# ASI Eastern European Equity Fund

(From 7 August 2019 the fund name was amended from Aberdeen Eastern European Equity Fund to ASI Eastern European Equity Fund)

#### Class I Accumulation GBP

## 29 February 2020

#### Objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in European emerging markets equities (company shares).

**Performance Target:** To achieve the return of the MSCI Emerging Market Europe 10/40 Index plus 3% per annum over three 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.

#### **Portfolio securities**

- The fund invests at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in European emerging market countries, or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- The fund may also invest up to 10% in other European equities.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), 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 (Net) (%)	-10.98	-5.63	-8.30	12.59	3.12	8.48
Performance target (%)	-11.63	-7.33	-14.01	6.40	7.55	10.85

#### Discrete annual returns - year to 29/2

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Fund (Net) (%)	12.59	-9.42	7.52	36.90	0.13
Performance target (%)	6.40	-2.43	19.85	46.72	-8.32

Performance Data: Share Class I Acc. Source: Lipper. Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, UK Net 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)	Global Emerging Markets Equity Team
Fund launch date	9 October 2009
Shareclass launch date	1 August 2000
Fund size	£16.8m
Number of holdings	42
Performance target	MSCI Emerging Market Europe 10/40 Index +3%
Performance comparator/ Portfolio constraining benchmark	MSCI Emerging Market Europe 10/40 Index
Fund historic yield <sup>2</sup>	2.19%
Entry charge (up to) <sup>3</sup>	0.00%
Annual management charge	0.75%
Ongoing charge figure <sup>1</sup>	0.94%
Minimum initial investment	£1,000,000
Fund type	OEIC
Valuation point	12:00 (UK time)
Base currency	GBF
Sedol	B3NC3D7
ISIN	GB00B3NC3D74
Bloomberg	CREEFIA 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

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

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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 research techniques to select individual holdings.
  The research process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the MSCI Emerging Market Europe 10/40 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 12.5%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the MSCI Emerging Market Europe 10/40 Index over the long term.

#### Top ten holdings (%)

#### Sector (%)

Consumer Staples

**Communication Services** 

Consumer Discretionary

23.4

19.6

18.3

10.1

6.5

6.0

9.9

Energy

Financials

Healthcare

Materials

Cash and Other

Assets in top ten holdings	47.1
Rosneft Oil Co PJSC	2.4
Santander Bank Polska SA	2.5
X5 Retail Group NV	2.6
Novolipetsk Steel PJSC	3.0
MMC Norilsk Nickel PJSC	3.2
Dino Polska SA	3.3
Yandex NV	4.4
Novatek PJSC	7.4
Sberbank of Russia PJSC	8.6
LUKOIL PJSC	9.7

#### Country (%)

Russia	61.4
Poland	10.3
Turkey	10.0
Greece	4.3
Georgia	2.3
Belarus	2.2
Switzerland	2.0
Czech Republic	1.9
Romania	1.8
Cash and Other	3.8

Source : Aberdeen Standard Investments 29/02/2020

Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

(d) 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.

# **Risk stats**

Beta^	0.80
Fund Volatility <sup>^</sup>	12.74
Index Volatility^	13.58
Information Ratio <sup>^</sup>	-0.31
R-Squared^	0.72
Sharpe Ratio <sup>^</sup>	0.47
Tracking Error <sup>^</sup>	7.30
Source : Aberdeen Standard Invest	ments. ^ Three year

annualised.

## **Derivative usage**

- 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.

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 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 0.75% 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 31/01/2020 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.

<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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