Aberdeen Investment Funds ICVC

Interim Long Report (unaudited)

For the six months ended 31 January 2018



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Report of the Authorised Corporate Director

Aberdeen Investment Funds ICVC ('the Company') is an open-ended investment company with variable capital. The Company is registered and authorised in the United Kingdom by the Financial Conduct Authority (the 'FCA') and has UCITS status. The Company is structured as an umbrella scheme for the purposes of the Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) and consists of a number of separate sub-funds.

Appointments

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Note:

The ACD, Aberdeen Asset Managers Limited, Aberdeen Asset Management Asia Limited, Aberdeen Fund Management Limited and Aberdeen Asset Management Inc are wholly owned subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc, and are accordingly associates. The Investment Advisers have the authority of the ACD to make decisions on its behalf in all aspects of the investment management of the investments and other property of the Company. The main terms of the agreement with each investment adviser are that it should have the authority of the ACD to make decisions on its behalf in all aspects of the investment management of the investments and other property of the Company, including the Company's powers to enter into hedging transactions relating to efficient portfolio management. The adviser's powers extend to all of the property of the Company except any part which the ACD excludes from the adviser's powers. The adviser is to report details of each transaction to the ACD and to confer with the ACD when required by it. The ACD will notify the adviser of additional cash available for the investment.

All fees charged by the Investment Adviser will be borne by the ACD.

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Each sub-fund has an individual investment objective and policy and each differs in regard to the extent to which they concentrate on achieving income or capital growth. There may be sub-funds added to the umbrella of the Aberdeen OEIC (with consent of the FCA and the Depositary) in the future.

The Funds are segregated portfolios of assets and, accordingly, the assets of a Fund belong exclusively to that Fund and shall not be used to discharge directly or indirectly the liabilities of, or claims against, any other person or body, including the Company, or any other Fund, and shall not be available for any such purpose.

The shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Aberdeen OEIC.

Financial details and fund managers' reviews of the individual sub-funds for the six months ended 31 January 2018 are given in the following pages of this report.

The sub-funds are valued on a mid-price basis and dealt at a single price regardless of whether a purchase or sale is being affected. The daily price for each sub-fund appears on the Aberdeen website at **aberdeen-asset.co.uk**.

Developments and prospectus updates since 31 July 2017

- Product reference numbers were added;
- Taxation limits in the Taxation section(s) were refreshed;
- Consistent terminology was applied in respect of existing stock lending disclosures;
- A and I share classes of the Aberdeen Sterling Long Dated Corporate Bond Fund were closed;
- The table setting out Operating, Administrative and Servicing Expenses was updated to reflect share classes that are now live or closed;
- · The complaints section was updated;
- Updated various details regarding BNP (including but not limited to the address);
- Updated sections 36 and 37 of the "Investment and Borrowing Powers" (regarding derivatives);
- · Change of Registrar name IFDS has been renamed as DST Financial Services Europe Limited;
- · The list of directors was updated;
- On 22 September 2017 Aberdeen Absolute Return Bond Fund name changed to Aberdeen Target Return Bond Fund;
- MIFID II: Several compulsory regulatory updates were made resulting from MIFID II, including updates to our order execution and conflicts of interest policies, and amendments to the Investor Profiles to align prospectus wording with the target market assessments that are sent to distributors (a new MIFID II requirement);
- · Dilution and performance data updated;
- Aberdeen Asian Bond Fund (an empty fund shell that was not launched) was removed from the prospectus;
- · References to the Japan investment management entity were amended to Aberdeen Standard Investments (Japan) Limited;
- On 1 November 2017 the Annual Management Charge Aberdeen Emerging Markets Bond Fund Share classes I Accumulation and I Income were reduced to 0.75%;

Important information

- Following approval from the Financial Conduct Authority and Prudential Regulation Authority on 25 July 2017, Aberdeen Asset Management
 PLC and Standard Life plc merged to become Standard Life Aberdeen plc on Monday 14 August 2017. Upon completion of the merger, the
 ultimate parent company of the Authorised Corporate Director became Standard Life Aberdeen plc. Further information can be found on
 the website at https://www.standardlifeaberdeen.com/.
- Aberdeen World Government Bond Fund closed on 11 August 2017.

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Global review

Financial markets faced three significant events in the six months under review: the unexpected US presidential election win by Donald Trump, Saudi Arabia's volte-face in its oil output policy and the US Federal Reserve's (Fed) more aggressive interest rate stance. Taken together, these factors saw equities outperform fixed-income instruments, developed stockmarkets outpacing their emerging counterparts, and a rebound in energy and financial sector equities – broadly speaking.

Immediately after Trump's election victory, heightened risk aversion resulted in a knee-jerk sell-off in stocks and a short-lived rally in fixed income, as investors sought safe-haven assets, including government bonds and gold. However, this was quickly reversed, as speculation of greater US fiscal spending and tax cuts by the Trump administration led investors to shift back into equities. Visions of faster US growth outweighed the Fed's rising hawkishness, with several major benchmarks reaching new highs. Conversely, yields of US Treasuries and UK Gilts ended lower.

Investors were kept on tenterhooks as monetary policy between the US and the rest of the world began to diverge. Although the Fed's December rate hike was widely expected, it announced plans to hike rates at a faster pace in 2017 amid expectations of improved growth prospects. In contrast, the European Central Bank decided to extend its bond-buying scheme through 2017, albeit at a smaller magnitude after March, while the Bank of Japan maintained its accommodative stance, as it shifted from increasing liquidity towards controlling long-term interest rates.

In the developed markets, political turbulence dominated market sentiment, with anxiety ratcheting higher following the rise of populism. Markets were also roiled by UK prime minister Theresa May's resolve to begin Brexit negotiations by March 2017. Nonetheless, developed stockmarkets were resilient compared to emerging markets, which bore the brunt of a flurry of executive orders by the new US president that unravelled trade agreements and imposed a poorly-executed travel ban.

In the emerging markets, performance was mixed. Russia outperformed, buoyed by the rebound in oil prices and hopes of warmer relations with the US under the Trump administration.

Similarly, China did well, on the back of positive mainland growth data which outweighed currency weakness and capital outflows.

Meanwhile, Brazilian equities rallied on optimism about president Michel Temer's reform agenda, after ex-president Dilma Rousseff was impeached. Conversely, Turkey lagged, in the wake of a failed coup and numerous terror attacks, which caused the lira to plunge and economic growth to languish. Elsewhere, the Mexican stockmarket and peso were battered by Trump's protectionist measures. Southeast Asia was another detractor. The Philippine market suffered on concerns over President Duterte's rhetoric against traditional Western allies, while confidence in Malaysia took a hit due to the political storm over alleged misuse of funds at state-owned investment company 1MDB.

Outlook

Although the global economy appears to be in good shape, beneath the veneer of optimism lurks anxiety over an increasingly unstable political climate. Since his inauguration, Trump has been eager to make good on his election promises, such as adopting an "America First" stance. While this may not be positive for emerging markets, it should not come as a major surprise. Should Trump carry through with his pledge of greater fiscal stimulus, this could spur the Fed to hike rates even more aggressively. Higher US rates and dollar strength could subsequently draw capital from developing markets back to the West. That said, central banks still have room to cut rates to spur growth, and most emerging economies have better fundamentals now to weather the storm ahead.

Authorised Corporate Director's Statement

In accordance with the requirements of the COLL Rules as issued and amended by the Financial Conduct Authority, we hereby certify the report on behalf of Aberdeen Fund Managers Limited, the Authorised Corporate Director.

Alan Hawthorn

Director

Aberdeen Fund Managers Limited

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23 March 2018

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Aberdeen Fund Managers Limited

23 March 2018

1. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements for each of the sub-funds have been prepared under the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of investments, and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) for Financial Statements of Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Management Association in May 2014 (IMA SORP 2014), Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102 and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

(b) Revenue recognition

Revenue is included in the Statement of Total Return on the following bases:

Dividends receivable from quoted equity and non equity shares are credited to revenue, net of attributable tax credits, when the security is quoted ex-dividend before the period end. Dividends on unquoted stocks are credited to revenue when the dividend is declared.

Overseas dividends are grossed up at the appropriate rate of withholding tax and the tax consequences are shown within the tax charge. In addition, precompte associated with dividends from French companies is treated as a tax credit rather than a repayment of withholding tax.

Dividends from Real Estate Investment Trusts are recognised as distributable revenue when the securities are quoted ex-dividend.

Interest is accrued on a day-to-day basis. In the case of debt securities issued at discount or premium to maturity value, the total revenue arising on such securities, taking into account the amortisation of such discount or premium on an effective interest rate basis, is spread over the life of the security.

Accumulation of revenue relating to accumulation units or shares held in underlying funds is recognised as revenue and included in the amount available for distribution. Equalisation received from distributions or accumulations on units or shares in underlying investments is treated as capital and deducted from the cost of investment.

Dividends received as shares (scrip/stock dividends), to the extent that the value of such dividends is equal to the cash dividends, are treated as revenue. This revenue forms part of any distribution. In the case of enhanced scrip dividends, the amount by which such dividends exceed the cash dividends is treated as capital and does not form part of the distribution.

Special dividends are treated as revenue unless there is sufficient evidence that they should be treated as a repayment of capital.

Underwriting commission is taken to revenue and recognised when the issue takes place, except where the sub-fund is required to take up all or some of the shares underwritten in which case an appropriate proportion of the commission received is deducted from the cost of the relevant shares.

If any revenue receivable at the balance sheet date is not expected to be received for a significant period after the accounting period end, a provision reflecting the timing of the receipt for the relevant amount will be made.

(c) Treatment of expenses (including Authorised Corporate Director expenses)

All expenses other than those relating to the purchase and sale of investments are charged against revenue on an accruals basis in the Statement of Total Return. Except for the Annual Mangement Charge (AMC) for the following Funds Aberdeen Diversified Income Fund, Aberdeen Emerging Markets Bond Fund, Aberdeen European High Yield Bond Fund, Aberdeen European Property Share Fund, Aberdeen UK Equity Income Fund, Aberdeen World Equity Income Fund and Aberdeen World Opportunistic Bond Fund which is taken from capital. In addition the Operating, Administrative and Servicing Expenses for the Aberdeen Diversified Income Fund are taken from capital.

Where the Fund invests in an open-ended collective investments which is operated or managed by the Authorised Corporate Director or an associate of the Authorised Corporate Director, no additional annual management charge will be incurred by the Fund on such an investment.

Rebates are applied where Authorised Corporate Director fees are incurred by the underlying investments. The rebates will be accrued daily and payment requested monthly. Where it is the policy of the underlying investment to charge its management fees to capital in determining its distribution, the Fund recognises such management rebates as capital on an accruals basis. Otherwise the rebate is recognised as revenue on an accruals basis and forms part of the distribution.

With the exception of the Authorised Corporate Director's AMC and Operating, Administrative and Servicing Expenses which are directly attributable to individual share classes, all revenue and expenses are allocated to share classes prorate to the value of the net assets of the relevant share class on the day that the revenue or expense is incurred.

Expenses relating to the purchases of investments are charged to the cost of investment and expenses relating to the sales of investments are netted off against the proceeds on sales.

(d) Distribution policy

The distribution policy of each sub-fund is to distribute all available revenue, after deduction of expenses properly chargeable against revenue.

However as the investment objective of the Aberdeen Diversified Income Fund, Aberdeen Emerging Markets Bond Fund, Aberdeen European High Yield Bond Fund, Aberdeen European Property Share Fund, Aberdeen UK Equity Income Fund, Aberdeen World Equity Income Fund and Aberdeen World Opportunistic Bond Fund concentrates on the generation of revenue as a higher priority than capital growth, the Authorised Corporate Director and the Depositary have agreed that 100% of the Authorised Corporate Director's AMC is to be taken to capital for the purpose of calculating the distribution, as permitted by the regulations. The distribution currently payable reflects this treatment together with any associated tax effect.

Gains and losses on non-derivative investments and currencies, whether realised or unrealised, are taken to capital and are not available for distribution. For derivative investments, where positions are undertaken to enhance capital return, the gains and losses are taken to capital, otherwise where they generate revenue, the amounts are included as revenue or expense and affect distributions.

(e) Basis of valuation of investments

The valuation point is close of business on 31 January 2018. Listed investments are valued at fair value which is the bid price.

Unlisted, unapproved, illiquid or suspended securities are valued at the Authorised Corporate Directors's best estimate of the amount that would be received from an immediate transfer at arm's length.

Where applicable, investment valuations exclude any element of accrued revenue.

In the case of certain investments, valuations reflect the quoted premium to local market prices which such investments may command.

Authorised unit trusts are valued at the cancellation prices for trusts managed by the Authorised Corproate Director and at the bid prices for other trusts. OEIC sub-funds are valued at the quoted price.

There is no material difference between the carrying values and the fair values of the financial assets and liabilities of the sub-funds disclosed in the Balance sheet and Portfolio statement of the individual sub-funds.

(f) Derivatives

Open forward currency exchange contracts are valued using forward rates of exchange applicable at the balance sheet date for the remaining period until maturity. All unrealised gains and loses are recognised in the Statement of Total Return. Currently forward positions are not collaterised.

