

# ASI Global Smaller Companies Fund

(From 7 August 2019 The fund name was amended from Global Smaller Companies Fund to ASI Global Smaller Companies Fund)

Platform 1 Accumulation GBP

31 December 2019

## Objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in Global small-capitalisation equities (company shares).

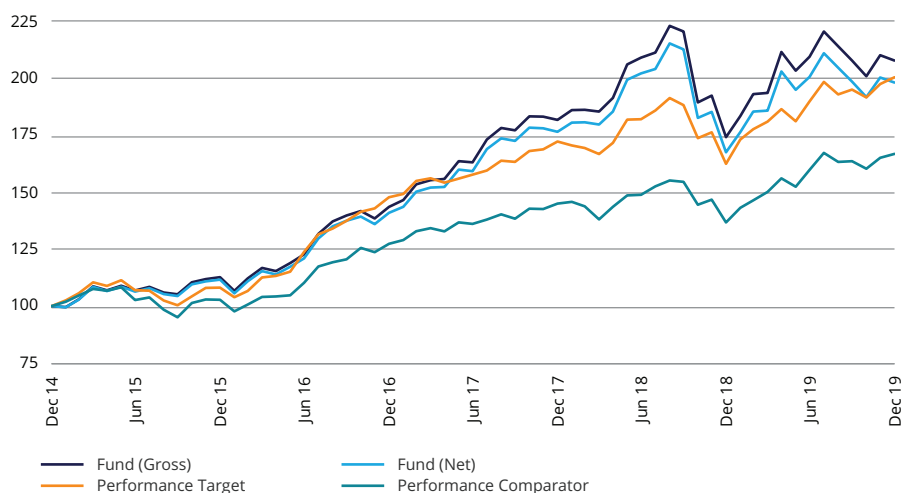
**Performance Target:** To achieve the return of the MSCI AC Country World Small Cap Index, plus 3% per annum (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

**Performance Comparator:** Investment Association Global Equity Sector Average. The ACD believes this is an appropriate target/comparator for the fund based on the investment policy of the fund and the constituents of the index/sector.

## Portfolio securities

- The fund will invest at least 70% in small-capitalisation equities and equity related securities of companies listed on global stock exchanges.
- Small capitalisation companies are defined as any stock included in the MSCI AC Country World Small Cap 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 on global stock exchanges.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments) and money-market instruments, and cash.

## Performance



## Cumulative and annualised performance

	1 month	6 months	Year to date	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)
Fund (Gross) (%)	-1.12	-0.81	19.30	19.30	13.12	15.75
Fund (Net) (%)	-1.11	-1.24	18.28	18.28	12.03	14.67
Performance target (%)	1.51	5.58	23.39	23.39	10.70	14.93
Performance comparator (%)	1.03	4.40	22.02	22.02	9.42	10.78

## Discrete annual returns - year to 31/12

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Fund (Gross) (%)	19.30	-4.16	26.59	27.38	12.70
Fund (Net) (%)	18.28	-5.10	25.27	26.29	11.65
Performance target (%)	23.39	-5.68	16.56	36.72	8.13
Performance comparator (%)	22.02	-5.71	13.87	23.92	2.79

Performance Data: Share Class Platform 1 Acc GBP. Source: Aberdeen Standard Investments (Fund & Benchmark) and Morningstar (Sector). Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, UK Net/Gross Income Reinvested. "Fund (Net)" refers to the actual unit price performance of the shareclass shown; "Fund(Gross)" adds back charges such as the annual management charge to present performance on the same basis as the performance target / performance comparator / portfolio constraining benchmark.

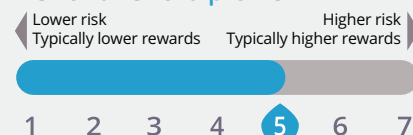
These figures do not include the initial charge; if this is paid it will reduce performance from that shown.

Past performance is not a guide to future returns and future returns are not guaranteed.

## Key facts

Fund manager(s)	Alan Rowsell
Fund manager's start date	19 January 2012
Fund launch date	19 January 2012
Shareclass launch date	14 May 2012
Fund size	£1.2bn
Number of holdings	52
Performance target	MSCI AC World Small Cap Index + 3%
Performance comparator	IA Global Equity Sector Average
Portfolio constraining benchmark	MSCI AC World Small Cap Index
Fund historic yield <sup>2</sup>	0.00%
Entry charge (up to) <sup>3</sup>	0.00%
Annual management charge	0.90%
Ongoing charge figure <sup>1</sup>	1.05%
Minimum initial investment	£2,000,000
Fund type	OEIC
Valuation point	12:00 (UK time)
Base currency	GBP
Sedol	B7KVX24
ISIN	GB00B7KVX245
Bloomberg	SLIGSP1 LN
Domicile	United Kingdom

## Risk and reward profile



This indicator reflects the volatility of The fund's share price over the last five years. See Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for details.

## Key risks

- The value of investments and the income from them can fall and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- 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.

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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 teams 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 MSCI AC Country World Small Cap 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 10%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the funds performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the MSCI AC Country World Small Cap Index.
- Please note: The funds ability to buy and sell small and mid-capitalisation 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.

Top ten holdings (%)

Teleperformance	4.6
Insulet	3.4
Nihon M&A Center	3.3
Mani	3.2
Paylocity Holding	2.9
ALS	2.9
JD Sports Fashion	2.8
Dart Group	2.8
Axon Enterprise	2.8
RWS Holdings	2.7
Assets in top ten holdings	31.4

Sector (%)

Industrials	32.1
Information Technology	24.8
Consumer Discretionary	16.5
Health Care	12.1
Financials	7.0
Consumer Staples	4.6
Communication Services	1.2
Cash and Other	1.7

Country (%)

USA	37.6
UK	13.0
Japan	11.1
Australia	8.0
Taiwan	7.7
Italy	4.8
France	4.6
China	4.0
Poland	1.6
Cash and Other	7.6

Source : Aberdeen Standard Investments 31/12/2019  
Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

Risk stats

Fund Volatility^ 15.20

Source : Aberdeen Standard Investments. ^ Three year annualised.

Ratings

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Derivative usage

- The fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, to reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the fund (often referred to as 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 funds existing allocations to company shares.

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To help you understand this fund and for a full explanation of risks and the overall risk profile of this fund and the shareclasses within it, please refer to the Key Investor Information Documents and Prospectus which are available on our website [www.aberdeenstandard.com](http://www.aberdeenstandard.com) The Prospectus also contains a glossary of key terms used in this document.

<sup>1</sup>The Ongoing Charge Figure (OCF), is the overall cost shown as a percentage of the value of the assets of the fund. It is made up of the Annual Management Charge (AMC) of 0.90% and other charges. It does not include any initial charges or the cost of buying and selling stocks for the fund. The Ongoing Charges figure can help you compare the annual operating expenses of different funds.

<sup>2</sup>The Historic Yield as at 30/11/2019 reflects distributions declared over the past twelve months as a percentage of the mid-market share price, as at the date shown. It does not include any preliminary charge and investors may be subject to tax on their distributions. The fund charges 100% of the annual management charge to capital. This has the effect of increasing distributions for the year and constraining the fund's capital performance to an equivalent extent.

<sup>3</sup>These are the maximum charges that we might take out of your money before it is invested. In some cases, the charges may be less and you should speak to your financial advisor about this.

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