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## Allianz UK Unconstrained Fund

For the year ended 31 August 2013

The report below, as prescribed by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), aims to provide clear and concise information enabling you to make an informed judgement on your investment, during the year covered. We continually strive to enhance the information we send to you and we would welcome any comments you may have. A long form version of the report and accounts can still be viewed at [www.allianzglobalinvestors.co.uk](http://www.allianzglobalinvestors.co.uk). Alternatively, call our Investor Services team on 0800 317 573 to request a copy. Thank you for your continued investment with Allianz Global Investors.

**Investment Objective & Policy**

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth over the long term.

The ACD aims to achieve the investment objective by investing in any of the economic sectors of the United Kingdom although it may invest internationally. It is the ACD's general intention to invest the Fund in a concentrated range of companies, normally 16 to 30 companies, from any sector included within the FTSE All Share Index. The ACD will retain a flexible asset allocation policy meaning that the Fund will not be constrained by the benchmark index.

The Fund may also invest in collective investment schemes, government securities, certificates of deposit and other money market instruments and hold up to 20% of the portfolio in cash deposits should the ACD consider such investments and/or deposits to be appropriate in view of market conditions.

**Risk Profile**

**Equity Risk:** Equities are generally more risky than fixed interest securities. Considerable fluctuations in equity prices may mean that you do not get all your money back.

**High Volatility and Concentrated Portfolio:** Lower diversification and active stock selection can result in greater than average investment in individual companies. Such concentration can give rise to more risk than where investments are spread over a large number of companies. Whilst this may increase the potential gains, this concentration of exposure and lack of diversification may also substantially increase the risk of loss to the Fund.

**Smaller Companies:** Smaller companies may be riskier and less liquid than larger companies, which means that their share price may be more volatile.

**Risk and Reward Profile**

The Allianz UK Unconstrained Fund has a risk reward indicator of 6. Funds of category 6 have shown high volatility in the past. The volatility describes how much the value of the Fund went up and down in the past. The shares of a Fund of category 6 might be subject to high price fluctuations based on the historical volatilities observed.

The indicator is mapped through an integer number between 1 & 7 and is based on past performance data and is calculated in accordance with European legislation. The categorisation of the Fund is not guaranteed and may change in the future.

**Investment Review**

**Performance Summary:** Over the 12 month period under review, 1 September 2012 to 31 August 2013, the Fund's 'A' class produced a total return of 28.2%. The Fund's benchmark, the FTSE All Share Index, produced a total return of 18.9%.\*

The main drivers of the Fund's outperformance were conviction holdings in small and mid-cap companies, such as Tyman, Gleeson (MI) and CLS. Some of these companies have approached our estimates of fair value and as such we have reduced or sold out.

**Market Background:** Equity markets performed strongly during the year under review. This was driven by two factors: the continuation of the extremely accommodative monetary policy stance by developed world central banks; and an improvement in the economic data, initially in the US, then followed by the UK and most recently continental Europe.

Towards the end of the year, a certain tension emerged between these two drivers. With growth apparently recovering, investors began to question how long such stimulus would remain in place. This was triggered by Ben Bernanke, the Chairman of the US Federal Reserve (Fed), who hinted in a speech in May that the Fed may

\* Source: Allianz Global Investors/Datastream. Fund performance based on end of day prices, net of fees and expenses, with net revenue re-invested in Sterling. Benchmark performance based on end of day prices.

## Key Facts

|                       |  |        |                  |      |
|-----------------------|--|--------|------------------|------|
| Fund manager          | Matthew Tillett (Jeremy Thomas ceased July 2013) |        |                  |      |
| Launch date           | 14 May 2004                                      |        |                  |      |
| Fund benchmark        | FTSE All Share Index                             |        |                  |      |
| Annual charge         | 1.5%   |        |                  |      |
| Initial charge        | ISA  | 3%     | Direct           | 4%   |
| Minimum investment    | ISA  | £1,000 | Direct           | £500 |
| Additional investment | ISA  | £1,000 | Direct           | £500 |
| Regular savings plan  | ISA  | £200   | Direct           | £50  |
| Ex dividend date      | 1 September                                      |        |                  |      |
| Payment date          | 31 October                                       |        |                  |      |
| Share classes & types | A (Accumulation)                                 |        | C (Accumulation) |      |

Please note: The information shown above is for the 'A' share class of the Fund. 'C' shares are available, but are not currently in issue.

## Ongoing Charges Figure

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| 31 August 2013 |       |
| 'A' Shares     | 1.99% |

Ongoing Charges Figure (OCF) represents all operating charges and expenses and is expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value. It includes the annual ACD fee as well as all the administrative expenses including custodial transaction charges incurred by the Fund.