Future contracts are valued at the exchange quoted price at close of business on 31 January 2018. Intial margin deposits are made in cash upon entering into future contracts. During the year the future contract is open, changes in the value of contract are recognised as unrealised gains and losses by marking to market on a daily basis to reflect the market value of the contract at the end of each day's trading. Variation margin payments are made or received, depending upon whether unrealised losses or gains are incurred. Variation margin payments are recorded in the futures margin account in the Balance sheet and related movements on unrealised results are recorded in the Statement of Total Return. When the contract is closed, the Sub-fund records a realised gain or loss equal to the difference between the proceeds from (or cost) the closing transaction and the opening transaction.

Some of the sub-funds may enter into swap agreements such as credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, swaptions, overnight index swaps and inflation linked swaps. Gains or losses resulting from swap contracts are recognised in the Statement of Total Return.

Swaps are valued at fair value determined at close of business on 31 January 2018 using external independant third party supplied prices as determined in good faith, pursuant to procedures established by the Authorised Corporate Director.

Some of the sub-funds may enter into write /sell or purchase agreements of put and call options. Gains or losses resulting form option contracts are recognised in the Statement of Total Return. Options are valued at the exchange price at close of business 31 January 2018.

(g) Exchange rates

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the exchange rates prevailing at close of business on 31 January 2017.

Foreign currency transactions are translated at the rates of exchange ruling on the dates of the transactions. Exchange difference on such transactions follow the same treatment as the principal amounts.

(h) Dilution adjustment

In certain circumstances (as detailed in the Prospectus) the ACD may apply a dilution adjustment on the creation or cancellation of shares, which is applied to the capital of the relevant sub-fund on an accruals basis. The adjustment is intended to protect existing investors from the costs of buying or selling underlying investments as a result of large inflows or outflows from the Fund.

(i) Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the results for the year. In general, the tax accounting treatment follows that of the principal amount, regarding the allocation between revenue and capital.

Deferred tax is provided on all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date other than those recorded as permanent differences. Deferred tax is provided at the average rate of tax expected to apply. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted to reflect the time value of money. Provision of deferred tax assets are only made to the extent the timing difference is expected to be of future benefit.

(j) Stocklending

Stock lending revenue is treated as revenue on an accruals basis and is is disclosed in the notes to the Financial Statements net of security lending agent fees payable to BNP Paribas Security Services. The value of the collateral must always exceed the value of the stock on loan. The accepted collateral include cash, equities, certain types of bonds and money market instruments as agreed with the Depositary.

(k) Remuneration

The Manager has approved and adopted a UCITS V Remuneration Policy Statement in conjunction with the remuneration policy of the Aberdeen Asset Management group of companies ("Aberdeen" or "Aberdeen Group"). In accordance with the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) Guidelines, the UCITS V Remuneration requirements comes into effect on 1 January 2017 following the first full performance period, accordingly there is no remuneration disclosures for this accounting period.

Cross Holding Table as at 31 January 2018

| | Holding Fund | | | | | |
|--|---|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | Aberdeen European High Aberdeen European Smaller Aberdeen | | Sterling | | | |
| | Yield Bond Fund | | Yield Bond Fund Companies Equity Fund | | Government | t Bond Fund |
| | Number of | Market Value | Number of | Market Value | Number of | Market Value |
| | Units | £'000 | Units | £'000 | Units | £'000 |
| Investor Fund Aberdeen Corporate Bond Fund | 21,227,531 | 24,938 | - | - | - | - |
| Aberdeen European Equity Fund | - | - | 106,741 | 2,005 | - | - |
| Aberdeen Multi-Asset Fund | - | - | _ | - | 12,026,586 | 12,546 |

| | Holding Fund | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|--------------|--|
| | Aberdeen Strategic Aberdeen UK S | | | | |
| | Bond I | Fund | Companies | Equity Fund | |
| | Number of | Number of Market Value | | Market Value | |
| | Units | £'000 | Units | £'000 | |
| Investor Fund Aberdeen Corporate Bond Fund | 20,086,700 | 32,723 | - | - | |
| Aberdeen Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund | 14,692,146 | 23,935 | - | - | |
| Aberdeen UK Equity Fund | - | _ | 371,926 | 1,735 | |

No other such cross-holdings, between other sub-funds in the Aberdeen Investment Funds ICVC, were held as at 31 January 2018.

Cross Holding Table as at 31 January 2017

| | | | Holdin | g Fund | | |
|--|-----------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| | Aberdeen Eu | ropean High | Aberdeen Euro | opean Smaller | Aberdeer | n Sterling |
| | Yield Bond Fund | | Yield Bond Fund Companies Equity Fund | | Government | t Bond Fund |
| | Number of | Market Value | Number of | Market Value | Number of | Market Value |
| | Units | £'000 | Units | £'000 | Units | £'000 |
| Investor Fund Aberdeen Corporate Bond Fund | 26,367,024 | 30,280 | - | - | - | - |
| Aberdeen European Equity Fund | - | - | 585,767 | 10,210 | - | - |
| Aberdeen Multi-Asset Fund | - | - | - | - | 33,978,749 | 35,705 |

| | Holding Fund | | | | |
|--|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--|
| | Aberdeen | Strategic | Aberdeen UK Smaller | | |
| | Bond | Fund | Companies l | Equity Fund | |
| | Number of | Number of Market Value | | Market Value | |
| | Units | £'000 | Units | £'000 | |
| Investor Fund Aberdeen Corporate Bond Fund | 23,431,989 | 37,266 | - | - | |
| Aberdeen Sterling Opportunistic | | | | | |
| Corporate Bond Fund | 17,802,847 | 28,314 | - | - | |
| Aberdeen UK Equity Fund | <u>-</u> | - | 1,357,934 | 5,832 | |

No other such cross-holdings, between other sub-funds in the Aberdeen Investment Funds ICVC, were held as at 31 January 2017.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The objective of the Fund is to achieve capital growth by investing in countries of the Asia Pacific region, including Japan.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Asia Pacific and Japan Equity Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 6.20% compared to an increase of 7.55% in the benchmark, the MSCI AC Asia Pacific Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested. GBP.

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Market review

Asian equities posted decent gains in the six months under review on the back of a supportive macroeconomic backdrop, notwithstanding concerns over monetary-policy normalisation, geopolitical tensions and protectionist rhetoric. In particular, the synchronised global economic upswing, firming oil prices and the passage of US tax reform boosted trade flows and consumption. These gave corporate earnings room for growth. A softer US dollar would provide additional support for Asian stocks.

China was a stand-out performer, buoyed by a positive macroeconomic outlook. The economy continued to grow steadily, owing to Beijing's efforts to cool the property market and mitigate debt risks. The focus on slower but higher quality growth and investor confidence that policymakers would be adroit enough to avoid a hard landing for the mainland economy underpinned strength in domestic equities. While we have been cautious about mainland stocks owing to concerns over quality and corporate governance and are still underweight, we are getting more comfortable with a growing set of Chinese corporates after having done a lot of work over the years and finding interesting companies with strong business models that are leveraged to the domestic consumption growth story. The launch of an A-share fund in 2015 has also helped in tracking and engaging them, too. In fact, most of the portfolio initiations during this period were in Chinese companies, as detailed below.

Thai equities also surged to record highs, driven mainly by a positive economic backdrop, with encouraging manufacturing data, firm export growth, and higher commodity prices that buoyed investor optimism. Japanese stocks did well on optimism of improving prospects for local companies and the favourable impact of US corporate tax cuts. However, a strengthening yen against the US dollar capped gains.

Indian markets sailed through choppy waters as foreign investors sold shares amid worries over subdued corporate earnings and weaker growth after a bumpy implementation of the goods and services tax (GST). But they later climbed on the government's plan to recapitalise state-owned banks, the ruling party's victories in key state elections, and a revamping of the GST structure. Australian stocks were among the weakest, as growth prospects were dampened by low commodity prices. The financial sector, which is Australia's largest industry, also faced greater regulatory scrutiny following a string of scandals.

Portfolio review

Good overall performances in Australia and Taiwan were not sufficient to counteract the drag from those in Hong Kong and India.

Australia contributed the most to Fund performance, given our underweight as the market plodded along. We further gained from not holding the big-four local banks, which were buffeted by regulatory headwinds. The government initiated a royal commission to review misconduct in the sector, which dampened their share prices. Taiwan also contributed much to relative performance, as the market retreated on production delays and weaker demand for the latest iPhone. Our underweight there, and lack of exposure to heavyweight Hon Hai Precision Industry, was positive.

Poor stock selection in Hong Kong, driven largely by Jardine Strategic's weakness, weighed the most on Fund performance. Jardine remained under pressure from concerns over heightened competition in its automotive business in Indonesia.

Overall performance in India also hurt returns. ITC, in particular, was pressured by an unexpected hike on cigarette taxes and was a key detractor from performance. That said, many companies posted double-digit growth despite falling short of expectations. On our trips to India last year, most of the companies we visited continued to report GST-related disruptions, particularly the smaller distributors and retailers. But most expect teething issues to be resolved and demand to normalise following the GST revamp. Cement companies appeared a lot more upbeat about the growth outlook, anticipating that infrastructure development and an acceleration in the affordable-housing scheme will boost prices and translate into more positive results. In the banking sector, loan demand continued to be robust, with some lenders forecasting double-digit growth, although non-banking financial companies remained a concern as they continued to engage in riskier activities.

Our stock picks in Japan, in particular the holdings in the consumer-staples sector, also dented Fund performance. Calbee's weakness was the single-largest reason for underperformance, as investors lost appetite for the food maker's shares. While the company has delivered within its domestic market, it has met with a few hiccups on its next leg of growth in expanding outside its home ground. We are closely monitoring this situation, in light of the prolonged weakness in the name. The overweight to Japan Tobacco also dragged on returns, as investors were concerned about the pace of its big-ticket acquisitions in the Philippines and Indonesia. Its late entry to the next-generation products market also weakened confidence.

Despite these, our conviction in the quality of Japan's technology and industrials names paid off, with five of them among the top-ten contributing stocks. Robotics manufacturer Fanuc, sensor and instruments maker Keyence, laboratory-testing equipment manufacturer Sysmex, Chugai Pharmaceutical, and specialty-chemicals company Shin-Etsu Chemical benefited from the buoyancy in these sectors, and investors' recognition of the quality of their products.

At the same time, we continue to tap into Japan, Inc.'s promise while being on the lookout for new industry trends. We initiated Japanese pharmaceutical company Shionogi & Co., which engages in the research and development of infectious diseases, particularly HIV, as well as the treatment of pain and symptoms affecting the central nervous system. More than a decade after restructuring its R&D division, the company has a robust pipeline, with a sizeable proportion of its projects either in-house or co-developed. It is also supported by a solid balance sheet.

We also find such opportunities in the automotive industry, which is in the midst of a shift towards electrification and the advent of autonomous driving. While the broader penetration of these trends has yet to play out fully, the nascent landscape presents opportunities for us to position the portfolio to ride the wave, where we can find stocks that meet our quality and value criteria.

To that end, we initiated a position in Japanese autoparts manufacturer, Denso Corporation. The company is part of Toyota and has capabilities in producing key components for the next generation of automobiles, including control units for components and parts to aid vehicle safety and autonomous driving. This positive outlook is further underscored by improvements in productivity, as well as increasing demand from non-Toyota related companies. Similarly, we initiated semiconductor maker Renesas Electronics. Renesas has a leading position in chips used in the auto industry, which appears on the cusp of a long-term shift to electric vehicles and self-driving technology. Tightening emissions regulations and a need for cars with better energy efficiency underlie these trends.

Beyond Japan, the wider technology sector presents other opportunities for the portfolio to tap into. We also refined our positioning in the sector by shifting our exposure towards the fundamental increase in semiconductor content and upgrade of hardware specifications across various applications. We introduced ASM Pacific, a Hong Kong-listed semiconductor back-end equipment and assembly company, which is well placed to tap this structural trend. Its image-sensing capabilities could provide another leg of growth.

While we have a longstanding underweight to the Chinese market, our comfort with domestic corporates is increasing, as mentioned earlier. Ping An Insurance is one such example. We recently initiated the Chinese financial conglomerate, which has one of the best life-insurance franchises domestically. Armed with the latest technology, its progressive management has demonstrated the ability to deliver decent financial performance within its ecosystem that is currently unrivalled in a market that we believe will continue to grow steadily in the long term. China Resources Land has our vote of confidence, too. We introduced the Hong Kong-listed Chinese developer as we liked its

superior profitability, substantial land bank, as well as a good mix of property development and investment properties.

We like the domestic-consumption growth story in China and benefited from our exposure via the Aberdeen Global – China A Share Fund, which emerged as the top stock-level contributor. The Fund offers an interesting selection of mainland companies that are poised to capitalise on rising domestic consumption and other positive structural trends in the economy. Its underlying holdings, such as Hangzhou Hikvision (a leading producer of video surveillance products), Han's Laser Technology (the biggest maker of industrial laser equipment) and Kweichow Moutai (a leading distillery brand and a wide domestic business moat) have been delivering healthy growth, and we expect their robust fundamentals to continue supporting the momentum in earnings.

China's market rally during the period under review was dominated by only four technology companies, namely Alibaba, Baidu, NetEase and Tencent. Aside from recently-initiated Tencent, we do not have exposure to these stocks because most of these companies are still in the growth phase. We also remain cautious of their corporate structures and high valuations.

Tencent presents to us a different story, however. Our initiation of the Hong Kong-listed Chinese internet giant reflects our growing conviction in, and comfort with, its business, corporate structure and governance. We think that valuations reflect its high-quality growth potential.

