# **ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund**

Class I Acc GBP



#### 30 September 2020

#### Objective

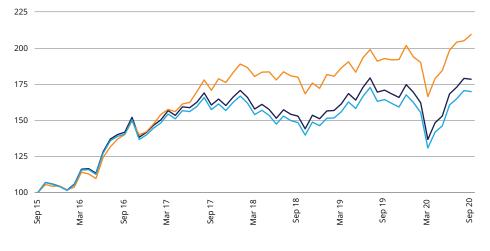
To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in emerging markets equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the MSCI Emerging Markets 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 global emerging market countries, or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- Emerging Markets include Asian, Eastern European, Middle Eastern, African and Latin American countries or any country included within the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.
- The fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments, and cash.

## Performance



Fund (gross)

Fund (net)

## Cumulative and annualised performance

	1 month	6 months	Year to date	1 year	3 years (p.a.)	5 years (p.a.)
Fund (gross) (%)	-0.33	30.61	2.13	4.41	3.58	12.26
Fund (net) (%)	-0.42	29.95	1.35	3.37	2.57	11.15
Performance target (%)	2.14	25.95	3.78	8.67	7.06	15.94

#### Discrete annual returns - year to 30/9

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Fund (gross) (%)	4.41	11.82	-4.81	13.31	41.64
Fund (net) (%)	3.37	10.76	-5.76	12.18	40.24
Performance target (%)	8.67	7.21	5.32	21.92	40.01

Performance Data: Share Class I Acc.

Benchmark history: Performance comparator/Portfolio constraining benchmark – MSCI Emerging Markets Source: Lipper. Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, UK Net/Gross Income Reinvested.

Performance target

"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	16 March 1987
Share class launch date	25 July 2003
Authorised corporate director (ACD)	Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited
Fund size	£1.0bn
Number of holdings	58
Performance target	MSCI Emerging Markets +3.00%
Performance comparator/ Portfolio constraining benchmark	MSCI Emerging Markets
Fund historic yield <sup>2</sup>	0.60%
Entry charge (up to) <sup>3</sup>	2.00%
Annual management charge	1.00%
Ongoing charge figure <sup>1</sup>	1.19%
Minimum initial investment	£1,000,000
Fund type	OEIC
Valuation point	12:00 (UK time)
Base currency	GBP
Sedol	3322756
ISIN	GB0033227561
Bloomberg	ABEMMCA LN
Citicode	ZY91
Reuters	LP60087505
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.

# Kev 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 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.
- (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 Markets 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 9%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Funds performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the Index over the long term.

#### Top ten holdings (%)

# Sector (%)

Samsung Electronics Co Ltd	9.4
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd	8.8
Tencent Holdings Ltd	8.7
AS SICAV I - China A Share Equity Fund	5.5
Ping An Insurance Group Co of China Ltd	3.7
Meituan Dianping	2.9
Housing Development Finance Corp Ltd	2.4
Tata Consultancy Services Ltd	2.3
Naspers Ltd	2.2
Prosus NV	2.2
Assets in top ten holdings	48.1

## Country (%)

China	37.9
South Korea	11.6
India	10.2
Taiwan	8.8
Brazil	7.0
Hong Kong	6.2
Russia	4.3 🔳
Netherlands	3.4
Mexico	2.7
Cash and Other	7.9

Source : Aberdeen Standard Investments 30/09/2020

Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

#### Financials 25.0 Information Technology 23.2 Consumer Discretionary 16.8 Communication Services 11.8 Materials 5.8 Consumer Staples 4.6 Real Estate 3.4 💼 Cash and Other 9.4

#### (d) The fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.

- (e) Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including greater price volatility, a less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- (f) 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.

#### **Risk stats**

Beta^	1.07
Fund Volatility^	15.94
Index Volatility^	14.43
Information Ratio <sup>^</sup>	-0.05
R-Squared <sup>^</sup>	0.94
Sharpe Ratio <sup>^</sup>	0.06
Tracking Error^	4.16

Source : Aberdeen Standard Investments. ^ Three year annualised.

# Ratings

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#### **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 Funds 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 1.00% 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 31/08/2020 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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