4.92
Collective Investment Schemes (0.36%)		10,595	2.87
10,595	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund*	10,595	2.87
Total investment assets		368,894	99.92
Net other assets		297	0.08
Total Net Assets		369,191	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

*Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital (losses)/gains	1	(1,865)	31,503
Revenue	3	10,892	11,629
Expenses	4	(3,745)	(4,060)
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(1)	-
Net revenue before taxation		7,146	7,569
Taxation	6	6	(167)
Net revenue after taxation		7,152	7,402
Total return before distributions		5,287	38,905
Distributions	7	(7,152)	(7,407)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(1,865)	31,498

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	421,503	348,260
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	40,027	102,833
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(97,598)	(68,988)
	(57,571)	33,845
Dilution adjustment	150	358
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	(1,865)	31,498
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	6,974	7,542
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	369,191	421,503

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		368,894	411,325
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	1,060	8,742
Cash and bank balances		1,713	1,978
		2,773	10,720
Total assets		371,667	422,045
Liabilities:			
Creditors	10	(2,476)	(542)
		(2,476)	(542)
Total liabilities		(2,476)	(542)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		369,191	421,503

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital (Losses)/Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	(1,845)	31,435
Forward currency contracts	2	-
Other (losses)/gains	(22)	68
Net capital (losses)/gains	(1,865)	31,503

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	79,287	87,921	130,798	45,349
Collective investment schemes	102,958	98,978	93,899	102,339
Corporate Actions	3,610	-	1,910	-
Trades in the year before transaction costs	185,855	186,899	226,607	147,688
Commissions				
Equities	135	46	(123)	(30)
Total commissions	135	46	(123)	(30)
Taxes				
Equities	173	330	-	-
Total taxes	173	330	-	-
Total transaction costs	308	376	(123)	(30)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	186,163	187,275	226,484	147,658

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.17	0.06	0.09	0.07
Taxes				
Equities	0.22	0.38	-	-

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.07	0.02
Taxes	0.05	0.09

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.24% (2018: 0.05%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK dividends	9,620	7,054
Overseas dividends	1,191	2,337
Taxable distributions on offshore funds	41	30
Bank interest	2	3
Underwriting commission	31	-
Stocklending income	7	18
Stock dividends	-	2,187
Total revenue	10,892	11,629

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	3,367	3,654
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	378	406
Total expenses	3,745	4,060

5 Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable	1	-
Total interest payable & similar charges	1	-

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	(6)	167
Total current tax	(6)	167

(b)

Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Net revenue before taxation	7,146	7,569
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	1,429	1,514
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(1,074)	(701)
Overseas taxes	(6)	(567)
Excess allowable expenses	(355)	(246)
Irrecoverable tax	-	167
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	(6)	167

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

(c) Factors that may affect future tax charge

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £3,211,000 (2018: £3,566,000) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

7. Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interim distribution	2,287	1,850
Final distribution	4,687	5,692
	6,974	7,542
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	426	341
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(248)	(476)
Net distribution for the year	7,152	7,407
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	7,152	7,402
Movement between share classes due to conversions	-	5
Total distributions	7,152	7,407

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	31	7,390
Sales awaiting settlement	-	378
Accrued revenue	1,003	834
Foreign withholding tax recoverable	12	39
United Kingdom income tax recoverable	14	62
Other debtor	-	39
Total debtors	1,060	8,742

9. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	1,401	176
Purchases awaiting settlement	768	-
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	307	366
Total creditors	2,476	542

10. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £33,100,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £nil (2018: £36,901,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bank of Nova Scotia	-	2,952
BNP Paribas	-	472
Citigroup	-	512
JPM Chase	-	3,269
NATIXIS	-	25,895
Total securities on loan	-	33,100

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	-	36,539
Government Bond	-	362
Total collateral held	-	36,901

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £9,000 (2018: £23,000) and £2,000 (2018: £5,000).

11. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 9.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 9.

12. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	82,818,208	1,663,441	(9,879,025)	(1,066,193)	73,536,431
I Accumulation shares	143,582,729	16,246,453	(37,766,972)	562,084	122,624,294
K Accumulation shares	9,153,552	2,560,716	(5,205,190)	117,366	6,626,444
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100

13. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	358,299	-	-	409,789	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	10,595	-	-	1,536	-
Total investment assets	358,299	10,595	-	409,789	1,536	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

14. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £18,445,000 (2018: £20,566,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £2,578,000 (2018: £3,856,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Currency exposure

An increase or decrease in a particular foreign currency exchange rate will have a proportionate affect on the value of the Fund.

The net foreign currency monetary exposure comprises:

	Net foreign currency monetary assets	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Euro	40,806	54,116
Swedish Krona	10,761	17,007
Swiss Franc	-	5,999

(c) Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(d) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) Financial Derivative Instrument Risk

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018: nil).

(f) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6332	-	0.6332*	0.3321
Group 2	0.3349	0.2983	0.6332*	0.3321
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.3077	-	1.3077*	1.1314
Group 2	0.6408	0.6669	1.3077*	1.1314
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8025	-	0.8025*	0.7023
Group 2	0.4476	0.3549	0.8025*	0.7023
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.5100	-	0.5100*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	0.0000*	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

^A shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 29 November 2018.^B shares purchased between 29 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the six months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.6701	-	1.6701*	1.6316
Group 2	0.8683	0.8018	1.6701*	1.6316
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.7319	-	2.7319*	2.9117
Group 2	1.0215	1.7104	2.7319*	2.9117
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.6455	-	1.6455*	1.7506
Group 2	0.5429	1.1026	1.6455*	1.7506
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.6800	-	1.6800*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Interim Dividend	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%	66.00%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%	34.00%

ASI UK Responsible Equity Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy:

The Fund seeks long term growth by investing in a diversified portfolio of UK companies. Equity selection will be undertaken on the basis of thorough fundamental company analysis but environment, social and governance criteria will also be taken into account. Where an investee company's practices are considered to be lacking or deficient with regard to these criteria, the manager will encourage the company to adopt more responsible practices.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI Responsible UK Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 6.50% compared to an increase of 1.27% in the benchmark, the FTSE All Share Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

UK equities in the All-Share index rose in the year under review, despite the volatility caused by political upheaval, Brexit-related uncertainty and concerns about the economy. The ongoing US-China trade war also weighed on sentiment. On the political front, Prime Minister Theresa May announced her resignation after MPs rejected her EU Withdrawal Agreement on three occasions. She was replaced by Boris Johnson. He quickly set out his stall, making the prospect of a 'no-deal' more likely. This caused the pound to weaken as uncertainty built, benefiting a number of FTSE 100 companies that make a sizeable portion of their profits overseas. Despite all this, the UK economy held up relatively well for much of the period. However, the strain eventually showed, with gross domestic product contracting 0.2% in the second quarter.

Portfolio review

A key contributor to the Fund's outperformance was UK engineering software developer Aveva, as the Group delivered further earnings upgrades from a combination of stronger end markets and synergy benefits on the back of its corporate combination with Schneider Software. Another contributor was BTG, which saw shares rise close to the 840p offer price after receiving a takeover bid from US peer Boston Scientific that has since been confirmed. A lack of exposure to British American Tobacco also helped, as its shares slid despite positive earnings and outlook, after a proposed US ban on menthol cigarettes, which contribute to a quarter of its profits, though analysts believed chances of an outright ban being enacted were slim.

Capping gains were a lack of exposure to Diageo, which continued to deliver earnings upgrades driven by self-help initiatives and better innovation and marketing investment, particularly in the US. Also costing the Fund was Fevertree Drinks, where poor weather trends against last year's tough comps had caused uncertainty around the UK growth prospects. We still believe that the slowdown expected here will ultimately be more than offset by the growth potential in the rest of the world, particularly the US. Another detractor was Grafton Group, which released a slightly lacklustre trading update that revealed a slowdown in May and June due to the unfavourable UK market. Its Selco business continues to do well, providing us with reassurance here.

In addition to the portfolio changes already mentioned in the first-half review, we exited IHG and PZ Cussons in favour of more attractive opportunities elsewhere.

Against this, we introduced Electrocomponents. We think the company has the ability to grow at a higher rate than consensus forecasts suggest and it unfairly trades at a discount to its peers. While exposed to some cyclicalities, this is somewhat protected by the strength of its balance sheet. Another new inclusion was National Grid, recognising its attractive mix of regulated assets together with growing non-regulated activities. There is also a significant opportunity for growth in the US. The shares are supported by a conservative valuation, which suggests that concerns around Brexit, nationalisation and regulation have yet to fully unwind. We also started a new position in financial services group St. James's Place. We believe it has an attractive growth trajectory, underpinned by an increasing pool of wealthy individuals requiring financial advice. It also has the opportunity to gain market share. This long-term potential is not reflected in the company's current valuation.

Outlook

The market remains volatile. UK domestically-focused and global cyclical companies continue to be under pressure given macroeconomic concerns. These companies are usually hit hardest when markets fall. We do not expect imminent relief from this general environment.

The UK government's Brexit policy appears increasingly likely to result in either a 'no-deal' Brexit or a general election (or both). This means further volatility in sterling and in UK domestic stocks. While there is compelling value in domestically-focus companies, we do not believe either a 'no-deal' Brexit or a possible Corbyn-led government is fully priced into UK equities. Therefore, we are looking to minimise relative risk surrounding exposure to a 'no-deal' Brexit. To achieve this we are working closely with our risk team.

The global economic cycle is not coming to an end just yet, unless politicians tip the economy into recession through trade policies. However, there are clear signs of economic activity slowing. As a result, we believe it is prudent to be cautious on the global growth outlook. In general, we are avoiding industrial businesses trading on full valuations. These businesses have seen a substantial increase in profit margins during the current cycle.