Tencent has succeeded in diversifying its presence in the Chinese internet space, creating a powerful ecosystem that leverages on the network effects of its various offerings while at the same time navigating the migration of gaming from PC to mobile. This combination of an expanding ecosystem and an increased level of monetisation of the user base will drive earnings growth.

While we have been, and remain, uncomfortable with the VIE structure, we understand why it exists, and have done a tremendous amount of work on Tencent's VIE structure. Through the years, we have also grown more comfortable, helped by the group's track record of treating minority shareholders fairly. This has mitigated concerns over its corporate structure. We will continue to monitor and discuss this with management and are monitoring the regulatory environment on this issue as well.

Elsewhere, we initiated a position in LG Chem, given its unique business mix and attractive valuations relative to its growth prospects. At its core, LG Chem's resilience stems from a robust and cash-generative chemicals business, which serves as a foundation for the company to build on its current leading position in the electric-vehicle battery market, where it has already garnered a broad automotive customer base and growing backlog of orders.

Conversely, we divested Nippon Paint. A key driver of the business has been its Chinese decorative paints unit, jointly operated with Singapore-based investment company Wuthelam Holdings. But lately, the China business has come under pressure. Tension between the partners has also hampered Nippon's ability to act on its global aspirations. Since Nippon's valuations have run up substantially in the

year to date, we took the opportunity to exit the stock. Separately, we sold JR East following a run-up in valuations. While the Japanese company enjoys steady growth, the outlook for its core domestic rail operations is muted.

In India, we exited Infosys. Developments at the Indian IT services holding have come thick and fast amid growing acrimony between its board and the founders in recent months. The dust appears to have settled somewhat, with the boardroom stabilising for now. Nandan Nilekani, the widely respected Infosys alumnus, has returned as non-executive chairman following Vishal Sikka's resignation as chief executive officer in August. While we welcome Nilekani's appointment, the selection of a new CEO will take time. We think that Infosys could continue to face uncertainty on several fronts – strategy, management, board and leadership – over the coming months. Such considerations led us to divest Infosys. From a regional portfolio perspective, the company is now qualitatively less attractive when compared to other Asian holdings.

Outlook

While the preceding period has been a good one for Asian equities, there are now doubts about how long this exuberance can last. This is already evident in the recent market volatility. Global monetary policy remains loose for now, but some central banks are starting to withdraw stimulus and we have seen previously how such concerns about rate hikes can dent confidence and result in a reversal of flows into Asian equity markets. Still, there are silver linings in such a scenario, as markets take a breather to digest their gains. The ensuing market gyrations may also result in mispricing, which presents astute investors with buying opportunities.

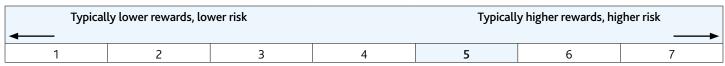
The current economic backdrop appears sustainable, with global growth expected to continue on its trajectory. Asia is expected to remain a major driver of global growth, with China and India as the twin engines. Inflation remains subdued, and will give corporates the leeway to strengthen their fundamentals. Structural reform and demographics remain supportive of consumption, and growth is broadening which should help sustain the increase in earnings. In the longer term, the region also has massive demographic dividends to be reaped. The better macroeconomic environment will thus continue to support the Fund's underlying holdings' performance. Companies' sales have improved alongside a recovery in domestic demand. Profits are also rising from tighter cost discipline and improving balance sheets. Overall, the prospects are encouraging. We remain committed to our philosophy of investing in well-managed companies with solid fundamentals, and engaging them consistently to ensure the portfolio's quality.

Asian Equities Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- This Fund is ranked at 5 because funds of this type have experienced medium to 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Exchange Rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- Emerging Markets: Emerging markets or less developed countries may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries and this may mean your money is at greater risk.
- ChineseDomesticSecuritiesMarket:TheFundmayinvestdirectlyorindirectly in Chinese domestic securities markets via various channels, which involves additional risks as further described in the Fund's Prospectus.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

Comparative tables

| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 44,097 | 45,158 | 46,647 | 105,482 |
| Closing number of shares | 17,992,563 | 19,563,631 | 23,932,171 | 60,851,525 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 245.08 | 230.82 | 194.91 | 173.34 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 6.18% | 18.42% | 12.44% | 1.08% |
| Operating charges | 1.95% | 1.95% | 1.95% | 1.95% |

| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 95,739 | 96,091 | 90,439 | 77,031 |
| Closing number of shares | 58,829,725 | 62,931,565 | 70,672,353 | 68,188,462 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 162.74 | 152.69 | 127.97 | 112.97 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 6.58% | 19.32% | 13.28% | 1.80% |
| Operating charges | 1.20% | 1.20% | 1.20% | 1.24% |

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

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| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Japan 24.92% (2017: 28.54%) | | | |
| Amada Co | 168,300 | 1,751 | 1.25 |
| Calbee Inc [∞] | 45,800 | 1,132 | 0.81 |
| Chugai Pharmaceutical Co | 52,600 | 1,952 | 1.40 |
| Daikin Industries Ltd | 17,300 | 1,459 | 1.04 |
| Denso Corp | 15,300 | 672 | 0.48 |
| FANUC Corp | 18,500 | 3,506 | 2.51 |
| Japan Exchange Group Inc | 153,900 | 1,941 | 1.39 |
| Japan Tobacco Inc | 120,700 | 2,807 | 2.01 |
| KDDI Corp | 66,200 | 1,173 | 0.84 |
| Keyence Corp | 8,700 | 3,722 | 2.65 |
| Makita Corp | 48,100 | 1,590 | 1.14 |
| Renesas Electronics Corp [∞] | 214,100 | 1,770 | 1.27 |
| Seven & i Holdings Co | 84,700 | 2,447 | 1.75 |
| Shin-Etsu Chemical Co | 45,500 | 3,632 | 2.60 |
| Shionogi & Co | 16,400 | 638 | 0.46 |
| Sysmex Corp | 38,900 | 2,145 | 1.53 |
| Yahoo Japan Corp [∞] | 743,100 | 2,509 | 1.79 |
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| Malaysia 0.81% (2017: 0.72%) | | | |
| Public Bank | 284,647 | 1,129 | 0.81 |
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| Philippines 2.27% (2017: 2.30%) | | | |
| Ayala | 91,960 | 1,324 | 0.95 |
| Ayala Land | 499,300 | 303 | 0.22 |
| Bank of the Philippine Islands | 943,018 | 1,540 | 1.10 |
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| Singapore 8.74% (2017: 10.54%) | | | |
| City Developments | 336,300 | 2,394 | 1.71 |
| DBS | 139,233 | 1,974 | 1.41 |
| Keppel | 389,000 | 1,812 | 1.30 |
| Oversea-Chinese Banking | 319,836 | 2,221 | 1.59 |
| Singapore Technologies Engineering | 547,900 | 989 | 0.71 |
| Singapore Telecommunications | 907,800 | 1,721 | 1.23 |
| United Overseas Bank | 75,270 | 1,109 | 0.79 |
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| South Korea 5.96% (2017: 5.30%) | | | |
| AMOREPACIFIC | 5,501 | 514 | 0.37 |
| AMOREPACIFIC (PREF) | 8,437 | 864 | 0.62 |
| LG Chem | 2,610 | 742 | 0.53 |
| Naver | 3,273 | 1,961 | 1.40 |
| | | | |
| Samsung Electronics (PREF) | 3,063 | 4,254 | 3.04 |

| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Taiwan 4.13% (2017: 3.70%) | | | |
| Taiwan Mobile | 513,107 | 1,374 | 0.98 |
| TSMC | 714,504 | 4,396 | 3.15 |
| | | 5,770 | 4.13 |
| Thailand 4.67% (2017: 4.04%) | | | |
| Aberdeen New Thai Investment Trust ^{†#°} | 824,036 | 4,772 | 3.41 |
| Bangkok Dusit Medical Services (Alien) | 2,037,800 | 988 | 0.71 |
| Siam Cement (Alien) | 69,900 | 772 | 0.55 |
| | | 6,532 | 4.67 |
| United Kingdom 9.71% (2017: 10.29%) | | | |
| Aberdeen Asian Smaller Companies Investment Trust ^{†#°} | 480,000 | 4,944 | 3.53 |
| BHP Billiton | 136,000 | 2,127 | 1.52 |
| HSBC | 299,881 | 2,270 | 1.62 |
| Rio Tinto | 61,650 | 2,418 | 1.73 |
| Standard Chartered | 222,689 | 1,825 | 1.31 |
| | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 13,584 | 9.71 |
| United States 1.46% (2017: 1.20%) | | | |
| Yum China | 62,600 | 2,042 | 1.46 |
| Total Equities | | 124,576 | 89.09 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 124,576 | 89.09 |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 9.99% (2017: 8.46%) | | | |
| Aberdeen Global - China A Share Equity Fund Z-2 [†] | 841,323 | 9,681 | 6.92 |
| Aberdeen Global - Indian Equity Fund Z-2 [†] | 271,062 | 4,295 | 3.07 |
| | | 13,976 | 9.99 |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | 13,976 | 9.99 |
| Total investments | | 138,552 | 99.08 |
| Other net assets | | 1,284 | 0.92 |
| Total net assets | | 139,836 | 100.00 |

 $^{^{\}scriptscriptstyle \dagger}$ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

 $^{^{\}circ}\text{A}$ portion of this security is on loan at the period end.

[°] Listed on the London Stock Exchange.

[#] Regional investment vehicle.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 5,453 | 3.94 | 3.90 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| Germany (Federal Republic of) | 587 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| France (Government of) | 259 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Societe Generale | 246 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Eni | 151 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Intesa Sanpaolo | 150 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Assicurazioni Generali | 145 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Mizuho Financial | 142 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Hitachi | 111 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Recruit Holdings Co | 109 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Commonwealth Bank of Australia | 106 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Equity | 4,027 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Government Bond | 44 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 6,077 | | | |

| Market value o collateral held | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Collateral held per custodian £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas 6,077 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| AUD | 227 |
| CHF | 89 |
| DKK | 4 |
| EUR | 3,082 |
| GBP | 267 |
| JPY | 1,517 |
| SEK | 29 |
| USD | 862 |
| Total collateral received | 6,077 |

| Counterparties per type of SFT BNP Paribas JPM Chase Merrill Lynch | | Market value of securities lending £'000 2,343 1,912 1,198 | Countries of counterparty establishment France United States United States | Settlement and clearing Tri-party Tri-party Tri-party |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Total market value of securities on loan | | 5,453 | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral (remaining period to maturity) Total collateral received | Less than one day £'000 | One day to one week £'000 | One week to one month £'000 | One to three months £'000 |
| Maturity tenor of collateral (remaining period to maturity) Total collateral received | Three months to one year £'000 | Above one year £'000 | Open maturity £'000 5,187 | Total £'000 6,077 |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan (remaining period to maturity) Total market value of securities lending | Less than one day £'000 | One day to one week £'000 - | One week to one month £'000 | One to three months £'000 |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan (remaining period to maturity) Total market value of securities lending | Three months to one year £'000 | Above one year £'000 | Open maturity £'000 5,453 | Total £'000 5,453 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be recalled or The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collateral. | n demand. | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | £′000 | % |
| Gross return | | | 2 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent costs) ^A Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operational Total costs | al costs) | | - | 25.00 - 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 2 | 100.00 |

^AThe unrounded direct operational costs and fees incurred for securities lending for the six months ended 31 January 2018 is £388.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 8,633 | | 12,032 |
| Revenue | 1,192 | | 1,294 | |
| Expenses | (1,002) | | (987) | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 190 | | 307 | |
| Taxation | (74) | | (66) | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 116 | | 241 |
| | | | | |
| Total return before distributions | | 8,749 | | 12,273 |
| | | | | |
| Distributions | | (21) | | (35) |
| | | | | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 8,728 | | 12,238 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janu | 31 January 2018 | | uary 2017 |
|--|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 141,249 | | 137,086 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 581 | | 3,462 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (10,722) | | (17,783) | |
| | | (10,141) | | (14,321) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 8,728 | | 12,238 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 139,836 | | 135,003 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 138,552 | 139,685 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 373 | 3,202 |
| Cash and bank balances | 1,838 | 2,644 |
| Total assets | 140,763 | 145,531 |
| | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Bank overdrafts | - | 41 |
| Other creditors | 927 | 4,241 |
| Total liabilities | 927 | 4,282 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 139,836 | 141,249 |

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The objective of the Fund is to achieve capital growth by investing in the countries of the Asia Pacific region excluding Japan.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Asia Pacific Equity Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 5.04% compared to an increase of 7.66% in the benchmark, the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested. GBP

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Market review

Asian equities posted decent gains in the six months under review on the back of a supportive macroeconomic backdrop, notwithstanding concerns over monetary-policy normalisation, geopolitical tensions and protectionist rhetoric. In particular, the synchronised global economic upswing, firming oil prices and the passage of US tax reform boosted trade flows and consumption. These gave corporate earnings room for growth. A softer US dollar would provide additional support for Asian stocks.

China was a stand-out performer, buoyed by a positive macroeconomic outlook. The economy continued to grow steadily, owing to Beijing's efforts to cool the property market and mitigate debt risks. The focus on slower but higher quality growth and investor confidence that policymakers would be adroit enough to avoid a hard landing for the mainland economy underpinned strength in domestic equities. While we have been cautious about mainland stocks owing to concerns over quality and corporate governance and are still underweight, we are getting more comfortable with a growing set of Chinese corporates after having done a lot of work over the years and finding interesting companies with strong business models that are leveraged to the domestic consumption growth story. The launch of an A-share Fund in 2015 has also helped in tracking and engaging them, too. In fact, most of the portfolio initiations during this period were in Chinese companies, as detailed below.

