Aberdeen Responsible UK Equity Fund

Annual short report for the year ended 31 July 2013

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.

Risk profile

Shareholders should be aware of the risks inherent in investing in securities and other financial instruments. Financial markets can be vulnerable to unpredictable price movements and are affected by a number of factors.

The value of your investment and the revenue derived from it will rise and fall due to market and company specific factors.

The specific risk warning relating to this fund is as follows:

- The Fund invests in a specific country market which may increase share price volatility.

Cumulative performance (%)

	Period of report 31/07/2012 to 31/07/2013	5 years 31/07/2008 to 31/07/2013	Since launch 09/05/2006 to 31/07/2013
Fund - A Accumulation	21.76	58.82	41.22
Benchmark[A]	24.28	53.13	45.28

Annual discrete performance to 31 July[B]

	31/07/2012 to 31/07/2013	31/07/2011 to 31/07/2012	31/07/2010 to 31/07/2011	31/07/2009 to 31/07/2010	31/07/2008 to 31/07/2009
% change	21.76	1.70	16.58	21.97	(9.81)

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

[A] FTSE All Share Index.

[B] Figures are as at valuation point.

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 rallied during the year under review as ample liquidity from loose fiscal and monetary policies kept markets buoyant worldwide. Specifically, it was the European Central Bank's (ECB) decision to buy unlimited amounts of short-term debt, through its outright monetary transactions programme, that assuaged fears of a Eurozone breakup early in the reporting period. During this time, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) also announced its long-awaited third round of quantitative easing. In March, markets were briefly shaken by the near-collapse of Cyprus' banking system, which sparked worries of a run in other parts of the European periphery. Confidence returned after the ECB lowered interest rates and said it could impose negative deposit rates to encourage lending. It is believed such a move could bolster demand on the Continent and in turn help UK exporters. Towards the period-end, gains were clipped by concerns that the Fed would soon scale down its asset purchases but nascent signs of recovery and the Bank of England's (BoE) pledge to keep rates low for an extended period reassured investors. On the economic front, second-quarter GDP growth was buttressed by the expansion of all sectors for the first time in nearly three years.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, our holdings in Schroders, Persimmon and Prudential were the top contributors to relative return. Both asset management company Schroders and insurer Prudential gained from improved sentiment in the financial sector, particularly after central banks vowed to keep policy expansionary. In addition, Schroders' assets under management rose to a record, bolstering its full-year results. The company increased its final dividend, bringing the full-year dividend to 43p a share, up from 39p in 2011. Prudential also reported impressive yearly earnings. It continued to expand its reach in Asia by buying the insurance assets of Thailand's Thanachart Bank and entering into a long-term distribution partnership with Acleda, Cambodia's largest retail and commercial bank. House builder Persimmon benefited from increased demand, helped in part by government schemes that boosted access to mortgages.

Conversely, our holding in Amec detracted as the stock price corrected after outperforming in the year earlier. Nevertheless, the engineering company reported healthy profit growth that was bolstered by oil and gas revenues and acquisitions that broadened its global footprint. Not holding Lloyds Banking and Barclays also cost the fund as these lenders rose in tandem with the financial sector. We remain cautious about UK banks in general given concerns over regulatory risk, earnings transparency and highly leveraged businesses.

In portfolio activity, we sold WM Morrison Supermarkets, considering its modest market share and the amount of investment required to maintain its competitive position. We also pared the positions in several holdings on share price strength, including Schroders, Prudential, Associated British Foods, miner Rio Tinto, consumer goods company Unilever and hotel and restaurant group Whitbread.

With the proceeds, we introduced Aggreko, a supplier of mobile power, given its solid long-term potential amid structural shortage in many emerging economies. We also added to energy services provider Wood Group and Standard Chartered on price weakness. We topped up the lender following allegations of money laundering for Iran. A subsequent US$340 million settlement was reached with New York authorities. We maintained a dialogue with the bank throughout the episode and feel that it is now able to continue its emerging market-focused growth strategy.

Outlook

At the time of writing, additional positive data, from industrial output and exports to manufacturing and services Purchasing Managers' Index, have lifted hopes that a recovery is well underway. Buoyed by the stronger readings, the BoE upgraded its GDP growth outlook. While we are similarly encouraged, we feel that optimism should be tempered with some caution. Unemployment remains sticky at 7.8%, domestic demand is still sluggish and more investments are needed to ensure a sustainable turnaround. On the housing front, price rises have sparked fears of a new bubble forming. Against this uncertain backdrop, stock-picking remains key. After the hefty gains of the previous years, a correction in the domestic market might prove timely, particularly when the US starts tapering. This could provide an opportunity to pick up or add to well-managed companies with the market leadership and financial strength that will help them weather the current headwinds and emerge stronger.