Investors focusing on the macro environment are overlooking company-level fundamentals. Stocks are trading more according to themes rather than on company specifics. Momentum is proving a far greater driver of share price performance than valuation. Our focus is on delivering a diversified portfolio of high-conviction ideas that are undervalued, and we are confident this will be crystallised in the long-run. Stock-specific insights will drive relative performance.

UK Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The Fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	195.45	176.06	153.99
Return before operating charges*	14.99	22.35	24.79
Operating charges	(2.68)	(2.96)	(2.72)
Return after operating charges*	12.31	19.39	22.07
Distributions	(2.31)	(1.75)	(2.42)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	2.31	1.75	2.42
Closing net asset value per share	207.76	195.45	176.06
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.42	0.28	0.14
Performance			
Return after charges	6.30%	11.01%	14.33%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	20,081	19,632	18,570
Closing number of shares	9,665,145	10,044,508	10,547,422
Operating charges	1.42%	1.63%	1.64%
Direct transaction costs	0.22%	0.15%	0.08%
Prices			
Highest share price	210.6	196.1	180.0
Lowest share price	168.1	170.9	151.7

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	154.13	140.11	124.29
Return before operating charges*	11.74	17.75	19.96
Operating charges	(2.12)	(2.34)	(2.19)
Return after operating charges*	9.62	15.41	17.77
Distributions	(1.82)	(1.39)	(1.95)
Closing net asset value per share	161.93	154.13	140.11
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.34	0.22	0.11
Performance			
Return after charges	6.24%	11.00%	14.30%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	61	75	216
Closing number of shares	37,718	48,494	154,298
Operating charges	1.42%	1.63%	1.64%
Direct transaction costs	0.22%	0.15%	0.08%
Prices			
Highest share price	165.4	155.7	144.8
Lowest share price	132.6	135.7	122.4

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	169.41	151.47	131.50
Return before operating charges*	13.11	19.32	21.24
Operating charges	(1.44)	(1.38)	(1.27)
Return after operating charges*	11.67	17.94	19.97
Distributions	(2.92)	(2.68)	(3.14)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	2.92	2.68	3.14
Closing net asset value per share	181.08	169.41	151.47
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.37	0.24	0.12
Performance			
Return after charges	6.89%	11.84%	15.19%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	11,355	5,478	4,677
Closing number of shares	6,270,910	3,233,495	3,087,929
Operating charges	0.87%	0.88%	0.89%
Direct transaction costs	0.22%	0.15%	0.08%
Prices			
Highest share price	183.6	170.0	154.7
Lowest share price	146.2	147.8	129.6

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	147.79	134.31	119.13
Return before operating charges*	11.28	17.07	19.15
Operating charges	(1.25)	(1.22)	(1.14)
Return after operating charges*	10.03	15.85	18.01
Distributions	(2.54)	(2.37)	(2.83)
Closing net asset value per share	155.28	147.79	134.31
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.32	0.21	0.11
Performance			
Return after charges	6.79%	11.80%	15.12%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,549	908	566
Closing number of shares	997,588	614,229	421,242
Operating charges	0.87%	0.88%	0.89%
Direct transaction costs	0.22%	0.15%	0.08%
Prices			
Highest share price	158.9	149.8	139.1
Lowest share price	127.5	130.3	117.4

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	18.23
Operating charges	(0.66)
Return after operating charges*	17.57
Distributions	(1.54)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	1.54
Closing net asset value per share	117.57
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.16
Performance	
Return after charges	17.57%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.92%
Direct transaction costs	0.22%
Prices	
Highest share price	119.2
Lowest share price	94.72

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV. Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 28 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	18.20
Operating charges	(0.66)
Return after operating charges*	17.54
Distributions	(1.53)
Closing net asset value per share	116.01
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.16
Performance	
Return after charges	17.54%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	0.92%
Direct transaction costs	0.22%
Prices	
Highest share price	118.9
Lowest share price	94.72

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A The M Income Share class was launched on 28 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

Z Income shares ^A	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share		
Opening net asset value per share	215.20	190.87
Return before operating charges*	19.54	30.87
Operating charges	(0.22)	(0.29)
Return after operating charges*	19.32	30.58
Distributions	(2.22)	(6.25)
	(232.30)	-
Closing net asset value per share	-	215.20
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.34	0.17
Performance		
Return after charges	8.98%	16.02%
Other information		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	1
Closing number of shares	-	471
Operating charges	0.13%	0.14%
Direct transaction costs	0.15%	0.08%
Prices		
Highest share price	232.3	223.5
Lowest share price	209.1	188.1

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (p) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (p) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A The Z Income share class closed on 11 May 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (98.24%)		31,669	95.83
Basic Materials (9.93%)		2,065	6.25
34,100	BHP	677	2.05
16,400	Croda	768	2.32
13,200	Rio Tinto	620	1.88
Consumer Goods (10.05%)		3,316	10.03
24,400	Associated British Foods	590	1.78
24,810	Bellway	737	2.23
229,000	Countryside Properties	673	2.04
15,000	Fever Tree Drinks	350	1.06
19,500	Unilever	966	2.92
Consumer Services (17.42%)		5,892	17.83
375,260	Boohoo.com	898	2.72
31,300	Compass	652	1.97
43,200	Euromoney Institutional Investor	595	1.80
117,270	Inchcape	732	2.22
139,500	Just Eat	1,062	3.21
70,500	RELX (UK listing)	1,377	4.17
109,000	Rightmove	576	1.74
Financials (15.90%)		6,500	19.67
161,000	Ashmore	863	2.61
54,900	Close Brothers	730	2.21
29,000	Hiscox	493	1.49
17,300	London Stock Exchange	1,146	3.47
79,800	Prudential	1,355	4.10
18,700	Schroders (Non Voting)	462	1.40
63,000	St James's Place	620	1.88
122,900	Standard Chartered	831	2.51
Health Care (11.63%)		2,505	7.58
45,900	Abcam	600	1.81
8,460	AstraZeneca	597	1.81

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
23,442	Dechra Pharmaceuticals		690	2.09
23,400	Genus		618	1.87
Industrials (25.94%)			7,841	23.73
93,010	Bodycote		684	2.07
108,400	Electrocomponents		659	2.00
38,000	Experian		950	2.88
92,000	Grafton		668	2.02
136,200	Howdens Joinery		756	2.29
11,200	Intertek		639	1.93
328,900	Melrose Industries		615	1.86
46,800	Oxford Instruments		609	1.84
222,500	Rentokil		968	2.93
68,759	Smart Metering Systems		345	1.04
6,400	Spirax-Sarco Engineering		575	1.74
24,913	Weir		373	1.13
Oil & Gas (3.74%)			1,189	3.60
20,000	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'		520	1.57
126,000	Wood Group*		669	2.03
Technology (3.63%)			1,702	5.15
136,000	Avast		457	1.38
31,200	AVEVA		1,245	3.77
Utilities (0.00%)			659	1.99
78,106	National Grid		659	1.99
Collective Investment Schemes (1.36%)			1,253	3.79
1,253	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund*		1,253	3.79
Total investment assets			32,922	99.62
Net other assets			124	0.38
Total Net Assets			33,046	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

* A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains	1	1,636	2,494
Revenue	3	698	678
Expenses	4	(334)	(371)
Net revenue before taxation		364	307
Taxation	5	-	(2)
Net revenue after taxation		364	305
Total return before distributions		2,000	2,799
Distributions	6	(364)	(305)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		1,636	2,494

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	26,093	24,030
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	7,121	3,690
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(2,181)	(4,408)
	4,940	(718)
Dilution adjustment	-	13
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	1,636	2,494
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	377	274
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	33,046	26,093

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		32,922	25,989
Current assets:			
Debtors	7	64	41
Cash and bank balances		110	111
		174	152
Total assets		33,096	26,141
Liabilities:			
Creditors	8	(35)	(38)
Distribution payable		(15)	(10)
		(50)	(48)
Total liabilities		(50)	(48)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		33,046	26,093

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	1,635	2,494
Other gains	1	-
Net capital gains	1,636	2,494

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	9,787	11,329	5,394	10,944
Collective investment schemes	6,071	5,484	5,174	6,149
Trades in the year before transaction costs	15,858	16,813	10,568	17,093
Commissions				
Equities	13	5	(4)	(4)
Total commissions	13	5	(4)	(4)
Taxes				
Equities	43	44	-	-
Total taxes	43	44	-	-
Total transaction costs	56	49	(4)	(4)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	15,914	16,862	10,564	17,089

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.13	0.04	0.07	0.04
Taxes				
Equities	0.44	0.39	-	-

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.06	0.03
Taxes	0.16	0.17

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.09% (2018: 0.10%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK dividends	691	634
Overseas dividends	-	27
Stock dividends	-	11
Taxable distributions on offshore funds	6	3
Stocklending income	1	3
Total revenue	698	678

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	302	337
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	32	34
Total expenses	334	371

5. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	-	2
Total current tax	-	2
(b) Factors affecting current tax charge for the year		
The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:		
Net revenue before taxation	364	307
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	73	61
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(138)	(134)
Excess allowable expenses	65	73
Irrecoverable tax	-	2
Total tax charge for year (note 5a)	-	2

(c) **Factors that may affect future tax charge**

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £643,000 (2018: £578,000) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

6. **Distributions**

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interim distribution	128	85
Final distribution	271	204
	399	289
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	12	39
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(47)	(23)
Net distribution for the year	364	305

Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.

7. **Debtors**

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	54	26
Accrued revenue	10	15
Total debtors	64	41

8. **Creditors**

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	4	1
Purchases awaiting settlement	-	4
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	31	33
Total creditors	35	38

9. **Securities on loan**

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £370,000 (2018: £428,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £433,000 (2018: £459,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bank of Nova Scotia	433	-
Credit Suisse	-	428
Total securities on loan	433	428

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Collateral held		
Equities	433	-
Government Bond	-	459
Total collateral held	433	459

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £1,000 (2018: £4,000) and £250 (2018: £1,000).

10. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 7 and 8.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 8.

11. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	10,044,508	132,164	(455,913)	(55,614)	9,665,145
A Income shares	48,494	1,155	(11,931)	-	37,718
I Accumulation shares	3,233,495	3,513,922	(540,392)	63,885	6,270,910
I Income shares	614,229	604,733	(221,374)	-	997,588
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100

12. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	31,669	-	-	25,633	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes	-	1,253	-	-	356	-
Total investment assets	31,669	1,253	-	25,633	356	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

13. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £1,646,000 (2018: £1,299,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

The income and capital value of the Fund's investments are mainly denominated in sterling, the Fund's functional currency; therefore, the financial statements are not subject to any significant risk of currency movements. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(c) Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior year.

(d) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) Financial Derivative Instrument Risk

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018: nil).

(f) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7829	-	0.7829*	0.3889
Group 2	0.1983	0.5846	0.7829*	0.3889
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.6172	-	0.6172**	0.3095
Group 2	0.2075	0.4097	0.6172**	0.3095
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2002	-	1.2002*	0.9207
Group 2	0.3416	0.8586	1.2002*	0.9207
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.0493	-	1.0493**	0.8165
Group 2	0.1895	0.8598	1.0493**	0.8165
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.2100	-	0.2100*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.2100	-	0.2100**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
Z Income Shares^C				
Group 1	-	-	-	2.2163
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial seeding of the share class on 28 November 2018.^B Shares purchased between 28 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.^C Z Income share class closed on 11 May 2018.

For the six months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5290	-	1.5290*	1.3578
Group 2	0.1678	1.3612	1.5290*	1.3578
A Income shares				
Group 1	1.2003	-	1.2003**	1.0782
Group 2	0.9096	0.2907	1.2003**	1.0782
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.7149	-	1.7149*	1.7642
Group 2	0.5797	1.1352	1.7149*	1.7642
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.4869	-	1.4869**	1.5552
Group 2	0.5647	0.9222	1.4869**	1.5552
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.3300	-	1.3300*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	1.3200	-	1.3200**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

	Interim Dividend	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%	100.00%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%	0.00%

ASI World Income Equity Fund

For the year ended 31 July 2019

Investment objective and policy

To provide income and capital appreciation for investors over the long term in companies worldwide.

The investment policy is to invest primarily in Equity and Equity - Related securities of companies worldwide which offer attractive yields and sustainable dividends. The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its assets in fixed income securities including non-Investment grade debt.

The Fund may also invest in derivatives, including credit default swaps, money market instruments, cash, near cash, deposits and shares in collective investment schemes.

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2019, the value of ASI World Income Equity Fund – A Income Shares increased by 9.53% compared to an increase of 11.39% in the benchmark, the MSCI World Index benchmark.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net incomereinvested, GBP.

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Please remember that past performance is not a guide to future returns. The price of shares and the revenue from them may fall as well as rise. Investors may not get back the amount originally invested.

Market review

Global equities rose over the period which was marked by the push-and-pull of US-China trade relations and a sharp pivot in the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) monetary policy. Stocks initially rallied as positive macroeconomic data in major economies, good earnings growth, and a strengthening US dollar propelled the US S&P500 Index to its longest bull run in history. Subsequently, a spike in US Treasury yields compelled investors to re-assess global stock valuations. At the end of 2018, as the Fed defied political pressure to raise rates for a fourth time in the year, the S&P 500 Index slipped into bear-market territory, dragging global markets along.

Stocks, however, rebounded quickly as the year turned, with investors cheering progress in US-China trade negotiations and the Fed decision to stand pat on further rate hikes. The rally was interrupted by a breakdown in trade talks and escalating tensions. Near the end of the review period, optimism returned amid hopes of a fresh breakthrough ahead of the G20 summit.

As major central banks including the Fed and European Central Bank signalled their readiness to loosen monetary policy, investors increasingly priced in interest rate cuts, which also supported stocks even as macroeconomic data deteriorated.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, potash and lithium miner SQM was a key detractor as it declined in line with weaker lithium prices that were hampered by slower electric-car growth. We like the stock as it is the lowest-cost lithium producer with room to expand capacity, but are monitoring its performance. Japanese construction and real estate firm Daito Trust Construction was pressured by worries over a soft order outlook and labour reforms; we have since divested the stock. Meanwhile, British American Tobacco slid despite positive earnings and outlook, as competitor Philip Morris received permission to sell its main heat-not-burn tobacco product in the US, giving it first mover advantage in this important segment. The cigarette-maker's shares were also hurt by a proposed US ban on menthol cigarettes which contribute to a quarter of its profits, though analysts believed chances of an outright ban being enacted were slim. We are more positive on the resilience of the company's earnings, while its high dividend yield provides some support to its share price.

In contrast, Brazilian lender Banco Bradesco contributed to performance as it rose on positive earnings due to higher loan growth and improving asset quality. Further helping the stock was an advancing broader market that was boosted by optimism around President Jair Bolsonaro's reform agenda. Telefonica Brasil also benefited from the broad market rally as well as higher-than-expected earnings. Derivatives exchange operator CME Group posted better-than-expected profits, with good cost control making up for weaker trading volumes. It also reached a new record in open interest, a measure of the number of active positions which typically rise during times of market uncertainty.

In portfolio activity, we had mentioned in the interim reports the introductions of Samsung Electronics, Mexican airport operator Grupo Asur and US oilfield services provider Schlumberger, as well as the exits from South African telco MTN Group, Hong Kong conglomerate Swire Pacific and French energy services giant Engie.

In the latter half, we initiated positions in Canadian natural gas firm TC Energy which offers good dividends and yield growth; lubricant maker Castrol India after the stock de-rated, providing an attractive entry point; and silicon wafer manufacturer Globalwafers for its attractive valuations, yield and growth prospects.

Against these, we divested US eye care firm Alcon, recently spun out of Novartis, due to a lack of transparency about its business prospects; lender HSBC, Hong Kong subway operator and property developer MTR as well as the aforementioned Daito Trust Construction, in favour of better opportunities elsewhere.

Outlook

Global stocks were buoyed to new heights by expectations of central bank easing and the pronounced drop in government bond yields. This, however, could prove difficult to sustain without a corresponding expansion in profits. This now appears increasingly difficult with the global growth outlook becoming murkier, and business and consumer sentiment alike being hit by the trade war. The direction of the market hinges on the eventual result of US-China trade talks. Other risks also remain, in the form of geopolitical skirmishes in the Middle East and a disruptive Brexit. On the other hand, monetary policy easing across most parts of the world should provide some support.

Amid such market conditions, we take comfort from our bottom-up approach that identifies winners in a fast-changing world. Our holdings also have the requisite cashflows and robust balance sheets that buffer them against the uncertainty. While valuations have increased following the decent rally year-to-date, we still see pockets of value, and will take advantage of volatility to add to our favoured holdings.

Global Equity Team

August 2019

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the Fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the Fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the Fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 July 2019

The Fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including without limitation greater price volatility, less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the Fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the Fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The Fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The Fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The Fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.

All investment involves risk. This Fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the Fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the Fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The Fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the Fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the Fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The Fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus.

The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeenstandard.com.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	141.96	140.07	125.99
Return before operating charges*	13.70	4.20	16.29
Operating charges	(2.24)	(2.31)	(2.21)
Return after operating charges*	11.46	1.89	14.08
Distributions	(5.80)	(5.27)	(5.06)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	5.80	5.27	5.06
Closing net asset value per share	153.42	141.96	140.07
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.07	0.03	0.05
Performance			
Return after charges	8.07%	1.35%	11.18%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,607	4,295	4,566
Closing number of shares	3,002,964	3,025,883	3,259,856
Operating charges	1.59%	1.64%	1.65%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.02%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	156.0	149.2	142.1
Lowest share price	132.3	131.9	123.5

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The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

A Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	65.05	66.63	62.22
Return before operating charges*	6.14	1.98	7.97
Operating charges	(1.01)	(1.09)	(1.09)
Return after operating charges*	5.13	0.89	6.88
Distributions	(2.61)	(2.47)	(2.47)
Closing net asset value per share	67.57	65.05	66.63
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.01	0.03
Performance			
Return after charges	7.89%	1.34%	11.06%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	32,181	32,124	30,344
Closing number of shares	47,629,147	49,382,956	45,537,796
Operating charges	1.59%	1.64%	1.65%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.02%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	69.63	70.40	68.47
Lowest share price	60.63	61.82	60.52

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I Accumulation shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	137.65	135.15	120.97
Return before operating charges*	13.40	4.06	15.66
Operating charges	(1.54)	(1.56)	(1.48)
Return after operating charges*	11.86	2.50	14.18
Distributions	(5.63)	(5.11)	(4.87)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	5.63	5.11	4.87
Closing net asset value per share	149.51	137.65	135.15
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.07	0.02	0.05
Performance			
Return after charges	8.62%	1.85%	11.72%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,385	2,508	3,071
Closing number of shares	1,595,022	1,821,803	2,272,599
Operating charges	1.12%	1.14%	1.15%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.02%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	152.1	144.3	137.0
Lowest share price	128.4	127.7	118.6

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I Income shares	2019 pence per share	2018 pence per share	2017 pence per share
Change in net assets per share			
Opening net asset value per share	67.99	69.30	64.39
Return before operating charges*	6.47	2.06	8.25
Operating charges	(0.76)	(0.79)	(0.78)
Return after operating charges*	5.71	1.27	7.47
Distributions	(2.74)	(2.58)	(2.56)
Closing net asset value per share	70.96	67.99	69.30
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03	0.01	0.03
Performance			
Return after charges	8.40%	1.83%	11.60%
Other information			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	35,536	44,243	54,419
Closing number of shares	50,079,475	65,068,025	78,522,778
Operating charges	1.12%	1.14%	1.15%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.02%	0.04%
Prices			
Highest share price	73.12	73.38	71.08
Lowest share price	63.44	64.50	62.75

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Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

M Accumulation shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	11.56
Operating charges	(0.80)
Return after operating charges*	10.76
Distributions	(3.24)
Retained distributions on accumulation share	3.24
Closing net asset value per share	110.76
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03
Performance	
Return after charges	10.76%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	1.17%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%
Prices	
Highest share price	112.7
Lowest share price	96.75

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The return after charges figures are based on the accounting NAV, as the financial statements are produced at a valuation point that is different from the published daily NAV.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day to day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Highest and Lowest prices are based on official published daily NAVs.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 30 November 2018.