Thai equities also surged to record highs, driven mainly by a positive economic backdrop, with encouraging manufacturing data, firm export growth, and higher commodity prices that buoyed investor optimism.

Indian markets sailed through choppy waters as foreign investors sold shares amid worries over subdued corporate earnings and weaker

growth after a bumpy implementation of the goods and services tax (GST). But they later climbed on the government's plan to recapitalise state-owned banks, the ruling party's victories in key state elections, and a revamping of the GST structure. Australian stocks were among the weakest, as growth prospects were dampened by low commodity prices. The financial sector, which is Australia's largest industry, also faced greater regulatory scrutiny following a string of scandals.

Portfolio review

The portfolio's underperformance was largely due to its performance in Greater China. Poor stock selection in Hong Kong, driven largely by Jardine Strategic's weakness, weighed the most on Fund performance. Jardine remained under pressure from concerns over heightened competition in its automotive business in Indonesia.

The Fund's underweight to China also hurt performance. The mainland market was bullish, driven by healthy growth data, along with MSCI's decision to include A-shares in its influential indices and the relentless rise in Chinese internet stocks, despite Beijing's increased regulatory scrutiny and effort to tighten leverage.

While we have a longstanding underweight to the Chinese market, our comfort with domestic corporates is increasing, as mentioned earlier. Ping An Insurance is one such example. We recently initiated the Chinese financial conglomerate, which has one of the best life-insurance franchises domestically. Armed with the latest technology, its progressive management has demonstrated the ability to deliver decent financial performance within its ecosystem that is currently unrivalled in a market that we believe will continue to grow steadily in the long term. China Resources Land has our vote of confidence, too. We introduced the Hong Kong-listed Chinese developer as we liked its superior profitability, substantial land bank, as well as a good mix of property development and investment properties.

We like the domestic-consumption growth story in China and benefited from our exposure via the Aberdeen Global – China A Share Fund, which emerged as the top stock-level contributor. The Fund offers an interesting selection of mainland companies that are poised to capitalise on rising domestic consumption and other positive structural trends in the economy. Its underlying holdings, such as Hangzhou Hikvision (a leading producer of video surveillance products), Han's Laser Technology (the biggest maker of industrial laser equipment) and Kweichow Moutai (a leading distillery brand and a wide domestic business moat) have been delivering healthy growth, and we expect their robust fundamentals to continue supporting the momentum in earnings.

China's market rally during the period under review was dominated by only four technology companies, namely Alibaba, Baidu, NetEase and Tencent. Aside from recently-initiated Tencent, we do not have exposure to these stocks because most of these companies are still in the growth phase. We also remain cautious of their corporate structures and high valuations.

Tencent presents to us a different story, however. Our initiation of the Hong Kong-listed Chinese internet giant reflects our growing conviction in, and comfort with, its business, corporate structure and governance. We think that valuations reflect its high-quality growth potential.

Tencent has succeeded in diversifying its presence in the Chinese internet space, creating a powerful ecosystem that leverages on the network effects of its various offerings while at the same time navigating the migration of gaming from PC to mobile. This combination of an expanding ecosystem and an increased level of monetisation of the user base will drive earnings growth.

While we have been, and remain, uncomfortable with the VIE structure, we understand why it exists, and have done a tremendous amount of work on Tencent's VIE structure. Through the years, we have also grown more comfortable, helped by the group's track record of treating minority shareholders fairly. This has mitigated concerns over its corporate structure. We will continue to monitor and discuss this with management and are monitoring the regulatory environment on this issue as well.

Beyond Chinese internet names, we continued to refine our positioning in the tech sector by shifting our exposure towards faster growing names and themes, such as the fundamental increase in semiconductor content and upgrade of hardware specifications across various applications. We introduced ASM Pacific, a Hong Kong-listed semiconductor back-end equipment and assembly company, which is well placed to tap this structural trend. Its image-sensing capabilities could provide another leg of growth.

Moving on from China, overall performance in India hurt returns. ITC, in particular, was pressured by an unexpected hike on cigarette taxes and was a key detractor from performance. That said, many companies posted double-digit growth despite falling short of expectations. On our trips to India last year, most of the companies we visited continued to report GST-related disruptions, particularly the smaller distributors and retailers. But most expect teething issues to be resolved and demand to normalise following the GST revamp. Cement companies appeared a lot more upbeat about the growth outlook, anticipating that infrastructure development and an acceleration in the affordable-housing scheme will boost prices and translate into more positive results. In the banking sector, loan demand continued to be robust, with some lenders forecasting double-digit growth, although non-banking financial companies remained a concern as they continued to engage in riskier activities.

Elsewhere, Australia contributed the most to Fund performance, given our underweight as the market plodded along. We further gained from not holding the big-four local banks, which were buffeted by regulatory headwinds. The government initiated a royal commission to review misconduct in the sector, which dampened their share prices. Taiwan also contributed much to relative performance, as the market retreated on production delays and weaker demand for the latest iPhone. Our underweight there, and lack of exposure to heavyweight Hon Hai Precision Industry, was positive.

While tech-sector developments and China hogged the limelight during the period, we continued to reposition the portfolio to tap into emerging trends and enhance relative returns. We initiated a position in LG Chem, given its unique business mix and attractive valuations relative to its growth prospects. At its core, LG Chem's resilience stems from a robust and cash-generative chemicals business, which serves as a foundation for the company to build on its current leading position in

the electric-vehicle battery market, where it has already garnered a broad automotive customer base and growing backlog of orders.

Conversely, we exited Infosys. Developments at the Indian IT services holding have come thick and fast amid growing acrimony between its board and the founders in recent months. The dust appears to have settled somewhat, with the boardroom stabilising for now. Nandan Nilekani, the widely respected Infosys alumnus, has returned as non-executive chairman following Vishal Sikka's resignation as chief executive officer in August. While we welcome Nilekani's appointment, the selection of a new CEO will take time. We think that Infosys could continue to face uncertainty on several fronts – strategy, management, board and leadership – over the coming months. Such considerations led us to divest Infosys. From a regional portfolio perspective, the company is now qualitatively less attractive when compared to other Asian holdings.

We exited Malaysian bank CIMB after its share price recovered in response to progress of its restructuring plan and better macroeconomic news flow. Our investment thesis was based on CIMB becoming a successful regional lender, but this has not panned out as the bank has scaled back its securities business and is facing asset quality issues in some of its overseas operations.

Outlook

While the preceding period has been a good one for Asian equities, there are now doubts about how long this exuberance can last. This is already evident in the recent market volatility. Global monetary policy remains loose for now, but some central banks are starting to withdraw stimulus and we have seen previously how such concerns about rate hikes can dent confidence and result in a reversal of flows into Asian equity markets. Still, there are silver linings in such a scenario, as markets take a breather to digest their gains. The ensuing market gyrations may also result in mispricing, which presents astute investors with buying opportunities.

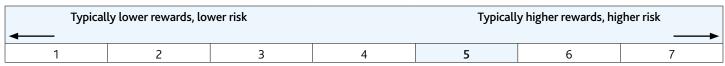
The current economic backdrop appears sustainable, with global growth expected to continue on its trajectory. Asia is expected to remain a major driver of global growth, with China and India as the twin engines. Inflation remains subdued, and will give corporates the leeway to strengthen their fundamentals. Structural reform and demographics remain supportive of consumption, and growth is broadening which should help sustain the increase in earnings. In the longer term, the region also has massive demographic dividends to be reaped. The better macroeconomic environment will thus continue to support the Fund's underlying holdings' performance. Companies' sales have improved alongside a recovery in domestic demand. Profits are also rising from tighter cost discipline and improving balance sheets. Overall, the prospects are encouraging. We remain committed to our philosophy of investing in well-managed companies with solid fundamentals, and engaging them consistently to ensure the portfolio's quality.

Asian Equities Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- This Fund is ranked at 5 because funds of this type have experienced medium to 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Exchange Rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- Emerging Markets: Emerging markets or less developed countries may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries and this may mean your money is at greater risk.
- ChineseDomesticSecuritiesMarket:TheFundmayinvestdirectlyorindirectly in Chinese domestic securities markets via various channels, which involves additional risks as further described in the Fund's Prospectus.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

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A Accumulation Shares

Closing net asset value (£'000)

| Closing number of shares | 115,066,501 | 123,279,877 | 148,918,951 | 271,749,604 |
|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 275.13 | 261.74 | 214.42 | 196.00 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 5.12% | 22.07% | 9.40% | (1.31%) |
| Operating charges | 1.96% | 1.95% | 1.95% | 1.94% |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 22,597 | 23,477 | 20,940 | 49,130 |
| Closing number of shares | 9,092,952 | 9,930,082 | 10,766,265 | 27,389,648 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 248.51 | 236.42 | 194.49 | 179.37 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 5.11% | 21.56% | 8.43% | (2.37%) |
| Operating charges | 1.96% | 1.95% | 1.95% | 1.94% |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 817,708 | 809,196 | 809,692 | 934,315 |
| Closing number of shares | 274,920,649 | 287,055,830 | 353,259,550 | 449,306,820 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 297.43 | 281.89 | 229.21 | 207.95 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 5.51% | 22.98% | 10.22% | (0.60%) |
| Operating charges | 1.21% | 1.20% | 1.20% | 1.19% |

31 July 17

322,674

31 July 16

319,315

31 January 18

316,578

| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 33,035 | 56,584 | 48,177 | 43,043 |
| Closing number of shares | 23,207,174 | 41,940,775 | 43,436,149 | 42,126,938 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 142.35 | 134.91 | 110.91 | 102.17 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 5.51% | 21.64% | 8.55% | (2.41%) |
| Operating charges | 1.21% | 1.20% | 1.20% | 1.19% |
| | | | | |

| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 91,644 | 91,365 | 83,368 | 66,706 |
| Closing number of shares | 27,788,881 | 29,379,181 | 33,300,481 | 29,662,995 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 329.79 | 310.99 | 250.35 | 224.88 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 6.05% | 24.22% | 11.33% | 0.34% |
| Operating charges | 0.21% | 0.20% | 0.20% | 0.19% |

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

31 July 15

532,620

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | #35E13 % |
| Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an off 90.37% (2017: 92.75%) | | another regulated | |
| Equities 90.37% (2017: 92.75%) | | | |
| Australia 2.05% (2017: 1.96%) | | | |
| CSL | 315,479 | 26,300 | 2.05 |
| China 7.58% (2017: 1.96%) | | | |
| Anhui Conch Cement | 4,661,000 | 18,062 | 1.41 |
| China Resources Land | 6,518,000 | 18,284 | 1.43 |
| PetroChina | 19,799,900 | 11,019 | 0.86 |
| Ping An Insurance [∞] | 1,212,500 | 10,100 | 0.79 |
| Tencent | 950,700 | 39,626 | 3.09 |
| | | 97,091 | 7.58 |
| Hong Kong 17.53% (2017: 19.13%) | | | |
| AIA | 6,436,800 | 38,774 | 3.03 |
| ASM Pacific Technology | 812,100 | 7,791 | 0.61 |
| China Mobile | 4,853,600 | 36,023 | 2.81 |
| Hang Lung | 4,960,000 | 13,267 | 1.04 |
| Hang Lung Properties∞ | 3,004,220 | 5,564 | 0.43 |
| Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing | 1,125,310 | 29,988 | 2.34 |
| Jardine Strategic | 1,878,052 | 52,562 | 4.09 |
| MTR | 1,376,682 | 5,539 | 0.43 |
| Swire Pacific 'B' | 21,136,200 | 25,464 | 1.99 |
| Swire Properties | 4,000,218 | 9,783 | 0.76 |
| | | 224,755 | 17.53 |
| India 10.85% (2017: 13.18%) | | | |
| Grasim Industries | 2,232,875 | 28,623 | 2.24 |
| Hero MotoCorp | 359,407 | 14,665 | 1.14 |
| Hindustan Unilever | 663,745 | 10,007 | 0.78 |
| Housing Development Finance | 1,771,305 | 38,308 | 3.00 |
| ITC | 7,237,761 | 21,698 | 1.69 |
| Kotak Mahindra Bank | 1,134,000 | 13,892 | 1.08 |
| Tata Consultancy Services | 342,858 | 11,793 | 0.92 |
| | | 138,986 | 10.85 |
| Indonesia 4.20% (2017: 4.17%) | | | |
| Astra International | 19,446,500 | 8,682 | 0.68 |
| Bank Central Asia | 27,108,700 | 32,357 | 2.53 |
| Unilever Indonesia | 4,459,821 | 12,743 | 0.99 |
| | | 53,782 | 4.20 |

