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## **AXA Distribution Fund** For the year ended 31 May 2013

### Investment objective and policy

The aim of this Fund is to achieve growing income with some prospects for capital growth over the medium to long term. The investment objective will be achieved by investing in quoted UK companies, convertibles and UK gilts including index linked gilts. The maximum investment in equities will normally be 60% of the property of the Fund. The Fund may also invest at the Investment Manager's discretion in transferable securities, derivatives, cash, deposits, units in collective investment schemes and money market instruments. Use may be made of borrowing, cash holdings, hedging and other investment techniques permitted in applicable Financial Conduct Authority rules.

Derivatives transactions may be used in the Fund for meeting the investment objectives of the Fund. The use of derivatives in this manner is not expected to change the risk profile of the Fund.

### **Results**

Share Class	Share Type	Price at 31.05.13 (p)	Price at 31.05.12 (p)	Fund Performance	Comparative Benchmark^
J	Acc*	109.8	N/A	N/A	17.07%
R	Acc*	175.2	150.5	16.41%	17.07%
Z	Acc*	186.4	159.0	17.23%	17.07%
J	Inc**	109.2	N/A	N/A	17.07%
R	Inc**	113.2	100.8	16.40%	17.07%
Z	Inc**	120.1	106.1	17.32%	17.07%

<sup>^</sup>Comparative Benchmark (Customised): 55% FTSE All-Share, 17.5% FTA IndexLinked All Stocks, 17.5% FTA Index Linked < 5 Years, 3.5% FTA Gilts All Stocks, 3.5% FTA Gilts < 5 Years, 3% cash LIBID 7 Day.\* Acc shares include net income reinvested, total return. \*\* Inc shares do not include net income reinvested, capital return dividends excluded. Past performance is not a guide to future returns. Source of all performance data: AXA Investment Managers and Lipper to 31 May 2013.

### **Review and outlook**

The UK equity market was strong in the 12 months to 31 May 2013, with the FTSE All-Share Index returning +30.1%.

The key theme for the period was very concerted central bank stimulus. In Europe, Mario Draghi, the President of the European Central Bank (ECB), said that the ECB would "do whatever it takes" to save the Euro and subsequently unveiled plans to buy large amounts of Eurozone sovereign debt, if required. In the USA, in the face of persistently high unemployment, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke indicated that monetary policy would remain accommodative until the jobless rate fell below 6.5%, as well as announcing a further bout of quantitative easing (QE). In the UK, the QE programme from the Bank of England was extended by a further £50bn to £375bn and a new Funding for Lending Scheme introduced. Finally, in Japan a huge monetary expansion was announced, with the goal of lifting the country's long-stagnant inflation rate to 2%.

This liquidity tailwind has allowed financial markets to shrug off subdued economic growth and a number of disappointing pieces of news, such as the inconclusive elections in Italy and the Cypriot



banking crisis and bailout. These economic developments have produced much discussion about 'The Great Rotation' - the term being used to describe the possible asset allocation away from bonds and into equities. While there is little evidence to suggest that this is actually happening as yet, the market sentiment in recent months has certainly favoured equities over bonds. While the equity market has seen strong gains, government bond markets have been relatively subdued. UK gilts returned -1.0% in the review period and index-linked gilts +5.0%. The stronger performance of indexlinked gilts was, in part, due to market expectations of future inflation rising and also due to the Office of National Statistic's announcement that, following a consultation process, it would not be changing the way that the Retail Prices Index (RPI) - to which indexlinked gilt returns are linked - is calculated.

Corporate results have generally been satisfactory, with many companies announcing substantial dividend increases – with the exceptions of RSA and Aviva, which both cut their dividends

In the UK equity market, there was considerable upsurge in corporate activity. A number of companies have successfully come to the market via initial public offerings (IPOs), such as the house builder Crest Nicholson and the insurance companies e-sure and Direct Line. There have also been a large number of equity placings and rights issues to take advantage of the buoyant market, for example, William Hill's £385m rights issue, Lloyds Bank selling part of its stake in St James's Place and Royal Bank of Scotland selling a further £0.5bn tranche of Direct Line. Elsewhere, the merger of mining giants Glencore and Xstrata was completed and two FTSE 100 companies, Severn Trent and ENRC, revealed that they had received bid offers. There has also been considerable speculation in the press about Vodafone selling its stake in the US company Verizon Wireless, a stake that could well be valued in excess of \$100bn.

The central asset mix of the AXA Distribution Fund is 55% UK equities, 35% index-linked gilts, 7% conventional gilts and 3% cash. Throughout the period the Fund was at or above its central point in equities and below the central point in conventional gilts. These weightings reflected our views on the relatively unattractive yields on conventional gilts and the valuation attractions of equities compared to bonds. Given the strength in equities during the period, both in absolute terms and also relative to bonds, this asset allocation positioning was a key driver of the fund's performance.