^B The opening net asset value stated is the share class launch price.

M Income shares ^A	2019 pence per share
Change in net assets per share	
Opening net asset value per share	100.00 ^B
Return before operating charges*	11.36
Operating charges	(0.79)
Return after operating charges*	10.57
Distributions	(3.20)
Closing net asset value per share	107.37
* after direct transaction costs of:	0.03
Performance	
Return after charges	10.57%
Other information	
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-
Closing number of shares	100
Operating charges	1.17%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%
Prices	
Highest share price	110.6
Lowest share price	96.75

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Portfolio Statement

As at 31 July 2019

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (100.33%)		74,469	99.66
Africa Equities (1.92%)		-	-
South Africa (1.92%)		-	-
Emerging Market Equities (11.14%)		8,741	11.69
Brazil (7.23%)		6,200	8.29
387,240	Banco Bradesco ADR	2,856	3.82
259,400	Telefonica Brasil	2,892	3.87
106,200	Ultrapar Participacoes	452	0.60
Chile (3.91%)		2,541	3.40
105,500	Sociedad Quimica y Minera de Chile*	2,541	3.40
European Equities (14.81%)		8,807	11.79
France (4.34%)		1,454	1.95
34,000	TOTAL	1,454	1.95
Germany (1.05%)		551	0.74
10,326	Bayer	551	0.74
Poland (1.38%)		1,077	1.44
49,200	Bank Polska Kasa Opieki	1,077	1.44
Sweden (3.13%)		2,648	3.54
73,200	Atlas Copco 'B'	1,651	2.21
116,300	Epiroc	997	1.33
Switzerland (4.91%)		3,077	4.12
16,300	Novartis	1,229	1.65
8,400	Roche	1,848	2.47

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Japanese equities (6.41%)		2,045	2.74
112,400	Japan Tobacco	2,045	2.74
North America Equities (22.49%)		22,291	29.84
Bermuda (1.18%)		692	0.93
91,500	Wilson Sons (BDR)	692	0.93
Canada (4.56%)		4,187	5.61
46,800	Nutrien	2,103	2.82
22,500	TC Energy	904	1.21
40,000	TELUS*	1,180	1.58
United States (15.10%)		13,629	18.24
24,000	CME	3,808	5.10
31,700	Intel	1,308	1.75
7,200	Johnson & Johnson	766	1.02
16,400	PepsiCo	1,712	2.29
27,400	Philip Morris	1,870	2.50
46,400	Schlumberger	1,514	2.03
58,800	Verizon Communications	2,651	3.55
Mexico (1.65%)		3,783	5.06
168,700	Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste	2,105	2.82
981,000	Kimberly-Clark de Mexico	1,678	2.24
Pacific Basin Equities (25.41%)		23,647	31.65
Australia (1.50%)		1,350	1.81
231,000	Coca-Cola Amatil	1,350	1.81
Hong Kong (3.04%)		-	-
India (0.00%)		1,083	1.45
752,296	Castrol India	1,083	1.45

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Indonesia (3.10%)		3,481	4.66
1,290,700	Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa	1,688	2.26
705,800	Unilever Indonesia	1,793	2.40
Malaysia (1.63%)		440	0.59
98,500	British American Tobacco Malaysia	440	0.59
New Zealand (2.04%)		2,454	3.29
489,600	Auckland International Airport	2,454	3.29
Singapore (3.89%)		3,221	4.31
222,000	Oversea-Chinese Banking	1,529	2.05
854,300	Singapore Telecommunications	1,692	2.26
South Korea (0.00%)		1,601	2.14
2,500	Samsung Electronics	1,601	2.14
Taiwan (6.85%)		6,231	8.34
97,000	Globalwafers	855	1.14
820,000	Taiwan Mobile	2,358	3.16
86,700	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	3,018	4.04
Thailand (3.36%)		3,786	5.06
676,600	Siam Commercial Bank (Alien)	2,461	3.29
2,247,600	Tesco Lotus Retail Growth	1,325	1.77
UK Equities (18.15%)		8,938	11.95
Basic Materials (2.14%)		1,474	1.97
74,300	BHP	1,474	1.97
Consumer Goods (2.61%)		2,031	2.72
68,800	British American Tobacco	2,031	2.72

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Financials (4.90%)		1,219	1.63
180,166	Standard Chartered	1,219	1.63
Oil & Gas (3.34%)		1,475	1.96
56,700	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	1,475	1.96
Telecommunications (5.16%)		2,739	3.67
135,600	Inmarsat	776	1.04
1,308,300	Vodafone	1,963	2.63
Total investment assets		74,469	99.66
Net other assets		240	0.32
Total Net Assets		74,709	99.98

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2018.

* A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

Statement of total return

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Income:			
Net capital gains/(losses)	1	3,448	(819)
Revenue	3	3,534	3,712
Expenses	4	(1,001)	(1,184)
Interest payable and similar charges*	5	-	(1)
Net revenue before taxation		2,533	2,527
Taxation	6	(325)	(268)
Net revenue after taxation		2,208	2,259
Total return before distributions		5,656	1,440
Distributions	7	(3,031)	(3,304)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		2,625	(1,864)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the year ended 31 July 2019

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders	83,170	92,400
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	2,228	6,534
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(13,580)	(14,165)
	(11,352)	(7,631)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)	2,625	(1,864)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares	265	263
Unclaimed distributions	1	2
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders	74,709	83,170

* For presentation purposes this line is now shown separately from expenses.

Balance sheet

As at 31 July 2019

	Notes	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Assets:			
Fixed assets:			
Investment assets		74,469	83,444
Current assets:			
Debtors	8	802	782
Cash and bank balances		557	204
		1,359	986
Total assets		75,828	84,430
Liabilities:			
Creditors	9	(211)	(310)
Distribution payable		(908)	(950)
		(1,119)	(1,260)
Total liabilities		(1,119)	(1,260)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		74,709	83,170

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2019

1. Net Capital Gains/(Losses)

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Non-derivative securities	3,462	(837)
Forward currency contracts	(16)	-
Other gains	2	18
Net capital gains/(losses)	3,448	(819)

2. Equity Purchases, Sales and Transaction Costs

There are no transaction costs associated with the purchases or sales of bonds, collective investment schemes and derivatives during the year, or in the prior year.

Bonds are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the expected cashflows and current credit profiles.

Derivatives are dealt on a spread agreed between buyer and seller with reference to the underlying investment.

	Purchases		Sales	
Trades in the year	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	10,081	5,614	22,539	12,804
Trades in the year before transaction costs	10,081	5,614	22,539	12,804
Commissions				
Equities	5	4	(22)	(5)
Total commissions	5	4	(22)	(5)
Taxes				
Equities	4	4	(4)	(3)
Total taxes	4	4	(4)	(3)
Total transaction costs	9	8	(26)	(8)
Total net trades in the year after transaction costs	10,090	5,622	22,513	12,796

	Purchases		Sales	
	2019 %	2018 %	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of asset type cost				
Commissions				
Equities	0.05	0.07	0.10	0.05
Taxes				
Equities	0.04	0.07	0.02	0.02

	2019 %	2018 %
Total transaction costs expressed as a percentage of net asset value		
Commissions	0.04	0.01
Taxes	0.01	0.01

At the balance sheet date the average portfolio dealing spread (i.e. the spread between bid and offer prices expressed as a percentage of the offer price) was 0.25% (2018: 0.23%), this is representative of the average spread on the assets held during the year.

3. Revenue

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
UK dividends	620	740
Overseas dividends	2,775	2,956
Bank interest	2	2
Stocklending income	137	14
Total revenue	3,534	3,712

4. Expenses

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Payable to the Authorised Corporate Director, associates of the Authorised Corporate Director and agents of either of them:		
Authorised Corporate Director's periodic charge	911	1,062
Operating, administrative and servicing fees	90	122
Total expenses	1,001	1,184

5. Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Interest payable and similar charges	-	1
Total interest payable and similar charges	-	1

6. Taxation

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
(a) Analysis of charge in year		
Overseas taxes	325	268
Total current tax	325	268

(b)

Factors affecting current tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is less than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for Funds of authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies (20%). The differences are explained below:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Net revenue before taxation	2,533	2,527
Corporation tax at 20% (2018: 20%)	507	505
Effects of:		
Revenue not subject to taxation	(589)	(694)
Overseas taxes	325	268
Overseas tax expensed	(12)	(6)
Excess allowable expenses	94	195
Total tax charge for year (note 6a)	325	268

Authorised Open-Ended Investment Companies are exempt from tax on capital gains in the UK. Therefore, any capital gain is not included in the above reconciliation.

(c)

Factors that may affect future tax charge

At the year end, after offset against revenue taxable on receipt, there is a potential deferred tax asset of £2,404,000 (2018: £2,290,000) due to surplus ACD expenses. It is unlikely that the Fund will generate sufficient taxable profits to utilise these amounts and therefore no deferred tax asset has been recognised in the year or the prior year.