| | | | Total Net |
|---|------------|--------------|-----------|
| Consuit. | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security Malayria 1 099/ (2017: 2 109/) | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Malaysia 1.08% (2017: 2.19%) | 2 400 105 | 12.026 | 1.00 |
| Public Bank | 3,489,195 | 13,836 | 1.08 |
| Philippines 3.83% (2017: 3.91%) | | | |
| Ayala Land | 37,761,740 | 22,905 | 1.79 |
| Bank of the Philippine Islands | 16,054,945 | 26,233 | 2.04 |
| | | 49,138 | 3.83 |
| Singapore 13.52% (2017: 16.39%) | | | |
| City Developments | 4,604,000 | 32,766 | 2.56 |
| DBS | 1,801,755 | 25,549 | 1.99 |
| Keppel | 5,416,200 | 25,223 | 1.97 |
| Oversea-Chinese Banking | 5,907,925 | 41,031 | 3.20 |
| Singapore Technologies Engineering | 7,143,100 | 12,892 | 1.01 |
| Singapore Telecommunications | 12,152,579 | 23,042 | 1.80 |
| United Overseas Bank | 862,235 | 12,704 | 0.99 |
| Silited Overseas Dalik | 002,233 | 173,207 | 13.52 |
| | | | |
| South Korea 9.45% (2017: 8.43%) | | | |
| AMOREPACIFIC | 45,116 | 4,219 | 0.33 |
| amorepacific (pref) | 67,075 | 6,869 | 0.54 |
| E-Mart | 69,239 | 13,268 | 1.04 |
| .G Chem | 24,000 | 6,820 | 0.53 |
| Naver | 35,509 | 21,279 | 1.66 |
| Samsung Electronics (PREF) | 49,403 | 68,612 | 5.35 |
| | | 121,067 | 9.45 |
| Sri Lanka 1.00% (2017: 1.55%) | | | |
| Aitken Spence | 4,574,107 | 1,086 | 0.08 |
| DFCC Bank | 5,470,928 | 2,976 | 0.23 |
| ohn Keells | 11,891,083 | 8,749 | 0.69 |
| | | 12,811 | 1.00 |
| Taiwan 5.24% (2017: 5.08%) | | | |
| Faiwan Mobile | 4,758,305 | 12,744 | 0.99 |
| rsmc | 8,846,827 | 54,430 | 4.25 |
| | 0,040,027 | 67,174 | 5.24 |
| TI II ID 2007 (2007 2 2007) | | | |
| Fhailand 3.20% (2017: 3.26%) | 4 706 155 | 40.040 | 2.24 |
| Aberdeen New Thai Investment Trust ^{†#°} | 1,786,130 | 10,342 | 0.81 |
| Bangkok Dusit Medical Services (Alien) | 17,483,800 | 8,479 | 0.66 |
| Siam Cement (Alien) | 2,014,400 | 22,252 | 1.73 |
| | | 41,073 | 3.20 |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| United Kingdom 9.24% (2017: 10.34%) | | | |
| Aberdeen Asian Smaller Companies Investment Trust ^{†#°} | 1,203,400 | 12,395 | 0.97 |
| BHP Billiton | 1,668,600 | 26,097 | 2.04 |
| HSBC | 3,840,510 | 29,074 | 2.27 |
| Rio Tinto | 807,040 | 31,651 | 2.46 |
| Standard Chartered [∞] | 2,347,955 | 19,244 | 1.50 |
| | | 118,461 | 9.24 |
| United States 1.60% (2017: 1.20%) | | | |
| Yum China | 627,000 | 20,454 | 1.60 |
| Total Equities | | 1,158,135 | 90.37 |
| | | | |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 1,158,135 | 90.37 |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 8.18% (2017: 5.88%) | | | |
| Aberdeen Global - China A Share Equity Fund Z-2 [†] | 7,342,826 | 84,487 | 6.59 |
| Aberdeen Global - Indian Equity Fund Z-2 [†] | 1,283,665 | 20,341 | 1.59 |
| | | 104,828 | 8.18 |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | 104,828 | 8.18 |
| Total investments | | 1,262,963 | 98.55 |
| Other net assets | | 18,599 | 1.45 |
| Total net assets | | 1,281,562 | 100.00 |

 $^{^{\}scriptscriptstyle \dagger}$ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

[∞] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.

[°] Listed on the London Stock Exchange.

[#] Regional investment vehicle.

Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|--------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 23,972 | 1.90 | 1.87 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| UK Treasury | 924 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Atos | 905 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| GlaxoSmithKline | 905 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Imperial Brands | 905 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Vivendi | 905 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Danone | 905 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Carnival | 905 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Vodafone | 903 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Intertek Testing Services | 901 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Diageo | 896 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Equity | 17,113 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Government Bond | 397 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 26,564 | | | |

| Market value of collateral held | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Collateral held per custodian £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas 26,564 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| EUR | 13,106 |
| GBP | 10,181 |
| JPY | 3,021 |
| SEK | 52 |
| USD | 204 |
| Total collateral received | 26,564 |

| | Market value of securities lending | Countries of counterparty | Settlement |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Counterparties per type of SFT | £'000 | establishment | and clearing |
| Abbey National | 16,286 | United Kingdom | Tri-party |
| BNP Paribas | 7,686 | France | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | 23,972 | | |

| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
|---|-------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £′000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 924 | 397 | 25,243 | 26,564 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | 23,972 | 23,972 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be rec | alled on demand. | | | |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collate | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 5 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent | costs) | | (1) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operational costs) | erational costs) | | - | 0.00 |
| Total costs | | | (1) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 4 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 Janu | uary 2017 |
|---|-----------------|--------|---------|-----------|
| | £′000 | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 66,053 | | 116,879 |
| Revenue | 13,046 | | 13,818 | |
| Expenses | (8,642) | | (8,574) | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 4,404 | | 5,244 | |
| Taxation | (653) | | (588) | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 3,751 | | 4,656 |
| Total return before distributions | | 69,804 | | 121,535 |
| Distributions | | (339) | | (350) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 69,465 | | 121,185 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 1,303,296 | | 1,281,492 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 5,266 | | 4,961 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (96,465) | | (106,266) | |
| | | (91,199) | | (101,305) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 69,465 | | 121,185 |
| Unclaimed distributions > 6 years | | - | | 6 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 1,281,562 | | 1,301,378 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 1,262,963 | 1,285,393 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 25,246 | 10,539 |
| Cash and bank balances | 8,379 | 20,268 |
| Total assets | 1,296,588 | 1,316,200 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 15,026 | 12,180 |
| Distribution payable | - | 724 |
| Total liabilities | 15,026 | 12,904 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 1,281,562 | 1,303,296 |

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in Investment grade corporate Debt and debt-related securities denominated in (or hedged back to) Sterling.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Investment grade and sub-Investment grade Debt and debt-related securities denominated in any currency, including those issued by governments, public bodies and supra-national issuers, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Corporate Bond Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 0.70% compared to an increase of 0.58% in the benchmark, the Markit iBoxx Sterling Collateralized & Corporate Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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

Sterling corporate bonds outperformed UK government bonds over the six months to 31 January. Underlying gilt yields trended downwards from the beginning of July through to the first week of September, when hawkish rhetoric from the Bank of England's Monetary policy Committee pushed yields sharply higher. Financials led the performance tables – in particular subordinated bonds – but spreads tightened in practically all sectors. Markets have been supported by a constructive fundamental backdrop which continues to fuel strong levels of demand in a very low yield environment.

The final three months of 2017 continued in the same positive vein; benign government bond markets, loose monetary policies and improving levels of economic activity all helped create an environment which attracted investors into riskier assets.

Moving into 2018, sterling investment grade credit continued to outperform UK government bonds in January. However, the return generated by a tightening of credit spreads over gilts was entirely offset by yield moves, with the 10-year gilt yield finishing 0.30% higher over the month at 1.52%.

Portfolio review

The Fund delivered a positive return over the review period, outperforming its benchmark.

In August the Fund modestly underperformed its benchmark as spreads moved wider. Subordinated insurance exposure was reduced in August; the sector had delivered strong performance so far in 2017, but looked like offering lower potential returns going forward. We added to housing association exposure in August with Circle Anglia; this area of the market has underperformed in recent months, but still offers good quality bonds of a defensive nature. An overweight in the lower parts of

the financial capital structure also boosted relative performance. High yield spreads moved tighter in September, and the Fund's allocation to the Aberdeen European High Yield Fund and the Strategic Bond Fund added to performance. At the end of August fund duration was reduced, and further reduced to neutral in September after the Bank of England indicated a number of interest rate hikes in the coming months.

From October through to December, bonds issued by banks and insurers had a positive impact on returns, having outperformed materially. Although low interest rates have a modestly negative impact on both sectors, the economic and regulatory conditions in which they operate continued to render them attractive. The banking sector continues to benefit from improving fundamentals as earnings slowly improve, as balance sheets shrink and as new and better quality capital is raised. Bonds issued by insurance companies have benefited from a stronger regulatory regime and from improving financial markets, although we are concerned that pricing in insurance is likely to weaken. Some bonds were sold in the financial sectors following a period of strong performance. Noteworthy sales included those of bonds issued by Rabobank and Barclays. Purchases of new issues from Segro, Liberty Living and Severn Trent were notable.

Moving into 2018, asset allocation was the main positive contributor to performance. Upper Tier 2 banks and sovereign (non-gilt) bonds delivered most of the benefit, notably ANZ. Mexico 2114 bonds performed well; again, we are likely to reduce the Fund's exposure given the long-dated nature of the bond. GE bonds performed well. Residential mortgage-backed securities added performance, with their floating rate nature offsetting the rise in yields. Dignity Finance underperformed after a second profits warning. Standard & Poor's put the bonds on review towards month end, and they may be moved to sub-investment grade. Given the business's cash flows, we will continue to hold for the time being.

Outlook

Lately, higher economic growth has not been reflected in rising inflation – not a normal relationship. Typically, as growth picks up, inflationary pressures build with wages rising over and above the inflation level. January saw some signs of a return to normal, perhaps due to reduced spare capacity in the US and particularly Europe and China. We think there is a natural limit to how much higher yields can move without hard evidence of significant wage or broad economy growth.

Sterling yield spreads still look attractive to overseas investors, especially in longer dated maturities. For UK investors, sterling credit is at or around fair value with little in the way of notable risks in 2018, bearing in mind the mixed UK/overseas nature of the companies contained within the index, and continued global growth.

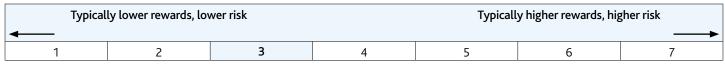
While the Fund has been overweight in banks, particularly subordinated, for some time, as we believe the area offers a good risk/return benefit. However, many of these instruments are approaching fair value, and we may have to review the overweigh policy.

Pan European Credit Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- This Fund is ranked at 3 because funds of this type have experienced average 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

| Comparative | tab | les |
|-------------|-----|-----|
|-------------|-----|-----|

| • | | | | |
|---|------------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 3,175 | 3,530 | 3,570 | 1,025 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,933,407 | 2,161,853 | 2,239,859 | 705,446 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 164.21 | 163.28 | 159.37 | 145.34 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.57% | 2.45% | 9.65% | - |
| Operating charges | 1.11% | 1.13% | 1.13% | 1.13% |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 410,966 | 416,957 | 460,739 | 514,335 |
| Closing number of shares | 354,219,643 | 357,655,935 | 395,422,015 | 472,621,059 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 116.02 | 116.58 | 116.52 | 108.83 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.48%) | 0.05% | 7.07% | - |
| Operating charges | 1.11% | 1.13% | 1.13% | 1.13% |
| | 241 40 | 2411.47 | 2411.46 | 2411.45 |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 15,889 | 16,336 | 16,718 | 2,392 |
| Closing number of shares | 83,388,711 | 8,695,942 | 9,160,166 | 1,443,224 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 189.41 | 187.86 | 182.51 | 165.77 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.83% | 2.93% | 10.10% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.61% | 0.63% | 0.63% | 0.63% |
| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 14,308 | 14,053 | 15,897 | 3,315 |
| Closing number of shares | 11,943,602 | 11,674,462 | 13,213,064 | 2,950,569 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 119.79 | 120.38 | 120.32 | 112.35 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.49%) | 0.05% | 7.09% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.61% | 0.63% | 0.63% | 0.63% |
| I Gross Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1,335 | 1,163 | 13,723 | 13,591 |
| Closing number of shares | 616,978 | 541,678 | 6,589,678 | 7,234,877 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 216.39 | 214.62 | 208.26 | 187.85 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.82% | 3.05% | 10.87% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.61% | 0.63% | 0.63% | 0.63% |
| | | 0411.47 | | |
| K Income Shares ^A | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1 | 17 | 70 | |
| Closing number of shares | 1,013 | 15,713 | 65,513 | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 105.94 | 106.51 | 106.45 | |
| Change in net asset value per share | | | | |
| | (0.54%) | 0.06% | - | |
| Operating charges | (0.54%) 0.46% | 0.06% 0.48% | 0.48% | |

 $^{^{\}rm A}$ K Income share class launched on 13 May 2016.