#### **Richard Marwood**

31 May 2013

### **Risk and reward profile**

By investing in a fund which can invest up to 60% in equities you are likely to be looking for an investment which has lower risk than a pure equity based fund but you are prepared to accept some risk for potential reward. You are willing to accept that your investment will fall and rise in value and that you could get back less than you invest. Typically, you would prefer an investment with less risk than that of a fund which invests predominantly in equities or overseas.

Lower risk						Higher risk	C.	
	Potentially lower reward					Potential	ly higher reward	ł
1 2 3 4					5	6	7	

The risk category is calculated using historical performance data and may not be a reliable indicator of the Fund's future risk profile. The risk category shown is not guaranteed and may shift over time. The lowest category does not mean risk free.

### Why is this Fund in this category?

The capital of the Fund is not guaranteed. The Fund is invested in financial markets and uses techniques and instruments which are subject to some levels of variation, which may result in gains or losses.

#### Additional risks

Credit Risk: risk that issuers of debt securities held in the Fund may default on their obligations or have their credit rating downgraded, resulting in a decrease in the Net Asset Value.

Operational Risk: risk that operational processes, including those related to the safekeeping of assets may fail, resulting in losses.

### **FUND FACTS**

Lead Fund manager	Richard Marwood
Sector	Mixed Investment
	20-60% Shares
Comparative Benchmark	Customised*
Launch date	16 May 08
Fund size at 31 May 2013	£933m
Fund size at 31 May 2012	£756m
Minimum investments (Lump sum)	R: £1,000 / Z&J: £100,000
Minimum per month	R: £50 / Z&J: N/A
Yield J Inc/Acc net	3.24% / 3.21%
Yield Z Inc/Acc net	3.23% / 3.20%
Yield R Inc/Acc net	3.24% / 3.21%
Share types	Inc & Acc
Number of stocks	204
Initial charge	R: 5% / Z&J: Nil
Annual charge	R:1.5% / Z:0.75% / J: 1.15%
Ongoing charges	
J Inc/Acc net	1.17% / 1.17%
Z Inc/Acc net	0.76% / 0.76%
R Inc/Acc net	1.51% / 1.51%
Accounting dates (interim)	30 Nov
Accounting dates (annual)	31 May
Distribution dates (income)	31 Jan, 30 Apr 31 Jul, 31 Oct
All data source: Linner Hindsight as	at 31 May 2013 *Customised

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### **Top five purchases**

For the year ended 31 May 2013
UK Treasury 0.125 IL 22/03/24
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UK Treasury 1.25% IL 22/11/17
UK Treasury 2.5% IL 16/08/13
UK Treasury 2.5% IL 26/07/16

### **Top five sales**

For the year ended 31 May 2013	
UK Treasury 0.125 IL 22/03/24	
UK Treasury 1.25% IL 22/11/17	
UK Treasury 1.875% IL 22/11/22	
UK Treasury 2.5% IL 16/08/13	
UK Treasury 2.5% IL 17/07/24	

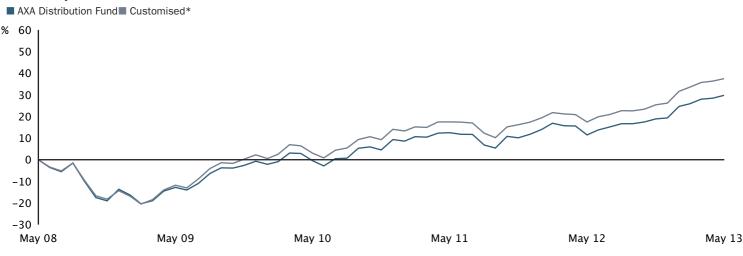
### Five year discrete annual performance

May 08 to May 09	May 09 to May 10	May 10 to May 11	May 11 to May 12	May 12 to May 13
-12.78%	+14.14%	+13.01%	-0.92%	+16.41%

Past performance is not a guide to future returns. Source: Lipper Hindsight as at 31 May 2013. Basis: Mid to mid, with net income reinvested, net of fees in GBP. Performance is representative of R Acc class.

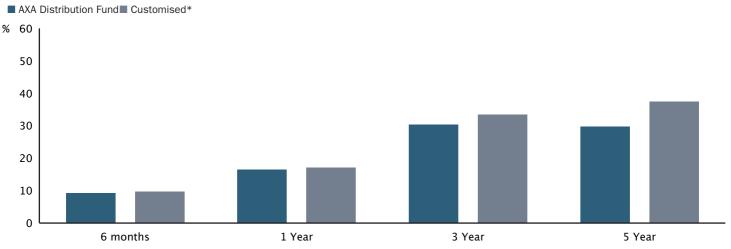
### Cumulative Fund performance versus comparative benchmark