7.

Distributions

The distributions takes account of income received on the issue of shares and income deducted on the cancellation of shares and comprise:

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
First interim distribution	604	751
Second interim distribution	569	615
Third interim distribution	806	864
Final distribution	1,001	1,033
	2,980	3,263
Add: Income deducted on cancellation of shares	66	67
Deduct: Income received on issue of shares	(15)	(26)
Net distribution for the year	3,031	3,304
Details of the distribution per share are set out in this Fund's distribution tables.		
Net revenue after taxation	2,208	2,259
Capitalised fees	912	1,062
Tax thereon	(89)	(17)
Total distributions	3,031	3,304

8. Debtors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts receivable from the ACD for the issue of shares	102	121
Sales awaiting settlement	131	-
Accrued revenue	495	588
Foreign withholding tax recoverable	74	71
Other debtor	-	2
Total debtors	802	782

9. Creditors

	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Amounts payable to the ACD for cancellation of shares	124	217
Accrued expenses payable to ACD	87	93
Total creditors	211	310

10. Securities on loan

The aggregate value of securities on loan at 31 July 2019 is £3,373,000 (2018: £1,097,000). The identities of these counterparties are listed in the counterparties table below. Securities on loan are included in the portfolio statement and no account is taken of any collateral held. The aggregate value of collateral held at 31 July 2019 is £4,207,000 (2018: £1,560,000).

This collateral is listed in the collateral held table below.

Counterparties	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Bank of Nova Scotia	714	-
Citigroup	1,151	-
Credit Suisse	1,508	-
JPM Chase	-	564
Morgan Stanley	-	533
Total securities on loan	3,373	1,097

Collateral held	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Equities	4,207	751
Government Bond	-	809
Total collateral held	4,207	1,560

The gross earnings and fees paid for the year are £6,000 (2018: £17,000) and £1,000 (2018: £3,000).

11. Related Party Transactions

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, as Authorised Corporate Director (ACD), is a related party and acts as principal in respect of all transactions of shares in the Fund.

The aggregate monies received through issue and paid on cancellation of shares are disclosed in the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders.

Any amounts due from or due to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited at the end of the accounting year are disclosed in notes 8 and 9.

Amounts payable to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, in respect of periodic charge and registration services, are disclosed in note 4 and any amounts due at the year end in note 9.

12. Shares in issue reconciliation

	Opening shares 2018	Creations during the year	Cancellations during the year	Conversions during the year	Closing shares 2019
A Accumulation shares	3,025,883	434,170	(443,450)	(13,639)	3,002,964
A Income shares	49,382,956	715,403	(2,293,221)	(175,991)	47,629,147
I Accumulation shares	1,821,803	221,915	(462,717)	14,021	1,595,022
I Income shares	65,068,025	1,086,498	(16,242,883)	167,835	50,079,475
M Accumulation shares	-	100	-	-	100
M Income shares	-	100	-	-	100

13. Fair Value Hierarchy

	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2019 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000	2018 £'000
Fair value of investment assets	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equities	74,469	-	-	83,444	-	-
Total investment assets	74,469	-	-	83,444	-	-

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FRS 102 are described below:

Level 1:

Unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for the identical unrestricted assets or liabilities.

Level 2:

Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices).

Level 3:

Inputs for asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

14. Risk Management Policies & Numerical Disclosures

In accordance with the investment objectives, the Fund may hold certain financial instruments. These comprise:

- securities held in accordance with the investment objective and policies;
- cash and short-term debtors and creditors arising directly from operations; and
- derivatives.

The main risks arising from the Fund's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, credit and liquidity risk.

The policies for managing these risks are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year, and prior year.

(a) Market price risk

Each Fund's investment portfolio is exposed to market price fluctuation which are monitored by the Fund Manager in pursuance of the investment objectives and policies. Adherence to investment guidelines and to investment and borrowing powers mitigate the risk of excessive exposure to any particular type of security or issuer.

An increase or decrease in market values will therefore have a direct effect on the value of the investment assets in the portfolio and therefore a proportionate effect on the value of the Fund.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's portfolio would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £3,723,000 (2018: £4,172,000). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

(b) Foreign currency risk

A proportion of the net assets of the Fund are denominated in currencies other than Sterling, therefore the balance sheet and total returns can be affected by currency movements. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may seek to manage exposure to currency movements by using forward currency contracts.

The Fund does not hedge or otherwise seek to avoid currency movement risk on accrued revenue.

Income received in foreign currencies is converted into Sterling at the exchange rates ruling when the income is received.

A five per cent increase in the value of the Fund's foreign currency exposure would have the effect of increasing the return and net assets as at year end date by £3,326,000 (2018: £3,441,500). A five per cent decrease would have an equal and opposite effect.

Currency exposure

An increase or decrease in a particular foreign currency exchange rate will have a proportionate affect on the value of the Fund.

The net foreign currency exposure comprises:

	Net foreign currency assets	
	2019 £'000	2018 £'000
Australian Dollar	1,350	1,246
Brazilian Real	692	981
Canadian Dollar	4,196	3,795
Euro	2,060	4,490
Hong Kong Dollar	-	2,530
Indian Rupee	1,083	-
Indonesian Rupiah	3,481	2,576
Japanese Yen	2,104	5,380
Malaysian Ringgit	571	1,356
Mexican Peso	3,783	1,372
New Zealand Dollar	2,454	1,696
Polish Zloty	1,153	1,151
Singapore Dollar	3,276	3,315
South Africa Rand	-	1,597
Swedish Krona	2,648	2,605
Swiss Franc	3,077	4,079
Taiwan Dollar	3,371	2,702
Thai Baht	3,799	2,806
US Dollar	27,423	25,157

(c) Interest rate risk

The majority of the Fund's financial assets are equity shares and other investments which neither pay interest nor have a maturity date. Therefore, the Fund's exposure to interest rate risk is considered insignificant. This is consistent with the exposure during the prior period.

(d) Credit risk

All cash exposures are carefully managed to ensure that money is placed on deposit with counterparties that meet the minimum credit rating deemed appropriate for this Fund. In certain circumstances, the Fund Manager may deliberately invest in securities (e.g. corporate bonds) with a well defined and published credit rating. In this case the Fund would be deliberately taking credit risk in order to seek additional rewards.

(e) Financial Derivative Instrument Risk

The Fund had no exposure to derivatives as at 31 July 2019 (2018: nil).

(f) Liquidity risk

The Fund's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities. The main liabilities of the Fund are the redemption of any shares that investors wish to sell and the settlement of stock purchases. The Fund Manager reviews the cash and liability position continuously, and should an increase in liquidity be required, the Fund Manager will sell securities.

Distribution table**For the three months ended 31 October 2018**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2018 and 31 October 2018

	Net Income 2018 pence per share	Equalisation 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share	Distribution paid 2017 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0979	-	1.0979*	1.1784
Group 2	0.5884	0.5095	1.0979*	1.1784
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.5031	-	0.5031**	0.5606
Group 2	0.1216	0.3815	0.5031**	0.5606
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0642	-	1.0642*	1.1375
Group 2	0.4174	0.6468	1.0642*	1.1375
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.5257	-	0.5257**	0.5833
Group 2	0.2574	0.2683	0.5257**	0.5833

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2018.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2019.

For the three months ended 31 January 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2018

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2018 and 31 January 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0740	-	1.0740*	0.9835
Group 2	0.2231	0.8509	1.0740*	0.9835
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4879	-	0.4879**	0.4641
Group 2	0.0138	0.4741	0.4879**	0.4641
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0444	-	1.0444*	0.9510
Group 2	0.3834	0.6610	1.0444*	0.9510
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.5100	-	0.5100**	0.4837
Group 2	0.2215	0.2885	0.5100**	0.4837

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.6500	-	0.6500*	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1 ^A	0.6500	-	0.6500**	-
Group 2 ^B	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2019.

^A Shares created prior to the initial launch of the share class on 30 November 2018.

^B Shares purchased between 30 November 2018 and 31 January 2019.

For the three months ended 30 April 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 February 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 February 2019 and 30 April 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5978	-	1.5978*	1.3692
Group 2	0.1172	1.4806	1.5978*	1.3692
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.7149	-	0.7149**	0.6416
Group 2	0.1010	0.6139	0.7149**	0.6416
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5414	-	1.5414*	1.3255
Group 2	1.1319	0.4095	1.5414*	1.3255
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.7524	-	0.7524**	0.6695
Group 2	0.4923	0.2601	0.7524**	0.6695
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.1400	-	1.1400*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	1.1300	-	1.1300**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 30 April 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 July 2019.

For the three months ended 31 July 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 May 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 May 2019 and 31 July 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.0307	-	2.0307*	1.7422
Group 2	1.2934	0.7373	2.0307*	1.7422
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.9065	-	0.9065**	0.8083
Group 2	0.0385	0.8680	0.9065**	0.8083
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.9777	-	1.9777*	1.6920
Group 2	0.9293	1.0484	1.9777*	1.6920
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.9517	-	0.9517**	0.8462
Group 2	0.4454	0.5063	0.9517**	0.8462
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.4500	-	1.4500*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	1.4200	-	1.4200**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 July 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Treatment by Corporate Shareholders

Corporate shareholders should account for the current year's dividends shown in the distribution table as follows:

	1st Interim Dividend	2nd Interim Dividend	3rd Interim Dividend	Final Dividend
Treat as a UK corporate dividend	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Treat as an annual payment net of Income tax at 20%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

Remuneration

Remuneration Policy

The Standard Life Aberdeen plc Remuneration Policy applies with effect from 1 January 2018. The purpose of the Standard Life Aberdeen plc Remuneration Policy (the "Policy") is to document clearly the remuneration policies, practices and procedures of Standard Life Aberdeen. It has been approved by the Standard Life Aberdeen plc Remuneration Committee and is subject to the Remuneration Committee's annual review. The Policy applies to employees of the Standard Life Aberdeen group of companies ("SLA").