Portfolio breakdown

Portfolio of investments	As at 31 July 2013%	As at 31 July 2012%
Oil & Gas	15.72	15.63
Basic Materials	9.32	10.91
Industrials	13.91	10.79
Consumer Goods	9.90	10.14
Health Care	6.88	7.36
Consumer Services	13.48	14.35
Telecommunications	3.07	5.06
Utilities	4.50	5.39
Financials	16.05	14.89
Technology	3.46	3.13
Investment assets	**96.29**	**97.65**
Net other assets	**3.71**	**2.35**
Net assets	**100.00**	**100.00**

Fund facts

	Interim/annual accounting dates	Income payment dates
	31 January, 31 July	30 April, 31 October

	Ongoing charges figure % as at 31/07/2013	Ongoing charges figure % as at 31/07/2012
Share class A	1.65	1.58
Share class I	0.90	N/A
Share class Z	0.15	0.08

The ongoing charges figure is calculated in accordance with the guidelines issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority. It is the ratio of the total ongoing charges to the average net asset value over twelve months and includes the annual management charge, the other operating expenses and any synthetic element to incorporate the ongoing charges of any underlying collective investments.

Distribution summary

	Total distribution (p) for the year to 31/07/2013	Total distribution (p) for the year to 31/07/2012
Share class A - Income	1.9400	2.0500
Share class A - Accumulation	2.2480	2.3296
Share class I - Income	2.4900	N/A
Share class I - Accumulation	2.5023	N/A
Share class Z - Income	5.4300	5.3000

Distributions in respect of the Fund come with a tax credit of 1/9th of the amount stated. UK higher and additional rate taxpayers not holding through an ISA may have additional income to pay. Non taxpayers are not entitled to a refund of the 1/9th tax credit. Distributons received by corporate investors are subject to the corporate streaming rules.

Performance summary

	Net asset value as at 31/07/2013 pence per share	Net asset value as at 31/07/2012 pence per share	Net asset value % change
Share class A - Income	120.47	99.93	20.55
Share class A - Accumulation	141.40	115.38	22.55
Share class I - Income	115.47	N/A	N/A
Share class I - Accumulation	118.05	N/A	N/A
Share class Z - Income	181.55	150.45	20.67

Net of tax and expenses.

Performance record

Calendar year		Highest share price (p)	Lowest share price (p)
2009	Income A	88.67	54.87
2009	Accumulation A	96.55	58.65
2009	Income Z	134.12	82.53
2010	Income A	103.25	82.12
2010	Accumulation A	114.77	89.99
2010	Income Z	156.20	124.24
2011	Income A	107.26	87.09
2011	Accumulation A	119.75	98.52
2011	Income Z	162.42	131.41

Calendar year		Highest share price (p)	Lowest share price (p)
2012	Income A	106.41	93.81
2012	Accumulation A	122.85	106.84
2012[A]	Income I	101.95	96.72
2012[A]	Accumulation I	101.95	96.72
2012	Income Z	160.95	141.95
2013[B]	Income A	123.57	107.19
2013[B]	Accumulation A	143.40	123.76
2013[B]	Income I	118.70	102.87
2013[B]	Accumulation I	119.53	102.87
2013[B]	Income Z	187.01	162.45

[A] Share class I launched on 1 October 2012.
[B] to 31 January 2013.

Risk and reward profile

The Risk and Reward Indicator table demonstrates where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater thepotential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on pastdata, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the futurerisk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.

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 2013.

- This Fund is ranked at 6 because funds of this type have experienced high rises and falls in value in the past.
- Please note that even the lowest risk class can lose you money and that extreme market circumstances can mean you suffer severe losses in all cases.
- 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 our website at **www.aberdeen-asset.co.uk**

Other information

Name change – Aberdeen Unit Trust Managers Limited
As a result of a recent review of our company names, on 20 May 2013 Aberdeen Unit Trust Managers Limited changed its name to **Aberdeen Fund Managers Limited**. The name change does not affect your holdings with Aberdeen or the way in which they are managed.

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Report and accounts
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