#### as at 31 May 2013



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### as at 31 May 2013



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#### **Distribution per** Highest share Lowest share **Distribution per** Highest share Lowest share Share type Year Share class price (pence) price (pence) share (pence) Share type price (pence) price (pence) share (pence) 2013\*+ J Acc 111.8 101.7 1.844 Inc 111.2 101.8 1.836 2013\*+ R 178.4 162.2 2.967 115.3 105.5 1.922 Acc Inc 189.9 2013\*+ Ζ 172.1 3.153 122.3 2.037 Acc Inc 111.6 2012 101.4 98.61 0.540 101.9 98.61 0.540 J Acc Inc 2012 Ζ Acc 171.7 158.1 5.685 Inc 111.8 104.1 3.770 2012 R Acc 161.9 149.7 5.382 106.3 98.91 3.577 Inc 2011 Ζ Acc 161.5 146.8 6.820 Inc 110.8 100.0 4.711 R 153.6 139.6 6.493 105.7 95.35 4.496 2011 Acc Inc 2010 Ζ 155.4 135.8 6.088 109.0 97.28 4.211 Acc Inc 2010 R Acc 148.2 130.0 5.714 104.2 93.28 4.018 Inc 2009 Ζ 139.9 107.8 3.420 102.4 80.60 2.545 Acc Inc R 2009 Acc 134.0 103.7 3.357 Inc 98.57 77.81 2.508

### Summary of historic prices and distributions

Highest offer and lowest bid price quoted at anytime in the calendar year and \* to 31 May 2013. + Distribution to 31 July 2013.

### Net asset value record

Share class	Share type	Net asset value per share as at 31 May 2013 (pence)	Net asset value per share as at 31 May 2012 (pence)	Share type	Net asset value per share as at 31 May 2013 (pence)	Net asset value per share as at 31 May 2012 (pence)
J	Acc	109.8	N/A	Inc	108.0	N/A
Z	Acc	186.4	158.9	Inc	118.8	104.8
R	Acc	175.1	150.5	Inc	112.0	99.51

Please note, that the NAV prices shown above are different from the results prices as at 31.05.13. The differences are due to the fund performance tables taking the quoted valuation prices on the last day of the period, whereas the NAV table above is showing prices including any accounting adjustments at the end of the period (for example, moving the portfolio from mid to bid). Basis: bid to bid

## **AXA Distribution Fund** For the year ended 31 May 2013

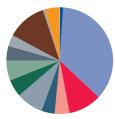
### Top ten holdings as at 31 May 2013

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Company	Sector	%	Company	Sector	%
UK Treasury 2.5% IL 26/07/16	IL Government Bonds	8.84	UK Treasury 2.5% IL 26/07/16	IL Government Bonds	10.75
UK Treasury 2.5% IL 16/08/13	IL Government Bonds	6.72	UK Treasury 2.5% IL 16/08/13	IL Government Bonds	9.50
UK Treasury 1.25% IL 22/11/17	IL Government Bonds	5.22	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	Oil & Gas Producers	3.72
HSBC	Banks	4.03	HSBC	Banks	3.24
Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	Oil & Gas Producers	3.31	GlaxoSmithKline	Pharmaceuticals	2.90
Vodafone	Mobile Telecommunications	2.89	BP	Oil & Gas Producers	2.85
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GlaxoSmithKline	Pharmaceuticals	2.82	UK Treasury 1.875% IL 22/11/22	IL Government Bonds	2.37
British American Tobacco	Торассо	2.30	British American Tobacco	Tobacco	2.11
BG	Oil & Gas Producers	1.68	BG	Oil & Gas Producers	1.74

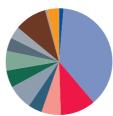
### Portfolio breakdown

### As at 31 May 2013



Castar	%
Sector	%
Government Bonds	1.05
Index Linked Government Bonds	35.95
Oil & Gas	10.05
Basic Materials	4.46
Industrials	4.04
Consumer Goods	8.17
Health Care	5.25
Consumer Services	6.02
Telecommunications	4.48
Utilities	3.42
Financials	12.00
Technology	0.88
Cash	4.09
Other	0.14

As at 31 May 2012



Sector	%
Government Bonds	1.34
Index Linked Government Bonds	37.47
Oil & Gas	10.66
Basic Materials	5.88
Industrials	4.17
Consumer Goods	7.57
Health Care	5.19
Consumer Services	5.96
Telecommunications	4.07
Utilities	3.70
Financials	9.77
Technology	0.73
Cash	3.49
Other	0.00

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### **AXA Distribution Fund** For the year ended 31 May 2013

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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### **Report and accounts**

The purpose of sending this Short Report for the Fund is to give you a summary of how the Fund has performed during the accounting period in accordance with the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) Rules. If you would like any additional information about the Fund you can request a copy of the more detailed long form accounts for the Fund. For a copy of this, please contact our dedicated customer services team on 0845 777 5511.

#### **Other information**

The Fund is a sub-Fund of the AXA Distribution Investment Company ICVC which is an open ended investment company (OEIC) authorised by the FCA, and has a UCITS certificate. The Company is managed in accordance with the FCA Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook. Fund prices are available on the website www.axa-im.co.uk and by calling 0845 777 5511.

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