The Management Company, Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited is authorised and regulated in the United Kingdom by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

The Remuneration Committee of Standard Life Aberdeen plc adopted a UCITS V Remuneration Policy to ensure that the requirements of the Undertakings for Collective Investment Transferrable Securities V Directive (UCITS V) are fully adhered to by the group. This policy applies to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited and the UCITS Funds it manages. This policy is available on request.

Remuneration Principles

SLA applies Group wide principles for remuneration policies, procedures and practices ensuring that remuneration design and the basis for awards will be clear, transparent and fair, in line with business strategy, objectives, culture, values and long term interests of SLA. Remuneration policies, procedures and practices should be consistent with and promote good conduct which includes sound and effective risk management and not encourage risk taking that exceeds the level of tolerated risk of SLA. Total variable remuneration will be funded through pre-agreed distribution metrics. Where SLA's financial performance is subdued or negative, total variable remuneration should generally be contracted, taking into account both current remuneration and reductions in pay-outs of amounts previously granted and having regard for SLA's long term economic viability.

In addition to applying the SLA wide principles above, Aberdeen Standard Investments ("ASI") applies a number of additional principles including the following, when determining remuneration for employees:

- a) Remuneration should be competitive and reflect both financial, non-financial and personal performance;
- b) Our remuneration design will align the interests of employees, shareholders and importantly our clients/customers;
- c) Our remuneration structure will reward delivery of results over appropriate time horizons and will include deferred variable compensation at an appropriate level for the employee's role;
- d) We will provide an appropriate level of fixed remuneration to balance risk and reward.

Governance and Regulatory Compliance

The Remuneration Committee is made up of independent non-executive directors and makes recommendations to the Board of Standard Life Aberdeen plc (the "Board") to assist it with its remuneration related duties. The Chief People Officer of Standard Life Aberdeen is responsible for ensuring the implementation of the Policy in consultation with the Remuneration Committee as well as other members of the Executive Committee ("Executive Body") (as defined by the Board), if appropriate.

Financial and non-financial criteria

Variable remuneration is based on a rounded assessment of Group, Divisional and individual performance. When assessing individual performance, financial as well as non-financial criteria are taken into account. Individual performance is based on the individual's appraisal, which includes an employee's compliance with controls and applicable company standards including the Group's Code of Ethics, including Treating Customers Fairly and Conduct Risk.

Conflicts of interest

The Conflicts of Interest Policy is designed to avoid conflicts of interest between SLA and its clients. This Policy prohibits any employee from being involved in decisions on their own remuneration. Furthermore, all employees are required to adhere to SLA's Global Code of Conduct, which encompasses conflicts of interest.

The Policy should, at all times, adhere to local legislation, regulations or other provisions. In circumstances or in jurisdictions where there is any conflict between the Policy and local legislation, regulations or other provisions, then the latter will prevail.

Remuneration Framework

Employee remuneration is composed principally of fixed and variable elements of reward as follows:

- a) Fixed reward (fixed remuneration: salary (and cash allowances, if appropriate); and Benefits (including pension).
- b) Variable reward (bonus, a proportion of which may be subject to retention or deferral depending on role and regulatory requirements) and senior employees may also be awarded a long-term incentive award).

Appropriate ratios of fixed: variable remuneration will be set to as to ensure that:

- a) Fixed and variable components of total remuneration are appropriately balanced and
- b) The fixed component is a sufficiently high proportion of total remuneration to allow Standard Life Aberdeen to operate a fully flexible policy on variable remuneration components, including paying no variable remuneration component.

Fixed Remuneration	Base salary provides a core reward for undertaking the role, where appropriate, and depending on the role, geographical or business market variances or other indicators, additional fixed cash allowances may make up a portion of fixed remuneration.
Benefits	Benefits are made up of: core benefits, which are provided to all employees; and extra voluntary benefits that may be chosen by certain employees and which may require contribution through salary sacrifice or other arrangements. Extra voluntary benefits are designed to support the health and wellbeing of employees through enabling individual selection based on lifestyle choices. Standard Life Aberdeen will ensure that the core and voluntary employee benefits policies are in line with relevant market practice, its views on managing its business risk objectives, culture and values and long-term interests and local requirements.
Pension	Standard Life Aberdeen's pension policies (which consist of defined contribution plans and legacy defined benefit plans) are in line with legislative requirements, governance structures and market practice, and reflect Standard Life Aberdeen's long-term views on risk and financial volatility, its business objectives, culture and values and long-term interests and local requirements. In certain circumstances, SLA may offer a cash allowance in lieu of any pension arrangement.
Annual Performance Bonus Awards	Employees who have been employed during a performance year (1 January to 31 December) may be eligible to be considered for an annual bonus in respect of that year. Eligibility criteria for an annual bonus are set out in the rules of the relevant bonus plan and/or contract of employment, as appropriate. The bonus plan in place is designed to reward performance in line with the business strategy, objectives, culture and values, long term interests and risk appetite of SLA. All Executive Directors are awarded bonuses under a SLA bonus plan as detailed in the Directors' Remuneration Report.
Other variable Pay Plans	Selected employees may participate in other variable pay plans, for example, performance fee share arrangements, where it is appropriate for their role or business unit. These plans operate under the overarching remuneration principles that apply across the group and, where appropriate, are also subject to specific principles governing incentives and are compliant with the requirements of any applicable regulatory standards.

Clawback/Malus

A clawback/malus principle applies to the variable pay plan. This enables the Remuneration Committee to seek to recoup the deferred amount of any unvested variable pay, in the exceptional event of misstatement or misleading representation of performance; a significant failure of risk management and control; or serious misconduct by an individual.

Guaranteed Variable Remuneration

Guaranteed variable remuneration is exceptional, occurs only in the context of hiring new staff and is limited to the first year of service.

UCITS V Identified Staff

Staff considered UCITS V Identified Staff are those categories of staff whose professional activities have a material impact on the decision making profiles of the Management Company or the UCITS Funds that the Management Company manages.

UCITS V identified staff will include; Senior Management; Decision makers, Staff engaged in control functions; and any employees receiving total remuneration that takes them into the same remuneration bracket as senior management and decision makers, and whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profiles of the Company or the Funds that the Company manages.

Control Functions

SLA adheres to the principles and guidelines of regulations that apply to SLA in defining control functions. control functions include, but are not necessarily limited to, Risk, Compliance, Internal Audit and Actuarial functions or roles.

SLA will ensure that, as appropriate, senior employees engaged in a control function:

- a) Are independent from the Business Units they oversee;
- b) Have appropriate authority, and
- c) Their remuneration is directly overseen by the Remuneration Committee.

This is achieved by the main control functions being outside the business, and a material proportion of their annual incentives being subject to a scorecard based on the performance of the control function. Performance against the scorecard is reviewed by the relevant independent governing committee (either Risk & Capital Committee, or Audit Committee). SLA's People Function reviews the remuneration of employees in control functions and benchmarks with the external market to ensure that it is market competitive and adequately reflects employees' skills and experience.

Personal Hedging

UCITS V Identified Staff are not permitted to undermine the risk alignment effects of the UCITS V Remuneration Code. Personal hedging strategies; or remuneration-related insurance; or liability-related insurance is not permissible on remuneration.

Employee Remuneration Disclosure

The table below provides an overview of the following:

- Aggregate total remuneration paid by Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited to its entire staff; and
- Aggregate total remuneration paid by Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited to its 'Identified Staff'.

The 'Identified Staff' of Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited are those employees who could have a material impact on the risk profile of Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited or the UCITS Funds it manages, including the following UCITS Funds:

Aberdeen Sterling Long Dated Corporate Bond Fund
 ASI (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund
 ASI (AAM) Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund
 ASI (AAM) UK Smaller Companies Fund
 ASI American Equity Fund
 ASI Asia Pacific and Japan Equity Fund
 ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund
 ASI Corporate Bond Fund
 ASI Diversified Income Fund
 ASI Eastern European Equity Fund
 ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund
 ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund
 ASI Euro Corporate Bond Fund
 ASI Europe ex UK Equity Fund
 ASI European High Yield Bond Fund
 ASI European Real Estate Share Fund
 ASI European Smaller Companies Fund
 ASI Financial Equity Fund
 ASI Global Equity Fund
 ASI Global Ethical Equity Fund
 ASI Global High Yield Bond Fund
 ASI Global Opportunistic Bond Fund
 ASI Japanese Equity Fund
 ASI Latin American Equity Fund
 ASI Multi-Asset Fund
 ASI Sterling Bond Fund
 ASI Sterling Inflation-Linked Bond Fund
 ASI Sterling Long Dated Government Bond Fund
 ASI Sterling Money Market Fund
 ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund
 ASI Sterling Short Term Government Bond Fund
 ASI Strategic Bond Fund
 ASI Target Return Bond Fund
 ASI UK Equity Fund
 ASI UK Income Equity Fund
 ASI UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund
 ASI UK Real Estate Share Fund
 ASI UK Responsible Equity Fund
 ASI World Income Equity Fund

This broadly includes senior management, decision makers and control functions. For the purposes of this disclosure, 'Identified Staff' includes employees of entities to which activities have been delegated.

Amounts shown reflect payments made during the financial reporting period in question.

The reporting period runs from **1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018** inclusive.

