

# ASI Financial Equity Fund

Class I Inc GBP



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## Objective

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

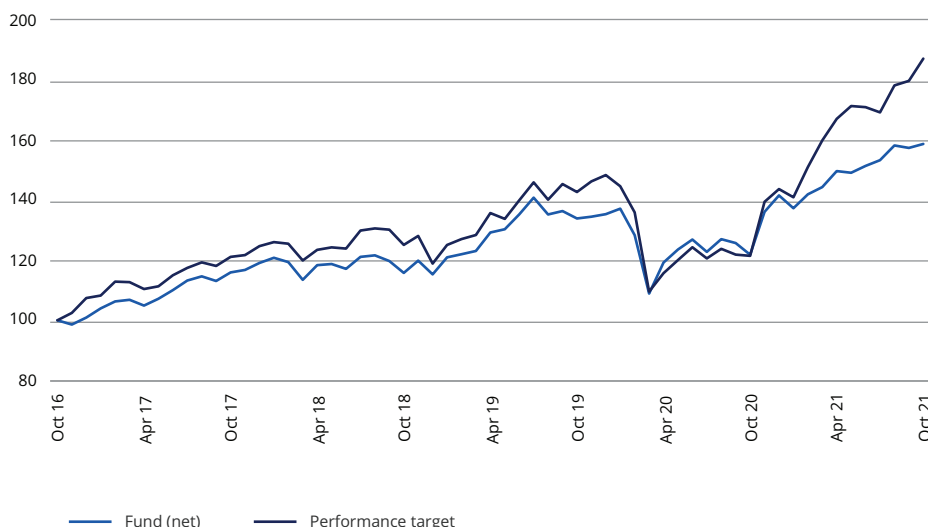
**Performance Target:** To achieve the return of the MSCI AC World Financials Index plus 3% per annum over rolling three year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the fund. There is however no certainty or promise that 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 will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of financial institutions, such as banking, insurance, financial services and property companies, listed on global stock exchanges.
- The fund may also invest in companies which generate a significant part of their earnings from financial activity.
- 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) (%)	0.84	6.07	12.14	30.31	11.09	9.68
Performance target (%)	4.12	12.01	30.24	54.09	14.37	13.36

## Discrete annual returns - year to 31/10

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Fund (net) (%)	30.31	-9.02	15.66	-0.13	15.95
Performance target (%)	54.09	-14.90	14.09	3.30	21.13

Performance Data: Share Class I Inc.

Benchmark history: Performance comparator/Portfolio constraining benchmark – MSCI AC World Financials Index from 07/08/2019. FTSE World Financials from 31/12/1993 to 06/08/2019

Source: Lipper. Basis: Total Return, NAV to NAV, UK Net Income Reinvested.

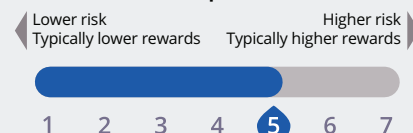
"Fund (Net)" refers to the actual unit price performance of the shareclass shown; "Fund(Gross)" adds back charges such as the annual management charge to present performance on the same basis as the performance target / performance comparator / portfolio constraining benchmark. These figures do not include 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)	Martin Connaghan
Fund managers start date	19 June 2015
Fund launch date	19 June 2015
Share class launch date	19 June 2015
Authorised corporate director (ACD)	Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited
Fund size	£52.2m
Number of holdings	42
Performance target	MSCI AC World Financials Index +3.00%
Performance comparator/Portfolio constraining benchmark	MSCI AC World Financials Index
Fund historic yield <sup>1</sup>	0.57%
Entry charge (up to) <sup>2</sup>	0.00%
Annual management charge	0.75%
Ongoing charge figure <sup>3</sup>	0.87%
Minimum initial investment	GBP 1,000,000
Fund type	OEIC
Valuation point	12:00 (UK time)
Base currency	GBP
Sedol	BWK25Q0
ISIN	GB00BWK25Q05
Bloomberg	ABEFEE LN
Citicode	MDXQ
Reuters	LP68318698
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 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.
- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The funds investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.

Management process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a concentrated but diversified asset mix at country 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 AC Financial 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 fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the index over the long term.

Top ten holdings (%)

Intercontinental Exchange Inc	6.9
Visa Inc	5.8
Housing Development Finance Corp Ltd	5.2
CME Group Inc	4.1
Goldman Sachs Group Inc/The	4.1
Deutsche Boerse AG	3.9
First Republic Bank/CA	3.7
Charles Schwab Corp/The	3.6
Partners Group Holding AG	3.2
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp Ltd	2.9
Assets in top ten holdings	43.4

Sector (%)

Financials	83.2
Industrials	12.0
Consumer Services	2.3
Technology	2.0
Other	0.1
Cash	0.4

Country (%)

United States	38.3
India	9.1
Germany	7.3
Hong Kong	5.5
United Kingdom	4.2
Japan	3.2
Switzerland	3.2
Singapore	2.9
Other	25.9
Cash	0.4

Source : abrdn 31/10/2021  
Figures may not always sum to 100 due to rounding.

- (d) 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.
- (e) 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^	0.77
Fund Volatility^	15.75
Index Volatility^	18.92
Information Ratio^	0.31
R-Squared^	0.86
Sharpe Ratio^	0.65
Tracking Error^	7.28

Source : abrdn. ^ 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 (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 fund's 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.abrdn.com](http://www.abrdn.com). The Prospectus also contains a glossary of key terms used in this document.

<sup>1</sup>The Historic Yield as at 30/09/2021 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>2</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.

<sup>3</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.

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