P Income Shares

| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 89,254 | 72,326 | 37,151 | 28,336 |
|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Closing number of shares | 78,981,483 | 63,692,503 | 32,732,759 | 26,733,879 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 113.01 | 113.55 | 113.50 | 105.99 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.48%) | 0.04% | 7.09% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.36% | 0.38% | 0.38% | 0.38% |
| P Gross Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 3,495 | 2,648 | 1,679 | 1,380 |
| Closing number of shares | 3,001,207 | 2,263,307 | 1,435,407 | 1,263,906 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 116.43 | 117.00 | 116.95 | 109.22 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.49%) | 0.04% | 7.08% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.36% | 0.38% | 0.38% | 0.38% |
| Q Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 924,845 | 922,233 | 841,846 | 628,837 |
| Closing number of shares | 818,491,721 | 812,251,213 | 741,819,490 | 593,296,651 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 112.99 | 113.54 | 113.48 | 105.99 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.48%) | 0.05% | 7.07% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.26% | 0.28% | 0.28% | 0.28% |
| Q Gross Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 55,376 | 48,965 | 44,308 | 30,447 |
| Closing number of shares | 47,552,191 | 41,845,091 | 37,879,987 | 27,873,299 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 116.45 | 117.02 | 116.97 | 109.23 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.49%) | 0.04% | 7.09% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.26% | 0.28% | 0.28% | 0.28% |
| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 322,839 | 250,552 | 312,345 | 114,288 |
| Closing number of shares | 154,726,758 | 121,373,858 | 156,495,828 | 63,289,370 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 208.65 | 206.43 | 199.59 | 180.58 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.08% | 3.43% | 10.53% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.11% | 0.13% | 0.13% | 0.13% |
| Z Income Shares ^A | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1 | 1 | 11,841 | |
| Closing number of shares | 924 | 924 | 11,122,624 | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 108.23 | 108.75 | 106.46 | |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.48%) | 2.15% | - | |
| Operating charges | 0.11% | 0.13% | 0.13% | |
| Z Income share class launched on 13 May 2016. | | | | |

31 January 18

31 July 17

31 July 16

31 July 15

^A Z Income share class launched on 13 May 2016.

^{^2} Income share class launched on 13 May 2016. Fund launched on 17 July 2015. The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price. The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|--|-------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Transferable securities and money market instrun | <u> </u> | | | | |
| 90.06% (31/07/2017: 91.58%) | | | 6 | | |
| Equities 0.36% (2017: 0.35%) | | | | | |
| United Kingdom 0.36% (2017: 0.35%) | | | | | |
| Santander UK | | | 3,466,939 | 6,657 | 0.36 |
| Total Equities | | | | 6,657 | 0.36 |
| Bonds 89.70% (2017: 91.23%) | | | | | |
| Asset Backed Bonds / Mortgage Backed Bonds 1.2 | 20% (2017: 0.90%) | | | | |
| United Kingdom 1.20% (2017: 0.90%) | , | | | | |
| London Wall Mortgage Capital | FRN | 15/11/49 | 8,598,980 | 8,635 | 0.48 |
| PCL Funding III | FRN | 15/06/23 | 6,873,000 | 6,896 | 0.37 |
| Together Asset Backed Securitisation 1 | FRN | 12/03/49 | 6,495,987 | 6,508 | 0.35 |
| Ü | | | | 22,039 | 1.20 |
| Total Asset Backed Bonds / Mortgage Backed Bon | ds | | | 22,039 | 1.20 |
| | | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds 85.24% (2017: 85.99%) | | | | | |
| Australia 2.38% (2017: 2.78%) | | | | | |
| APT Pipelines (EMTN) [∞] | 3.5000 | 22/03/30 | 13,456,000 | 13,988 | 0.76 |
| Australia & New Zealand Banking | FRN | PERP | 10,000,000 | 6,127 | 0.33 |
| BHP Billiton Finance (EMTN) [∞] | 4.3000 | 25/09/42 | 1,171,000 | 1,466 | 0.08 |
| Commonwealth Bank of Australia (EMTN) | 1.1250 | 22/12/21 | 12,600,000 | 12,450 | 0.68 |
| QBE Insurance [∞] | VAR | 24/05/42 | 5,761,000 | 6,548 | 0.36 |
| Vicinity Centres (EMTN) | 3.3750 | 07/04/26 | 2,992,000 | 3,162 | 0.17 |
| | | | | 43,741 | 2.38 |
| Canada 0.14% (2017: 0.27%) | | | | | |
| Bank of Nova Scotia (EMTN) | 1.2500 | 08/06/22 | 2,540,000 | 2,503 | 0.14 |
| Denmark 0.17% (2017: 0.47%) | | | | | |
| Danske Bank (EMTN) | VAR | 29/09/21 | 3,049,000 | 3,131 | 0.17 |
| France F 000/ /2017 C C70/ | | | | | |
| France 5.88% (2017: 6.67%) | 1/40 | DEDE | 12 200 000 | 44200 | 0.70 |
| AXA (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 12,398,000 | 14,300 | 0.78 |
| AXA (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 5,109,000 | 6,312 | 0.34 |
| CNR Assurances | 5.6250 | 15/11/24 | 4,200,000 | 5,097 | 0.28 |
| CNP Assurances | VAR | 30/09/41 | 4,000,000 | 4,747 | 0.26 |
| Electricite de France (EMTN) [∞] | 6.1250 | 02/06/34 | 11,550,000 | 15,749 15,272 | 0.86 |
| Electricite de France (EMTN) | 5.5000 | 27/03/37 | 12,000,000 | 15,373 | 0.83 |
| Electricite de France (EMTN) [∞] | 5.5000 | 17/10/41 | 10,600,000 | 13,854 | 0.75 |
| Electricite de France (EMTN) | 6.0000 | 23/01/14 | 4,000,000 | 5,790 | 0.31 |

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| Security Electricite de France (EMTN) | Coupon (%) 5.1250 | Maturity 22/09/50 | Quantity 1,150,000 | £'000 1,480 | 0.08 |
| Electricite de France (EMTN) | | | | | |
| , , | 6.2500 | 30/05/28 | 1,100,000 | 1,441 | 0.08 |
| Engle (EMTN) | 5.0000 | 01/10/60 | 4,200,000 | 6,647 | 0.36 |
| Orange (EMTN)® | 5.3750 | 22/11/50 | 5,000,000 | 7,145 | 0.39 |
| Societe Generale | VAR | PERP | 3,500,000 | 3,588 | 0.19 |
| Total Capital International (EMTN) | 1.2500 | 16/12/24 | 7,000,000 | 6,804 108,327 | 0.37 5.88 |
| | | | | 100,321 | 3.00 |
| Germany 3.91% (2017: 4.15%) | | | | | |
| BMW Finance (EMTN) [∞] | 2.3750 | 01/12/21 | 5,000,000 | 5,181 | 0.28 |
| Daimler (EMTN) | 1.0000 | 20/12/19 | 5,000,000 | 4,990 | 0.27 |
| E.ON International Finance (EMTN) [∞] | 6.7500 | 27/01/39 | 9,050,000 | 14,152 | 0.77 |
| E.ON International Finance (EMTN) [∞] | 6.3750 | 07/06/32 | 5,900,000 | 8,295 | 0.45 |
| innogy Finance (EMTN) | 6.2500 | 03/06/30 | 11,775,000 | 15,915 | 0.85 |
| innogy Finance (EMTN) [∞] | 4.7500 | 31/01/34 | 6,500,000 | 7,924 | 0.43 |
| innogy Finance (EMTN) | 6.1250 | 06/07/39 | 1,450,000 | 2,125 | 0.12 |
| KFW (EMTN)∞ | 5.5000 | 18/06/25 | 7,000,000 | 8,935 | 0.49 |
| Volkswagen International Finance | VAR | PERP | 4,900,000 | 4,536 | 0.45 |
| voikswagen international i manee | VAIX | I LIXI | 4,500,000 | 72,053 | 3.91 |
| Italy 1.84% (2017: 2.08%) Fnel (FMTN) [∞] | 5 7500 | 22/06/37 | 10 000 000 | 13 529 | 0.74 |
| Enel (EMTN) [∞] | 5.7500 | 22/06/37 | 10,000,000 | 13,529 | 0.74 |
| Enel (EMTN)∞ | 6.2500 | 20/06/19 | 5,247,000 | 5,606 | 0.30 |
| Enel Finance International (EMTN) | 5.7500 | 14/09/40 | 4,000,000 | 5,521 | 0.30 |
| Enel Finance International (EMTN) | 5.6250 | 14/08/24 | 994,000 | 1,197 | 0.07 |
| FCA Bank Ireland (EMTN)∞ | 1.6250 | 29/09/21 | 8,000,000 | 7,953 | 0.43 |
| | | | | 33,806 | 1.84 |
| Mexico 0.33% (2017: 0.35%) | | | | | |
| America Movil | 4.9480 | 22/07/33 | 4,985,000 | 6,141 | 0.33 |
| | | | | | |
| Netherlands 1.82% (2017: 1.68%) | | 0=1051= | | | |
| ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN) | 1.3750 | 07/06/22 | 6,300,000 | 6,241 | 0.34 |
| Cooperatieve Rabobank (EMTN) | 5.3750 | 03/08/60 | 2,500,000 | 4,239 | 0.23 |
| Cooperatieve Rabobank (EMTN) | 5.2500 | 14/09/27 | 2,050,000 | 2,465 | 0.13 |
| Cooperatieve Rabobank (EMTN) | 4.8750 | 10/01/23 | 1,000,000 | 1,150 | 0.06 |
| ING Bank (EMTN) | VAR | 29/05/23 | 6,745,000 | 6,868 | 0.37 |
| Rabobank Nederland | VAR | PERP | 3,000,000 | 4,449 | 0.24 |
| Rabobank Nederland (EMTN) [∞] | 4.6250 | 23/05/29 | 6,950,000 | 8,093 | 0.45 |
| | | | | 33,505 | 1.82 |
| New Zealand 0.33% (2017: 0.36%) | | | | | |
| Chorus (EMTN) | 6.7500 | 06/04/20 | 5,500,000 | 6,087 | 0.33 |
| | 5555 | | -,- 30,000 | 0,00. | 3.35 |

| Societie | Coupon (%) | Maturitu | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
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| Security Norway nil (2017: 0.14%) | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Qualitity | £ 000 | 76 |
| 2 1 2 700 (2047 2 70) | | | | | |
| Spain 0.70% (2017: 0.76%) | 7.2750 | 20/04/24 | 40.000.000 | 42.044 | |
| Iberdrola Finanzas (EMTN) | 7.3750 | 29/01/24 | 10,000,000 | 12,961 | 0.70 |
| Supranational 0.76% (2017: 1.23%) | | | | | |
| European Investment Bank (EMTN) | 4.5000 | 07/06/29 | 8,000,000 | 10,090 | 0.55 |
| European Investment Bank (EMTN) | 3.8750 | 08/06/37 | 2,210,000 | 2,839 | 0.15 |
| European Investment Bank (EMTN) | 4.2500 | 07/12/21 | 952,000 | 1,060 | 0.06 |
| | | | | 13,989 | 0.76 |
| Sweden 0.34% (2017: 0.57%) | | | | | |
| Swedbank (EMTN) | 1.2500 | 29/12/21 | 5,651,000 | 5,600 | 0.30 |
| Vattenfall (EMTN) | 6.8750 | 15/04/39 | 454,000 | 724 | 0.04 |
| , | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 6,324 | 0.34 |
| Switzerland 1.05% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Credit Suisse | VAR | 12/09/25 | 6,700,000 | 6,616 | 0.36 |
| UBS London | 2.4500 | 01/12/20 | 5,731,000 | 3,996 | 0.22 |
| UBS London (EMTN) | 1.2500 | 10/12/20 | 8,818,000 | 8,782 | 0.47 |
| (2) | 2500 | | 3,0.0,000 | 19,394 | 1.05 |
| | | | | | |
| United Arab Emirates 0.54% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| IPIC GMTN (EMTN) | 6.8750 | 14/03/26 | 7,500,000 | 9,998 | 0.54 |
| United Kingdom 54.75% (2017: 55.12%) | | | | | |
| Abbey National Treasury Services (EMTN) [∞] | 1.8750 | 17/02/20 | 8,450,000 | 8,563 | 0.47 |
| Abbey National Treasury Services (EMTN) | 3.8750 | 15/10/29 | 2,289,000 | 2,626 | 0.14 |
| Anglian Water Services Financing (EMTN) [∞] | 6.2930 | 30/07/30 | 2,700,000 | 3,756 | 0.20 |
| Annington Funding (EMTN)∞ | 3.9350 | 12/07/47 | 6,870,000 | 7,466 | 0.41 |
| Annington Funding (EMTN) [∞] | 3.6850 | 12/07/34 | 6,590,000 | 6,908 | 0.38 |
| Aspire Defence Finance | 4.6740 | 31/03/40 | 7,192,722 | 8,799 | 0.48 |
| Aspire Defence Finance | 4.6740 | 31/03/40 | 1,790,906 | 2,191 | 0.12 |
| Autolink Concessionaires M6 | 8.3900 | 15/06/22 | 2,262,000 | 2,612 | 0.14 |
| Aviva | VAR | 14/11/36 | 11,000,000 | 13,274 | 0.72 |
| Aviva (EMTN) | VAR | 03/06/41 | 9,012,000 | 10,292 | 0.56 |
| Aviva (EMTN) | VAR | 04/06/50 | 3,950,000 | 4,418 | 0.24 |
| Aviva (EMTN) | VAR | 20/05/58 | 3,000,000 | 4,155 | 0.23 |
| Aviva (EMTN) | VAR | 12/09/49 | 2,061,000 | 2,193 | 0.12 |
| Aviva | VAR | PERP | 4,000,000 | 4,601 | 0.25 |
| BAE Systems | 4.1250 | 08/06/22 | 9,459,000 | 10,420 | 0.57 |
| Bank of Scotland | VAR | PERP | 6,000,000 | 7,890 | 0.43 |
| Barclays (EMTN) | VAR | 06/10/23 | 17,230,000 | 17,348 | 0.94 |
| Barclays (EMTN) | 3.2500 | 17/01/33 | 11,541,000 | 11,430 | 0.62 |
| BAT International Finance (EMTN)∞ | 1.7500 | 05/07/21 | 7,825,000 | 7,890 | 0.43 |

