# **Key Investor Information**



This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

ASI European Smaller Companies Fund I Acc (ISIN GB00B0XWN580) A sub-fund of Aberdeen Standard OEIC I. Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited is the Authorised Corporate Director that manages the Fund.

# **OBJECTIVES AND INVESTMENT POLICY**

## **Investment Objective**

To generate growth over the longer term (5 years or more) by investing in European smaller capitalisation equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the EMIX Smaller European Companies Index, plus 3% per annum over five years (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index.

## **Investment Policy**

#### **Portfolio Securities**

- The fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of small-capitalisation companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in European countries, or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from European operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there. - European countries include the emerging markets of Europe and the UK.

the UK. - Smaller capitalisation companies are defined as any stock included in the EMIX Smaller European Companies Index or, if not included within the index any stock having a market capitalisation smaller than that of the stock with the largest market capitalisation in such index.

 The fund may also invest in mid and larger capitalisation companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in European countries.
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- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments and cash.

# **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.

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.

#### Management Process

 The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
 Their primary focus is on stock selection using the management team's quality, growth and momentum approach. It aims to identify companies that exhibit a range of high quality characteristics, operate in growing markets and display positive business momentum.

- In seeking to achieve the performance target, the EMIX Smaller European Companies Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 9%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the index. - Please note: The fund's ability to buy and sell small and midcapitalisation shares and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress. In certain circumstances investors in the fund may not be able to sell their investment when they want to.

## Derivatives and Techniques

The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund ("Efficient Portfolio Management").
Derivative usage in the fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Investors in the fund may buy and sell shares on any dealing day (as defined in the Prospectus).

If you invest in income shares, income from investments in the fund will be paid out to you. If you invest in accumulation shares, income will be added to the value of your shares.

Recommendation: the fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within five years. Investors should satisfy themselves that their attitude to risk aligns with the risk profile of this fund before investing.

• 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.

# CHARGES

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the fund including marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

#### One-off charges taken before or after you invest

| Entry charge | 0.00% |
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| Exit charge  | 0.00% |

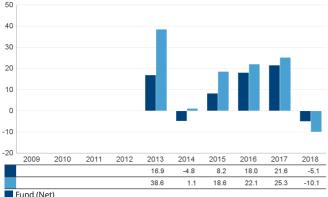
These are the maximum charges that we might take out of your money before it is invested and before we pay out the sale proceeds of your investment. In some cases, you might pay less and you should speak to your financial adviser about this.

#### Charges taken from the fund over a year

| Ongoing charges   | 0.87% |  |
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| Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions |       |  |
| Performance fee   | 0.00% |  |

# PAST PERFORMANCE

ASI European Smaller Companies Fund, I Acc, 31 December 2018 % Returns



Fund (Net) Performance Target - EMIX Smaller European Companies Index +3%

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

This document describes only one share class and other share classes are available. Information on how to buy, sell and switch shares is available by contacting us (see below).

Detailed information about the Fund, including its Prospectus, latest Annual and Half-Yearly reports and current share prices is available at aberdeenstandard.com. Alternatively, please contact Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, PO BOX 12233, Chelmsford, Essex CM99 2EE. Telephone: 0345 113 6966. Email: customer.services@aberdeenstandard.com. The documents are available in English only.

Aberdeen Standard OEIC I offers a range of funds with diversified investment objectives. The Prospectus, Annual and Half-Yearly reports cover all the funds within Aberdeen Standard OEIC I. In the unlikely event of one fund having debts, the assets of the other funds may not be used to settle these.

The Fund's Authorised Corporate Director is Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited.

The depositary of the Fund is Citibank Europe plc, acting through its UK Branch.

The tax legislation of the United Kingdom may have an impact on your personal tax position.

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the prospectus for the Fund.

Details of an up-to-date UCITS V Remuneration Policy Statement, including but not limited to, a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, and the identities of persons responsible for awarding remuneration and benefits, including the composition of the Remuneration Committee, are available at aberdeenstandard.com and a paper copy will be made available The Ongoing Charges figure is an estimate based on the last year's expenses and may vary from year to year. It excludes the costs of buying or selling assets for the Fund. An estimate is used in order to provide the figure that will most likely be charged.

Where the Fund invests in an open-ended collective investment scheme which is operated or managed by the ACD/the Manager or an associate of the ACD/the Manager, no additional annual management charge will be incurred by the Fund on such an investment.

The annual report for each financial year will include detail on the exact charges made.

The Ongoing Charge figure is as at 01/03/18.

Further information on the charges can be found in the Prospectus.

Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Performance is net of charges and does not take into account any entry, exit or switching charges but does take into account the ongoing charge, as shown in the Charges section.

Performance is calculated in GBP.

The fund was launched in 1990. The share/unit class was launched in 2012.

From 7 August 2019 the fund name was amended from Aberdeen European Smaller Companies Equity Fund to ASI European Smaller Companies Fund.

free of charge on request to the Authorised Corporate Director.

The Fund is authorised in the United Kingdom and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority in the United Kingdom. This key investor information is accurate as at 07/08/2019.