## Performance Record (price in pence)

|                   | High  | Low   |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| Share class       | A     | A     |
| 2008              | 158.8 | 78.8  |
| 2009              | 128.8 | 74.6  |
| 2010              | 141.1 | 117.7 |
| 2011              | 145.8 | 120.3 |
| 2012              | 159.4 | 130.8 |
| 2013 <sup>1</sup> | 194.2 | 160.0 |

<sup>1</sup> For the period to 31 August 2013

## Summary of Fund Performance

|            | Net Asset Value      |                      | Net Asset Value per share |                    | Change % |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|
|            | 31 Aug 2013<br>£000s | 31 Aug 2012<br>£000s | 31 Aug 2013<br>(p)        | 31 Aug 2012<br>(p) |          |
| 'A' Shares | 11,059               | 9,519                | 190.1                     | 148.3              | 28.2     |

## Summary of Distribution

|            | Payment date    | Net distribution per share (p) |
|------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| 'A' Shares | 31 October 2013 | 2.0866                         |

Please note: Investors are reminded that the Fund distributes annually.

begin "tapering", or reducing, its asset purchases later in the year. Market volatility increased significantly following this speech. Government bond yields rose to their highest levels since 2011.

Stock market performance over the year was distinctly polarised. In the UK, the strongest performing areas were the domestic focussed companies, particularly those in the cyclical consumer sector. Investor expectations for these companies rose considerably following the improvement in the outlook for the UK economy. The weakest areas were those exposed to emerging markets, in particular the mining sector. Fears around the removal of monetary stimulus and worsening economic data caused investor sentiment towards emerging markets to deteriorate considerably.

**Portfolio Review:** The portfolio is run to an unconstrained mandate. The strategy aims to give investors an attractive absolute return across an entire economic cycle. We invest in companies where we see a reasonable prospect of a high total shareholder return over a 3-5 year time horizon, and where there is low downside risk. The benchmark is the FTSE All Share Index, but the portfolio is not constructed with reference to this or any other equity index.

As mentioned in the February interim review, we have been increasing the percentage of the portfolio that is invested in "special situation" investments, a trend which continued into the second half of the financial year. Special situation investment cases typically have unusual share price drivers that are often independent of the economy or the stock market. The rise in stock markets has led to a situation where it is now harder to find clear value, and as such we are looking more towards the special situations area for attractive investment ideas. Two new portfolio holdings in this area were Firstgroup and Sirius Real Estate.

Firstgroup is one of the UK's leading bus and rail companies. We bought shares at the rights issue, as we felt that this removed the severe financial risk facing the business, and also allowed management to finally begin investing in the business again. The valuation at our purchase price was very attractive and the shares have the potential to go much higher in time if the investment in the business begins to show through in higher margins.

Sirius Real Estate is a flexible workspace real estate company operating in Germany. The shares have suffered since listing in the 2007 due to severe valuation write downs and an overleveraged balance sheet. However, the business plan under new CEO Andrew Coombs is performing well. We bought shares in a placing that served to partially refinance the balance sheet, thereby reducing the previously high financial risk. Over time, we expect the 50% discount to net asset value (NAV) to close driving a strong share price return.

The Fund sold out of Unilever, Carnival and Gleeson (MI), as the share prices reached our estimate of fair value. We also significantly reduced the large position in Tyman following the rights issue to finance the acquisition of Truth and subsequent strong share price performance.

## Classification of Investments

| Ten Largest Holdings as at 31 August 2013 | (%)          |
|---|--------------|
| GlaxoSmithKline                           | 6.58         |
| BP  | 5.18         |
| Royal Dutch Shell 'B' shares              | 4.71         |
| Tyman                                     | 4.35         |
| United Business Media                     | 4.10         |
| Boot (H)                                  | 4.09         |
| Goals Soccer Centres                      | 3.36         |
| Centrica                                  | 3.09         |
| Reed Elsevier                             | 2.89         |
| CLS                                       | 2.88         |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>41.23</b> |

| Sector Breakdown as at 31 August 2013 | (%)           |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Aerospace & Defence                   | 2.04          |
| Beverages                             | 0.00          |
| Chemicals                             | 0.00          |
| Construction & Materials              | 11.11         |
| Equity Investment Instruments         | 5.08          |
| Food & Drug Retailers                 | 2.04          |
| Food Producers                        | 0.00          |
| Gas, Water & Multiutilities           | 3.09          |
| General Financial                     | 7.80          |
| General Retailers                     | 1.65          |
| Healthcare Equipment & Services       | 2.39          |
| Household Goods & Home Construction   | 0.00          |
| Life Insurance                        | 0.00          |
| Media                                 | 6.99          |
| Non-Life Insurance                    | 0.00          |
| Oil & Gas Producers                   | 9.89          |
| Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology       | 6.58          |
| Real Estate                           | 6.85          |
| Support Services                      | 7.45          |
| Travel & Leisure                      | 6.21          |
| France Equities                       | 2.49          |
| Germany Equities                      | 2.36          |
| Ireland Equities                      | 1.67          |
| Net other assets                      | 14.31         |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                     | <b>100.00</b> |