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| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| BAT International Finance (EMTN)∞ | 4.0000 | 04/09/26 | 6,630,000 | 7,374 | 0.40 |
| BAT International Finance (EMTN) [∞] | 2.2500 | 09/09/52 | 7,847,000 | 6,447 | 0.35 |
| BAT International Finance (EMTN) [∞] | 6.0000 | 24/11/34 | 3,918,000 | 5,435 | 0.30 |
| BG Energy Capital (EMTN) | 5.0000 | 04/11/36 | 6,610,000 | 8,843 | 0.48 |
| BL Superstores Finance | 5.2700 | 04/07/25 | 2,954,941 | 3,264 | 0.18 |
| BP Capital Markets (EMTN) [∞] | 2.0300 | 14/02/25 | 15,000,000 | 15,083 | 0.82 |
| British Land (EMTN) [∞] | 2.3750 | 14/09/29 | 5,179,000 | 4,957 | 0.27 |
| BUPA Finance | 2.0000 | 05/04/24 | 7,740,000 | 7,748 | 0.42 |
| BUPA Finance | 5.0000 | 25/04/23 | 1,200,000 | 1,358 | 0.07 |
| Cadent Finance (EMTN) | 2.6250 | 22/09/38 | 2,200,000 | 2,095 | 0.11 |
| Canary Wharf Finance II | 6.4550 | 22/04/30 | 2,411,682 | 3,058 | 0.17 |
| Catalyst Housing | 3.1250 | 31/10/47 | 3,668,000 | 3,667 | 0.20 |
| Channel Link Enterprises Finance | VAR | 30/06/50 | 2,940,000 | 2,907 | 0.16 |
| Channel Link Enterprises Finance [∞] | 3.8480 | 30/06/50 | 930,000 | 1,000 | 0.05 |
| Circle Anglia Social Housing | 7.2500 | 12/11/38 | 1,750,000 | 2,919 | 0.16 |
| Circle Anglia Social Housing (EMTN) [∞] | 5.2000 | 02/03/44 | 4,248,000 | 5,933 | 0.32 |
| City Greenwich Lewisham Rail Link | 9.3750 | 11/10/20 | 432,970 | 464 | 0.03 |
| City Greenwich Lewisham Rail Link | 9.3750 | 11/10/20 | 69,091 | 74 | - |
| Community Finance 1 (EMTN) (SINK) | 5.0170 | 31/07/34 | 1,788,000 | 2,354 | 0.13 |
| Daily Mail & General Trust | 6.3750 | 21/06/27 | 8,550,000 | 9,892 | 0.54 |
| Dignity Finance [∞] | 4.6956 | 31/12/49 | 8,928,000 | 10,124 | 0.55 |
| DS Smith (EMTN) [∞] | 2.8750 | 26/07/29 | 2,280,000 | 2,232 | 0.12 |
| Dwr Cymru Financing (EMTN) | 2.5000 | 31/03/36 | 1,681,000 | 1,662 | 0.09 |
| Eastern Power Networks (EMTN) [∞] | 6.2500 | 12/11/36 | 9,475,000 | 14,020 | 0.76 |
| Eversholt Funding (EMTN) [∞] | 3.5290 | 07/08/42 | 3,450,000 | 3,450 | 0.19 |
| Firstgroup | 8.1250 | 19/09/18 | 10,000,000 | 10,441 | 0.57 |
| Firstgroup | 8.7500 | 08/04/21 | 5,952,000 | 7,196 | 0.39 |
| Firstgroup | 6.1250 | 18/01/19 | 1,905,000 | 1,992 | 0.11 |
| Firstgroup | 5.2500 | 29/11/22 | 1,500,000 | 1,712 | 0.09 |
| Gatwick Funding (EMTN) | 6.1250 | 02/03/28 | 8,436,000 | 10,635 | 0.58 |
| Gatwick Funding (EMTN) [∞] | 6.5000 | 02/03/41 | 5,600,000 | 8,692 | 0.47 |
| Gatwick Funding (EMTN) | 3.1250 | 28/09/39 | 5,000,000 | 5,021 | 0.27 |
| Gatwick Funding (EMTN)∞ | 2.6250 | 07/10/46 | 1,700,000 | 1,541 | 0.08 |
| GlaxoSmithKline Capital (EMTN) | 5.2500 | 10/04/42 | 4,000,000 | 5,702 | 0.31 |
| GlaxoSmithKline Capital (EMTN) | 6.3750 | 09/03/39 | 878,000 | 1,381 | 0.08 |
| Great Rolling Stock (EMTN) | 6.5000 | 05/04/31 | 4,732,000 | 6,008 | 0.33 |
| Greene King Finance | 5.7020 | 15/12/34 | 1,105,000 | 1,040 | 0.06 |
| Greene King Finance (EMTN) | FRN | 15/12/33 | 2,113,665 | 2,145 | 0.12 |
| Greene King Finance (SINK) | 4.0643 | 15/12/33 | 1,937,872 | 2,143 | 0.12 |
| HBOS Capital Funding | 6.8500 | PERP | 7,700,000 | 2,099 5,549 | 0.11 |
| HBOS Capital Funding | 0.6300 VAR | PERP | 4,700,000 | 5,549 4,879 | 0.30 |
| Heathrow Funding (EMTN) [∞] | | 10/12/31 | | | |
| _ : | 6.4500 4.6250 | 31/10/46 | 13,589,000 7,371,000 | 19,220 9.461 | 1.03 0.51 |
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| Heathrow Funding (EMTN) | 7.1250 | 14/02/24 | 5,570,000 | 6,963 | 0.38 |
| Heathrow Funding (EMTN) | 9.2000 | 29/03/21 | 4,650,000 | 5,731 | 0.31 |

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| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Heathrow Funding (EMTN)∞ | 2.7500 | 09/08/49 | 4,200,000 | 3,930 | 0.21 |
| HSBC (EMTN)∞ | 7.0000 | 07/04/38 | 13,400,000 | 20,242 | 1.09 |
| HSBC (EMTN) | 6.0000 | 29/03/40 | 8,900,000 | 12,318 | 0.67 |
| HSBC (EMTN) | VAR | 13/11/26 | 11,162,000 | 11,070 | 0.60 |
| Imperial Tobacco Finance (EMTN) | 5.5000 | 28/09/26 | 6,014,000 | 7,339 | 0.40 |
| Imperial Tobacco Finance (EMTN) | 4.8750 | 07/06/32 | 2,390,000 | 2,876 | 0.16 |
| InterContinental Hotels (EMTN) | 3.7500 | 14/08/25 | 10,185,000 | 10,980 | 0.60 |
| InterContinental Hotels (EMTN) | 2.1250 | 24/08/26 | 4,000,000 | 3,815 | 0.21 |
| Intu Metrocentre Finance | 4.1250 | 06/12/23 | 6,610,000 | 7,213 | 0.39 |
| LCR Finance | 4.5000 | 07/12/28 | 5,000,000 | 6,285 | 0.34 |
| LCR Finance | 4.5000 | 07/12/28 | 1,337,000 | 1,681 | 0.09 |
| Lloyds Bank | 9.6250 | 06/04/23 | 4,000,000 | 5,383 | 0.29 |
| Lloyds Bank (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 4,000,000 | 7,503 | 0.41 |
| Lloyds Bank (EMTN) | 7.6250 | 22/04/25 | 4,860,000 | 6,428 | 0.35 |
| Lloyds Bank (EMTN) | VAR | 09/07/25 | 2,000,000 | 2,186 | 0.12 |
| Lloyds Bank | 11.7500 | PERP | 1,900,000 | 3,990 | 0.22 |
| London & Quadrant Housing [∞] | 5.5000 | 27/01/40 | 7,400,000 | 10,364 | 0.56 |
| London & Quadrant Housing | 2.7500 | 20/07/57 | 2,000,000 | 1,941 | 0.11 |
| London Power Networks (EMTN) [∞] | 5.1250 | 31/03/23 | 3,900,000 | 4,516 | 0.25 |
| Longstone Finance | 4.8960 | 19/04/36 | 1,955,000 | 2,187 | 0.12 |
| Manchester Airport Group Funding (EMTN) [∞] | 4.7500 | 31/03/34 | 7,600,000 | 9,466 | 0.51 |
| Meadowhall Finance | 4.9860 | 12/01/32 | 10,047,951 | 12,237 | 0.66 |
| Meadowhall Finance | 4.9880 | 12/01/32 | 3,722,850 | 4,515 | 0.25 |
| Midland Heart Capital | 5.0870 | 20/09/44 | 5,000,000 | 6,647 | 0.36 |
| Motability Operations (EMTN) | 3.6250 | 10/03/36 | 3,950,000 | 4,474 | 0.24 |
| National Grid Gas Finance (EMTN) | 2.7500 | 22/09/46 | 8,320,000 | 7,927 | 0.43 |
| National Westminster Bank | 6.5000 | 07/09/21 | 600,000 | 693 | 0.04 |
| National Westminster Bank (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 13,790,000 | 11,904 | 0.65 |
| National Westminster Bank (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 14,753,000 | 16,818 | 0.91 |
| NGG Finance [∞] | VAR | 18/06/73 | 10,300,000 | 11,772 | 0.64 |
| NIE Finance [∞] | 6.3750 | 02/06/26 | 10,162,000 | 13,235 | 0.72 |
| Northern Gas Networks [∞] | 4.8750 | 30/06/27 | 5,268,000 | 6,345 | 0.34 |
| Northern Powergrid Yorks | 7.2500 | 15/12/22 | 5,000,000 | 6,244 | 0.34 |
| Northumbrian Water Finance | 2.3750 | 05/10/27 | 5,294,000 | 5,229 | 0.28 |
| Northumbrian Water Finance | 5.1250 | 23/01/42 | 2,820,000 | 3,842 | 0.21 |
| Notting Hill Housing Trust | 3.2500 | 12/10/48 | 4,405,000 | 4,425 | 0.24 |
| Notting Hill Housing Trust | 4.3750 | 20/02/54 | 3,250,000 | 4,100 | 0.22 |
| Orbit Capital | 3.5000 | 24/03/45 | 6,600,000 | 6,975 | 0.38 |
| Paragon | VAR | 09/09/26 | 8,237,000 | 8,967 | 0.49 |
| Paragon Treasury | 3.6250 | 21/01/47 | 3,000,000 | 3,258 | 0.18 |
| Peabody Capital (EMTN) [∞] | 5.2500 | 17/03/43 | 2,000,000 | 2,775 | 0.15 |
| PGH Capital (EMTN) | 4.1250 | 20/07/22 | 11,126,000 | 11,817 | 0.64 |
| Porterbrook Rail Finance (EMTN) | 5.5000 | 20/04/19 | 9,800,000 | 10,284 | 0.56 |
| Premiertel | 6.1750 | 08/05/32 | 6,676,261 | 7,360 | 0.40 |
| Principality Building Society (EMTN) | 2.3750 | 23/11/23 | 6,375,000 | 6,330 | 0.34 |

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| Southern Water Services Finance (EMTN) VAR 31/03/38 2,500,000 2,704 C |).15 |
| SPD Finance UK 5.8750 17/07/26 1,940,000 2,439 0 |).13 |
| SSE VAR PERP 21,000,000 21,871 1 | .18 |
| SSE (EMTN) [∞] 6.2500 27/08/38 3,350,000 4,982 0 |).27 |
| Stagecoach 4.0000 29/09/25 9,701,000 10,401 0 |).56 |
| Standard Chartered (EMTN) 5.1250 06/06/34 10,300,000 11,568 0 |).63 |
| Standard Chartered (EMTN) VAR PERP 3,550,000 4,233 C |).23 |
| Standard Life Aberdeen [†] VAR PERP 6,500,000 8,259 C |).45 |
| Standard Life Aberdeen (EMTN) [†] VAR 04/12/42 6,610,000 7,479 0 |).41 |
| Swan Housing Capital 3.6250 05/03/48 2,840,000 3,042 0 |).17 |
| Telereal Securitisation 5.3887 10/12/31 3,009,977 3,580 0 |).19 |
| Thames Water Utilities Cayman Finance [∞] 3.5000 25/02/28 6,700,000 7,168 0 |).39 |
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| THFC Funding No 3 (EMTN) [∞] 5.2000 11/10/43 6,130,000 8,308 0 | 1.40 |