Aberdeen Sterling Long Dated Corporate Bond Fund		Total Remuneration	UCITS proportion
Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	£'000	£'000⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff¹	64	8,457	17
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	14
Variable remuneration		1,729	3
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff'²	159	4,390	9
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	1
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	8

ASI (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund		Total Remuneration	UCITS proportion
Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	£'000	£'000⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff¹	64	8,457	143
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	114
Variable remuneration		1,729	29
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff'²	159	4,390	74
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	6
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	68

ASI (AAM) Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund		Total Remuneration	UCITS proportion
Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	£'000	£'000⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff¹	64	8,457	179
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	142
Variable remuneration		1,729	37
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff'²	159	4,390	93
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	7
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	86

ASI (AAM) UK Smaller Companies Fund		Total Remuneration	UCITS proportion
Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	£'000	£'000⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff¹	64	8,457	108
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	86
Variable remuneration		1,729	22
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff'²	159	4,390	56
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	4
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	52

ASI American Equity Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	130
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	103
Variable remuneration		1,729	27
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	67
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	5
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	62

ASI Asia Pacific and Japan Equity Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	134
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	107
Variable remuneration		1,729	27
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	70
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	6
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	64

ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	1,073
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	853
Variable remuneration		1,729	220
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	557
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	45
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	512

ASI Corporate Bond Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	1,900
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	1,512
Variable remuneration		1,729	388
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	987
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	79
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	908

ASI Diversified Income Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	121
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	96
Variable remuneration		1,729	25
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	63
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	5
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	58

ASI Eastern European Equity Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	19
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	15
Variable remuneration		1,729	4
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	10
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	1
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	9

ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	113
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	90
Variable remuneration		1,729	23
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	59
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	5
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	54

ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	1,362
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	1,083
Variable remuneration		1,729	279
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	707
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	57
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	650

ASI Euro Corporate Bond Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	29
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	23
Variable remuneration		1,729	6
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	15
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	1
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	14

ASI Europe ex UK Equity Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	215
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	171
Variable remuneration		1,729	44
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	112
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	9
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	103

ASI European High Yield Bond Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	96
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	76
Variable remuneration		1,729	20
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	50
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	4
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	46

ASI European Real Estate Share Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	130
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	103
Variable remuneration		1,729	27
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	67
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	5
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	62

ASI European Smaller Companies Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	57
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	45
Variable remuneration		1,729	12
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	30
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	3
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	27

ASI Financial Equity Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	53
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	42
Variable remuneration		1,729	11
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	27
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	2
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	25

ASI Global Equity Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	345
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	274
Variable remuneration		1,729	71
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	179
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	14
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	165

ASI Global Ethical Equity Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	155
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	123
Variable remuneration		1,729	32
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	80
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	6
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	74

ASI Global High Yield Bond Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	655
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	521
Variable remuneration		1,729	134
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	340
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	27
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	313

ASI Global Opportunistic Bond Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	124
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	99
Variable remuneration		1,729	25
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	65
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	5
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	60

ASI Japanese Equity Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	135
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	107
Variable remuneration		1,729	28
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	70
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	6
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	64

ASI Latin American Equity Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	187
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	149
Variable remuneration		1,729	38
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	97
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	8
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	89

ASI Multi-Asset Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	152
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	121
Variable remuneration		1,729	31
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	79
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	6
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	73

ASI Sterling Bond Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	165
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	131
Variable remuneration		1,729	34
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	86
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	7
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	79

ASI Sterling Inflation-Linked Bond Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	105
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	84
Variable remuneration		1,729	21
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	54
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	4
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	50

ASI Sterling Long Dated Government Bond Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	37
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	29
Variable remuneration		1,729	8
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	19
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	1
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	18

ASI Sterling Money Market Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	343
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	273
Variable remuneration		1,729	70
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	178
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	14
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	164

ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	297
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	236
Variable remuneration		1,729	61
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	154
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	12
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	142

ASI Sterling Short Term Government Bond Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	108
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	86
Variable remuneration		1,729	22
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	56
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	5
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	51

ASI Strategic Bond Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	108
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	86
Variable remuneration		1,729	22
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	56
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	4
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	52

ASI Target Return Bond Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	204
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	162
Variable remuneration		1,729	42
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	106
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	9
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	97

ASI UK Equity Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	225
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	179
Variable remuneration		1,729	46
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	117
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	10
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	107

ASI UK Income Equity Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	168
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	134
Variable remuneration		1,729	34
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	87
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	7
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	80

ASI UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	42
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	33
Variable remuneration		1,729	9
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	22
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	2
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	20

ASI UK Real Estate Share Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	427
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	340
Variable remuneration		1,729	87
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	221
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	18
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	203

ASI UK Responsible Equity Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	28
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	22
Variable remuneration		1,729	6
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	15
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	1
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	14

ASI World Income Equity Fund Reporting period: 01/01/18 – 31/12/18	Headcount	Total Remuneration £'000	UCITS proportion £'000 ⁴
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd staff ¹	64	8,457	88
of which			
Fixed remuneration		6,728	70
Variable remuneration		1,729	18
Carried Interest		NIL	
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Ltd 'Identified Staff' ²	159	4,390	45
of which			
Senior Management ³	16	352	3
Other 'Identified Staff'	143	4,038	42

¹ As there are a number of individuals indirectly and directly employed by Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited this figure represents an apportioned amount of SLA's total remuneration fixed and variable pay, apportioned to the relevant UCITS Fund on an AUM basis, plus any carried interest paid by the UCITS Fund. The Headcount figure provided reflects the number of beneficiaries calculated on a Full Time Equivalent basis.

² The Identified Staff disclosure represents total compensation of those staff of the Management Company who are fully or partly involved in the activities of the Management Company, apportioned to the estimated time relevant to the Management Company, based on their time in role during the reporting period and the Management Company's proportion of SLA's total AUM. Across the 'Identified Staff', the average percentage of AUM allocation per individual based on work undertaken for Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited as a Management Company was 7.62%.

³ Senior management are defined in this table as Management Company Directors and members of the Standard Life Aberdeen plc Board, together with its Executive Committee, Investment Management Committee and Group Product Committee.

⁴ This figure represents an apportioned amount of the total remuneration of the 'Identified staff' attributable to the UCITS Fund allocated on an AUM basis.

Securities Financing Transactions Disclosure

The Company engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Company's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting year ended 31 July 2019 are detailed below:

Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs

Fund	Market Value of securities on loan £'000	% of lendable assets	% of assets under management
ASI (AAM) Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund	843	0.54	0.48
ASI American Equity Fund	1,912	1.38	1.37
ASI Asia Pacific and Japan Equity Fund	587	0.69	0.46
ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund	220	0.05	0.03
ASI Corporate Bond Fund	15,302	1.25	1.15
ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund	2,114	1.93	1.67
ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund	12,812	2.88	1.16
ASI European High Yield Bond Fund	8,468	12.01	11.61
ASI European Smaller Companies Equity Fund	1,803	3.01	2.78
ASI Global Ethical Equity Fund	3,858	3.03	3.37
ASI Global High Yield Bond Fund	30,915	4.78	4.40
ASI Japanese Equity Fund	2,177	3.03	2.94
ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund	1,032	0.47	0.38
ASI UK Responsible Equity Fund	370	1.19	1.12
ASI World Equity Income Fund	3,373	5.79	4.51

Top ten collateral Issuers

Issuers	Market value of collateral received £'000	Issuers	Market value of collateral received £'000	Issuers	Market value of collateral received £'000
ASI (AAM) Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund		ASI American Equity Fund		ASI Asia Pacific and Japan	
Sweden (Gov't of)	296	Micro Focus	191	SSE	60
Germany (Gov't of)	296	Auto Trader	191	Swatch	60
France (Gov't of)	296	Fiserv	191	Heidelberg Cement	60
Total	888	E.ON	191	Berkeley	60
		BMW	191	Bayer	60
		Simon Property	191	Adecco	60
		Vulcan	191	Air Liquide	60
		Transdigm	191	Roche	60
		Wirecard	189	Merck	60
		Exxon Mobil	188	AXA	60
		Other Equity	161	Other equity	49
		Total	2,066	Total	649
ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund		ASI Corporate Bond		ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund	
Bristol Myers Squibb	30	United Kingdom (Gov't of)	5,659	United Kingdom (Gov't of)	770
Swatch	30	Luxembourg (Grand Duchy of)	5,659	Australia (Gov't of)	770
Textron	30	Australia (Commonwealth of)	4,852	United States Treasury Notes	770
Vivendi	30	Total	16,170	Total	2,310
Davita	30				
Activision Blizzard	30				
SSE	30				
Royal Dutch	30				
Roche	30				
Geberit	30				
Other equity	24				
Total	324				
ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund		ASI European High Yield Bond Fund		ASI European Smaller Companies Equity Fund	
Auto Trader	1,282	Germany (Gov't of)	3,185	Cardinal Health	190
General Motors	1,282	France (Gov't of)	3,185	Prologis	190
SAP	1,282	United Kingdom (Gov't of)	3,185	Accenture	190
Micro Focus	1,282	Total	9,555	Amgen	190
Simon Property	1,282			Welltower	190
Sherwin Williams	1,282			SBA Communications	190
Cintas	1,065			Simon Property	190
Lyondell Basell Industries	944			Crown Cast	190
Resmed	759			Public Stores	190
Union Pacific	750			Federal Realty Investment Trust	175
Other equity	2,636			Other equity	167
Total	13,846			Total	2,052