**Outlook:** The UK economy is currently showing some of the strongest signs of recovery since the global financial crisis. The housing market is recovering and confidence is generally improving. However, we remain wary that the high debt will restrain activity in the medium term and keep growth below the longer term trend.

The outlook in the US is broadly similar to the UK. In Europe, Germany has been fairly resilient and there are tentative signs of recovery in the weaker regions. However, this recovery is at an earlier stage than in the UK and remains vulnerable to further stresses in the financial system. Elsewhere, Japan is performing

| Ten Largest Holdings as at 31 August 2012 | (%)          |
|---|--------------|
| BP  | 7.25         |
| Lupus Capital                             | 5.98         |
| GlaxoSmithKline                           | 5.85         |
| Reed Elsevier                             | 5.34         |
| Boot (H)                                  | 4.30         |
| BAE Systems                               | 4.10         |
| Resolution                                | 4.10         |
| CLS                                       | 3.63         |
| United Business Media                     | 3.45         |
| Smith & Nephew                            | 3.30         |
| <b>Total</b>                              | <b>47.30</b> |

| Sector Breakdown as at 31 August 2012 | (%)           |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Aerospace & Defence                   | 4.10          |
| Beverages                             | 1.31          |
| Chemicals                             | 1.78          |
| Construction & Materials              | 15.70         |
| Equity Investment Instruments         | 4.01          |
| Food & Drugs Retailers                | 0.00          |
| Food Producers                        | 1.75          |
| Gas, Water & Multiutilities           | 3.04          |
| General Financial                     | 5.81          |
| General Retailers                     | 2.02          |
| Healthcare Equipment & Services       | 3.30          |
| Household Goods & Home Construction   | 2.11          |
| Life Insurance                        | 4.10          |
| Media                                 | 10.82         |
| Non-Life Insurance                    | 1.46          |
| Oil & Gas Producers                   | 8.77          |
| Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology       | 5.85          |
| Real Estate                           | 3.63          |
| Support Services                      | 4.52          |
| Travel & Leisure                      | 4.14          |
| France Equities                       | 0.00          |
| German Equities                       | 0.00          |
| Ireland Equities                      | 0.00          |
| Net other assets                      | 11.78         |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                     | <b>100.00</b> |

better although it is unlikely to drive global activity. Emerging markets look particularly uncertain with Brazil and India slowing rapidly. China is also showing significant strains as it attempts to rebalance the economy from investment led to consumer led whilst pulling back on the shadow banking system. Although Chinese demand is uncertain, it remains the key to many commodity markets.

The stock market has been revalued significantly over the last year, and within the market there is now a far greater polarisation of valuations. Whilst higher quality, defensive growth stocks have been highly valued for a while, many cyclical stocks have now also

risen to fuller valuations amid hopes of economic recovery. Conversely, mining and oil shares have languished and trade at more depressed levels.

We are finding fewer new investment ideas, with many stocks in the portfolio and market having appreciated. However, we remain alert to potential opportunities created by market volatility and individual company circumstances. We see specific opportunities in certain sectors such as media, speciality financials, construction and non-prime real estate. We have limited exposure to the more defensive growth sectors like food producers, beverages and household products where valuations look stretched. The portfolio also has little allocated to domestic banks or the mining industry, both sectors where risks remain high although valuations are more interesting.

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#### Further Information

The information in this report is designed to enable shareholders to make an informed judgement on the activities of the Fund during the year covered by the report and the results of those activities at the end of the year.

More information on the performance and make-up of this Fund is available on our Fund factsheets, which you can view via our Literature Library on [www.allianzglobalinvestors.co.uk](http://www.allianzglobalinvestors.co.uk). You can also request a valuation at any time by calling 0800 073 2001.

Alternatively, our Investor Services team will be happy to respond to any issues you may wish to raise with them regarding product information and Fund performance. If you have invested via a financial adviser, you should contact them first if you wish to discuss your investment in greater detail.

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