Issuers	Market value of collateral received £'000	Issuers	Market value of collateral received £'000	Issuers	Market value of collateral received £'000
ASI Global Ethical Equity Fund		ASI Global High Yield Bond Fund		ASI Japanese Equity Fund	
Micro Focus	254	United Kingdom (Gov't of)	11,095	Rollins	218
Auto Trader	254	France (Gov't of)	11,095	Micro Focus	218
Fiserv	254	Germany (Gov't of)	11,095	Auto Trader	218
Micron Technology	254	Total	33,285	Fiserv	218
Kraft Heinz	254			Micron Technology	218
Exxon Mobil	254			Kraft Heinz	218
Illinois Tool Works	254			Simon Property	218
Simon Property	254			SL Green	218
Vertex Pharmaceutical	252			Equinix	218
Boeing	250			Exxon Mobil	214
Other equity	1,722			Other equity	176
Total	4,256			Total	2,352
ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund		ASI UK Responsible Equity Fund		ASI World Income Equity Fund	
France (Gov't of)	269	BP	40	Roche	160
Germany (Gov't of)	268	Barratt Developments	40	Evraz	160
Sweden (Gov't of)	179	Informa	40	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	160
Australia (Gov't of)	159	Rolls Royce	40	Halma	160
United States Treasury Notes	138	3i	40	Biogen	160
United Kingdom (Gov't of)	106	GlaxoSmithKline	40	SSE	160
Total	1,119	Diageo	40	AXA	160
		Berkeley	40	Swatch	160
		Rio Tinto	40	Transdigm	160
		Reckitt Benckiser	40	Raymond James	115
		Other equity	33	Other equity	2,286
		Total	433	Total	3,841

Top ten counterparties per type of SFT

Counterparty	Market value of securities on loan £'000	Counterparty	Market value of securities on loan £'000	Counterparty	Market value of securities on loan £'000
ASI (AAM) Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund		ASI American Equity Fund		ASI Asia Pacific and Japan	
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	889	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	2,066	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	649
ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund		ASI Corporate Bond		ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund	
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	324	Barclays Bank	16,170	Goldman Sachs International	2,310
ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund		ASI European High Yield Bond Fund		ASI European Smaller Companies Equity Fund	
Citigroup Global Makets Limited	13,846	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	9,555	Goldman Sachs International	2,052
ASI Global Ethical Equity Fund		ASI Global High Yield Bond Fund		ASI Japanese Equity Fund	
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	2,741	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	33,285	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	2,352
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	1,515				
ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund		ASI UK Responsible Equity Fund		ASI World Income Equity Fund	
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	698	Bank of Nova Scotia (London Branch)	433	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	1,732
Goldman Sachs International	315			Citigroup Global Markets Limited	1,244
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	105			Bank of Nova Scotia (London Branch)	865

Aggregate Transaction Data

Counterparty	Countries of counterparty establishment	Type	Quality	Collateral currency	Settlement and Clearing	Custodian	Market value of collateral received £'000
ASI (AAM) Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund							
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	593
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	SEK	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	296
ASI American Equity Fund							
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	572
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	383
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,112
ASI Asia Pacific and Japan Equity Fund							
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	180
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	270
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	120
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	79
ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund							
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	90
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	45
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	60
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	130
ASI Corporate Bond Fund							
Barclays Bank	United Kingdom	Government Bond	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	4,851
Barclays Bank	United Kingdom	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	5,660
Barclays Bank	United Kingdom	Government Bond	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	5,659
ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund							
Goldman Sachs International	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	770
Goldman Sachs International	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	770
Goldman Sachs International	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	770
ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund							
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	631
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,282
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	2,564
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	9,368

Counterparty	Countries of counterparty establishment	Type	Quality	Collateral currency	Settlement and Clearing	Custodian	Market value of collateral received £'000
ASI European High Yield Bond Fund							
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	6,370
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government Bond	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	3,185
ASI European Smaller Companies Equity Fund							
Goldman Sachs International	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	140
Goldman Sachs International	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,912
ASI Global Ethical Equity Fund							
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	507
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	2,233
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	140
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	284
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	980
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	111
ASI Global High Yield Bond Fund							
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	22,190
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government Bond	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	11,095
ASI Japanese Equity Fund							
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	436
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,917
ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund							
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	70
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Government Bond	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Government Bond	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	33
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	54
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	465
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	SEK	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	179
Goldman Sachs International	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	105
Goldman Sachs International	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1
Goldman Sachs International	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	105
Goldman Sachs International	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	104

Counterparty	Countries of counterparty establishment	Type	Quality	Collateral currency	Settlement and Clearing	Custodian	Market value of collateral received £'000
ASI UK Responsible Equity Fund							
Bank of Nova Scotia (London Branch)	Canada	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	20
Bank of Nova Scotia (London Branch)	Canada	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	413
ASI World Equity Income Fund							
Bank of Nova Scotia (London Branch)	Canada	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	40
Bank of Nova Scotia (London Branch)	Canada	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	825
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	82
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,163
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	320
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	400
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	640
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	373

Maturity Tenor of collateral (remaining period to maturity)	Less than one day £'000	One day to one week £'000	One week to one month £'000	One to three months £'000	Three months to one year £'000	Above one year £'000	Open maturity £'000	Total £'000
ASI (AAM) Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund	-	-	-	296	593	-	-	889
ASI American Equity Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,066	2,066
ASI Asia Pacific and Japan Equity Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	649	649
ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	324	324
ASI Corporate Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	-	16,170	-	16,170
ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	141	2,169	-	2,310
ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,846	13,846
ASI European High Yield Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,555	9,555
ASI European Smaller Companies Equity Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,052	2,052
ASI Global Ethical Equity Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,256	4,256
ASI Global High Yield Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	5,228	28,057	-	33,285
ASI Japanese Equity Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,352	2,352
ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund	-	-	-	232	233	653	-	1,118
ASI UK Responsible Equity Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	433	433
ASI World Equity Income Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,842	3,842

Lending transactions operate on a rolling one day contract and can be recalled on demand.

Data on reuse of collateral

Non-cash collateral is held with a segregated account by the Funds' Custodian and will not be sold, re-invested or pledged.

Safekeeping of collateral

Granted

At the year end there was no non-cash collateral posted by the Funds.

Received

As at the year end date, collateral was received for stock lending transactions into a segregated account at the Funds' Custodian in the form of Government bonds and main market listed equity valued at £93.1m.

Data on return and cost for each type of SFT

Fund	Total gross amount of securities lending income £'000	Direct costs deducted by securities lending agent £'000	Net amount of securities lending income £'000	Gross amount of securities lending income %	Direct costs deducted by securities lending agent %	Net Return of the Fund %
ASI (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund	8	2	6	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI (AAM) Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund	1	-	1	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI (AAM) UK Smaller Companies Fund	11	2	9	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI American Equity Fund	4	1	3	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Asia Pacific and Japan Equity Fund	4	1	3	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund	5	1	4	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Corporate Bond Fund	93	19	74	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Diversified Income Fund	13	3	10	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Eastern European Equity Fund	1	-	1	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund	5	1	4	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund	19	4	15	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Euro Corporate Bond*	-	-	-	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Europe ex UK Equity Fund	18	4	14	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI European High Yield Bond Fund	116	23	93	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI European Real Estate Share fund	1	-	1	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI European Smaller Companies Equity Fund	5	1	4	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Financial Equity Fund	1	-	1	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Global Equity Fund	6	1	5	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Global Ethical Equity Fund	8	2	6	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Global High Yield Bond Fund	289	58	231	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Global Opportunistic Bond Fund	4	1	3	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Japanese Equity Fund	8	2	6	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Latin American Equity Fund	21	4	17	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Multi Asset Fund	3	1	2	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Sterling Bond Fund	4	1	3	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund	44	9	35	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Sterling Short Dated Government Bond Fund	6	1	5	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Strategic Bond Fund	8	2	6	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI Target Return Bond	4	1	3	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI UK Equity Fund	6	1	5	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI UK Income Equity Fund	3	1	2	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund	1	-	1	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI UK Real Estate Share Fund	9	2	7	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI UK Responsible Equity Fund	1	-	1	125.00	(25.00)	100.00
ASI World Equity Income Fund	171	34	137	125.00	(25.00)	100.00

* The income received from securities lending was £116.

Further Information

Constitution

The Aberdeen Standard OEIC I (formerly the Aberdeen Investment Funds ICVC) was incorporated on 15 January 1998, incorporated under the ECA Regulations. The Company is an open-ended investment company (OEIC) with variable capital under regulation 14 (authorisation) of the OEIC Regulations. The Aberdeen Standard OEIC I Prospectus and Key Investor Information Documents (KIIDs), which contain full details for investors, are available for inspection at the offices of the ACD and available to download at aberdeenstandard.com.

Documentation

Copies of the current Prospectus and Key Investor Information Documents (KIIDs) for the Aberdeen Standard OEIC I funds, together with the latest Annual (and if issued later the interim) Report and Accounts for any fund, are available to download at aberdeenstandard.com. A paper copy of the Report and Accounts is available on request from the ACD.

The Annual Report of the Company will be published on or before 30 November and the half-yearly report on or before 31 March in each year.

Shareholders will also receive a half-yearly statement prepared as at 5 April and 5 October each year, and issued within twenty five business days of these dates. The statement will show details of all transactions effected during the previous six months, and include a valuation of the Account based on the redemption prices as at 5 April and 5 October as applicable.

Notices/Correspondence

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Complaints about the operation of the Company and the Funds may be made by the investor by writing to the ACD or the Depositary.

Any complaint will be investigated and the outcome will be notified to the investor, within eight weeks. If the investor is not satisfied with the outcome, he may also write directly to the Financial Ombudsman Service at Exchange Tower, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9GE. If the ACD cannot meet its financial obligations to the investor, the investor may be entitled to compensation under the Investor's Compensation Scheme, under the Financial Services Markets Act 2000. Details of the investor's rights to compensation can be obtained from the ACD on request.

Personal taxation

Unless your shares are held within an ISA, if you sell your shares this is treated as a disposal for Capital Gains Tax purposes. Tax rules can change. The value to an investor of the tax advantages of an ISA will depend on personal circumstances, which may change.

Shareholders are recommended to consult with their professional tax advisers if they are in any doubt about their position.

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