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| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Trafford Centre Finance | 7.0300 | 28/01/29 | 1,604,165 | 2,001 | 0.11 |
| Trafford Centre Finance | 6.5000 | 28/07/33 | 112,942 | 152 | 0.01 |
| Transport for London (EMTN) | 4.5000 | 31/03/31 | 1,182,000 | 1,407 | 0.08 |
| Tritax Big Box (EMTN) (REIT) | 3.1250 | 14/12/31 | 2,050,000 | 2,056 | 0.11 |
| UPP (EMTN) | 4.9023 | 28/02/40 | 1,718,758 | 2,075 | 0.11 |
| Virgin Media Secured Finance [∞] | 5.0000 | 15/04/27 | 6,010,000 | 6,122 | 0.33 |
| Virgin Media Secured Finance | 4.8750 | 15/01/27 | 2,200,000 | 2,238 | 0.12 |
| Vodafone (EMTN) | 3.3750 | 08/08/49 | 2,458,000 | 2,320 | 0.13 |
| Vodafone (EMTN) | 3.0000 | 12/08/56 | 2,620,000 | 2,305 | 0.13 |
| Western Power Distribution | 3.6250 | 06/11/23 | 6,300,000 | 6,730 | 0.37 |
| Western Power Distribution South Wales | 5.7500 | 23/03/40 | 1,300,000 | 1,859 | 0.10 |
| Western Power Distribution South West [∞] | 5.8750 | 25/03/27 | 1,250,000 | 1,587 | 0.09 |
| Western Power Distribution West Midlands (EMTN) | 5.7500 | 16/04/32 | 8,950,000 | 11,950 | 0.65 |
| Western Power Distribution West Midlands (EMTN) | 5.5000 | 09/05/25 | 1,988,000 | 2,486 | 0.13 |
| Western Power Distribution West Midlands (EMTN) | 3.8750 | 17/10/24 | 1,990,000 | 2,198 | 0.12 |
| WM Treasury 2 | 3.2500 | 20/10/48 | 3,800,000 | 3,813 | 0.21 |
| | | | | 1,007,965 | 54.75 |
| United States 10.30% (2017: 9.17%) | | | | | |
| Apple | 3.0500 | 31/07/29 | 2,200,000 | 2,390 | 0.13 |
| Apple | 3.6000 | 31/07/42 | 837,000 | 989 | 0.05 |
| AT&T | 5.2000 | 18/11/33 | 11,790,000 | 14,226 | 0.77 |
| AT&T [∞] | 4.8750 | 01/06/44 | 8,418,000 | 9,974 | 0.54 |
| AT&T° | 3.5500 | 14/09/37 | 4,200,000 | 4,171 | 0.23 |
| AT&T (EMTN) | 7.0000 | 30/04/40 | 6,000,000 | 8,956 | 0.49 |
| Bank of America (EMTN) | 2.3000 | 25/07/25 | 12,000,000 | 12,099 | 0.66 |
| Bank of America (EMTN) | 7.0000 | 31/07/28 | 4,000,000 | 5,654 | 0.31 |
| Brown-Forman [∞] | 2.6000 | 07/07/28 | 1,990,000 | 2,015 | 0.11 |
| Citigroup (EMTN) | 6.8000 | 25/06/38 | 4,622,000 | 7,303 | 0.40 |
| Citigroup (EMTN) | 7.3750 | 01/09/39 | 3,960,000 | 6,693 | 0.36 |
| Energy Transfer Partners | 4.2000 | 15/04/27 | 5,000,000 | 3,484 | 0.19 |
| GE Capital UK Funding (EMTN) | 6.2500 | 05/05/38 | 7,442,000 | 10,817 | 0.59 |
| GE Capital UK Funding (EMTN) | 4.3750 | 31/07/19 | 3,736,000 | 3,904 | 0.21 |
| General Motors Financial (EMTN) | 2.2500 | 06/09/24 | 12,632,000 | 12,497 | 0.68 |
| Goldman Sachs | 7.1250 | 07/08/25 | 3,400,000 | 4,489 | 0.24 |
| McDonald's [∞] | 4.1250 | 11/06/54 | 2,500,000 | 3,066 | 0.17 |
| Metropolitan Life Global Funding I (EMTN) [∞] | 1.1250 | 15/12/21 | 9,900,000 | 9,753 | 0.53 |
| Morgan Stanley® | 2.6250 | 09/03/27 | 7,000,000 | 7,052 | 0.38 |
| SLM Student Loan Trust 2003-12 | VAR | 15/03/38 | 3,760,000 | 3,668 | 0.20 |
| Time Warner Cable [∞] | 5.2500 | 15/07/42 | 2,917,000 | 3,357 | 0.18 |
| Time Warner Cable | 5.7500 | 02/06/31 | 1,000,000 | 1,183 | 0.06 |
| Time Warner Cable | 5.2500 | 15/07/42 | 950,000 | 1,093 | 0.06 |
| Toyota Motor Credit (EMTN) | 1.1250 | 07/09/21 | 7,332,000 | 7,292 | 0.40 |
| United Parcel Service | 5.1250 | 12/02/50 | 3,950,000 | 6,005 | 0.33 |
| Verizon Communications | 3.3750 | 27/10/36 | 2,603,000 | 2,617 | 0.14 |

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| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Wells Fargo Bank (EMTN) | 5.2500 | 01/08/23 | 18,750,000 | 21,783 | 1.18 |
| Wells Fargo (EMTN) | 3.5000 | 12/09/29 | 4,500,000 | 4,954 | 0.27 |
| Wells Fargo (EMTN) | 4.8750 | 29/11/35 | 2,850,000 | 3,585 | 0.19 |
| Welltower | 4.8000 | 20/11/28 | 3,923,000 | 4,546 | 0.25 |
| | | | | 189,615 | 10.30 |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 1,569,540 | 85.24 |
| Government Bonds 3.26% (2017: 4.34%) | | | | | |
| Guernsey nil (2017: 0.11%) | | | | | |
| Mexico 0.11% (2017: 0.15%) | | | | | |
| Mexico (Government of) (EMTN) | 5.6250 | 19/03/14 | 1,900,000 | 2,076 | 0.11 |
| United Kingdom 3.15% (2017: 3.49%) | | | | | |
| UK Treasury | 5.0000 | 07/03/25 | 20,753,000 | 26,036 | 1.41 |
| UK Treasury | 1.7500 | 07/09/22 | 12,532,000 | 12,955 | 0.70 |
| UK Treasury | 4.2500 | 07/12/27 | 6,750,000 | 8,452 | 0.46 |
| JK Treasury | 4.0000 | 07/03/22 | 5,500,000 | 6,184 | 0.34 |
| UK Treasury | 4.2500 | 07/12/55 | 2,639,000 | 4,420 | 0.24 |
| United States nil (2017: 0.59%) | | | | 58,047 | 3.15 |
| Total Government Bonds | | | | 60,123 | 3.26 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 1,651,702 | 89.70 |
| Total Bolius | | | | 1,031,702 | 89.70 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market | instruments admitted to a | n official exchar | ge | 1,658,359 | 90.06 |
| listing or dealt on another regulated market | | | | | 30.00 |
| | instruments 3.27% (2017 | ′: 2.16%) | | | 30.00 |
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| Other transferable securities and money market Bonds 3.27% (2017: 2.16%) Asset Backed Bonds / Mortgage Backed Bonds 1. United Kingdom 1.49% (2017: 1.82%) Alba 2006-2 Gemgarto 2015-1 London Wall Mortgage Capital 2018-FL1 PCL Funding II 2017-1 Precise Mortgage Funding No 1 Precise Mortgage Funding 2015-1 | 49% (2017: 1.82%) FRN FRN FRN FRN FRN FRN FRN FRN | 15/12/38 16/02/47 15/05/50 15/06/22 12/03/47 12/03/48 | 361,542 8,520,000 4,702,000 179,451 434,309 | 362 8,519 4,724 180 436 | 0.31 0.02 0.45 0.26 0.01 0.02 |
| Other transferable securities and money market Bonds 3.27% (2017: 2.16%) | 49% (2017: 1.82%) FRN FRN FRN FRN FRN FRN FRN | 15/12/38 16/02/47 15/05/50 15/06/22 12/03/47 | 361,542 8,520,000 4,702,000 179,451 | 362 8,519 4,724 180 | 0.31 0.02 0.45 0.26 0.01 0.02 0.26 |

| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|--|-------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total Asset Backed Bonds / Mortgage Backed Bonds | соць (70) | - Hatarity | Quarterly | 27,598 | 1.49 |
| | | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds 1.22% (2017: 0.34%) | | | | | |
| France 0.38% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Natixis (EMTN) | 5.8750 | 24/02/20 | 6,369,000 | 6,970 | 0.38 |
| Luxembourg nil (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Teksid Aluminum Luxembourg SARL | 11.3750 | 15/07/11 | 7,007,000 | 31 | _ |
| Tensia Alaminam Edizembodig SANE | 11.5750 | 13/07/11 | 7,007,000 | | |
| United Kingdom 0.16% (2017: 0.07%) | | | | | |
| Porterbrook Rail Finance (EMTN) | 4.6250 | 04/04/29 | 2,500,000 | 2,884 | 0.16 |
| , | | | · · · | | |
| United States 0.68% (2017: 0.27%) | | | | | |
| Fidelity National Information Services | 1.7000 | 30/06/22 | 12,560,000 | 12,491 | 0.68 |
| Lehman Brothers (EMTN) | 4.6250 | 14/03/19 | 12,850,000 | - | - |
| | | | | 12,491 | 0.68 |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 22,376 | 1.22 |
| | | | | | |
| Government Bonds 0.56% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| United States 0.56% (2017: nil) | 5 6252 | 07/06/22 | 7.500.000 | 40.070 | |
| Tennessee Valley Authority | 5.6250 | 07/06/32 | 7,500,000 | 10,272 | 0.56 |
| Total Government Bonds | | | | 10,272 | 0.56 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 60,246 | 3.27 |
| Total Other transferable securities and money market i | instruments | | | 60,246 | 3.27 |
| | | | | · | |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 3.13% (2017: 3.86%) | | | 21 227 524 | 24.020 | 4.25 |
| Abordoon Stratogic Bond Fund Z Acc† | | | 21,227,531 20,086,700 | 24,938 | 1.35 |
| Aberdeen Strategic Bond Fund Z-Acc [†] | | <u> </u> | 20,086,700 | 32,723 57,661 | 1.78 3.13 |
| | | | | 31,001 | 5.15 |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | | | 57,661 | 3.13 |
| Derivatives (0.09%) (2017: (0.18%)) | | | | | |
| uture contracts (0.02%) (2017: (0.02%)) | | | | | |
| | | | | Unrealised | Total Net |
| | | | | Gains/(Losses) | Assets |
| Future | | Maturity | Notional | £'000 | % |
| EUX Euro-Bund | | 08/03/18 | (42) | 159 | 0.01 |
| ICE Long Gilt | | 27/03/18 | 270 | (579) | (0.03 |
| Unrealised losses on future contracts | | | | (420) | (0.0 |

Forward currency exchange contracts 0.06% (2017: (0.02%))

| | | | | | | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets | |
|-------------------------------------|---|------|------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | £'000 | % | |
| Citigroup | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 4,244,593 | 5,726,000 | 223 | 0.01 | |
| HSBC | GBP | EUR | 06/03/18 | 16,139,619 | 18,302,000 | 94 | 0.01 | |
| HSBC | USD | GBP | 06/03/18 | 2,270,000 | 1,643,816 | (49) | - | |
| Merrill Lynch | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 16,087,690 | 21,729,000 | 824 | 0.04 | |
| Unrealised gains on forward current | Unrealised gains on forward currency exchange contracts 1,092 | | | | | | | |

Swaps (0.13%) (2017: (0.14%))

| | | | | | | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets |
|-------------------|-----------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Counterparty | Ccy | Termination | Notional | Fund Pays | Fund Receives | £'000 | % |
| Merrill Lynch | EUR | 20/12/22 | 22,000,000 | 5.0000 | Itraxx Europe Crossover Series 28 | (2,262) | (0.13) |
| Unrealised losses | on swap | contracts | | | | (2,262) | (0.13) |
| | | | | | | | |
| Unrealised losses | on deriva | atives | | | | (1,590) | (0.09) |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total investments | ≠ | | | | | 1,774,676 | 96.37 |
| Other net assets | | | | | | 66,808 | 3.63 |
| Total net assets | | | | | | 1,841,484 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.
[∞] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.

Including derivative liabilities.

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|---------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 197,158 | 11.11 | 10.71 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| Australia (Commonwealth of) | 117,828 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| UK Treasury | 47,737 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| France (Government of) | 32,866 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Norway (Kingdom of) | 4,874 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Germany (Federal Republic of) | 4,554 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Netherlands (Kingdom of) | 690 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Denmark (Kingdom of) | 208 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 208,757 | | | |

| | Market value of collateral held | Proportion held in segregated accounts |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Collateral held per custodian | £′000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 208,757 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £′000 |
| AUD | 117,828 |
| DKK | 208 |
| EUR | 38,110 |
| GBP | 47,737 |
| NOK | 4,874 |
| Total collateral received | 208,757 |

| Counterparties per type of SFT | Market value of securities lending £'000 | Countries of counterparty establishment | Settlement and clearing |
|--|--|---|----------------------------|
| JPM Chase | 141,346 | United States | Tri-party |
| Barclays | 42,416 | United Kingdom | Tri-party |
| BNP Paribas | 9,256 | France | Tri-party |
| Nomura | 4,140 | Japan | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | 197,158 | | |

| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
|--|-------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | - | 3,062 |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £′000 |
| Total collateral received | 284 | 205,411 | - | 208,757 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | 1,567 | 195,591 | - | 197,158 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be rec | called on demand. | | | |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collate | eral. | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 96 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent | costs) | | (19) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser op | erational costs) | | - | - |
| Total costs | | | (19) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 77 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital losses | | (8,128) | | (54,824) |
| Revenue | 28,587 | | 31,935 | |
| Expenses | (4,068) | | (4,071) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 24,519 | | 27,864 | |
| Taxation | - | | - | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 24,519 | | 27,864 |
| Total return before distributions | | 16,391 | | (26,960) |
| Distributions | | (24,519) | | (27,921) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | (8,128) | | (54,881) |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janu | 31 January 2018 | | uary 2017 |
|--|----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 1,748,781 | | 1,759,887 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 187,705 | | 203,548 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (91,842) | | (159,789) | |
| · · | | 95,863 | | 43,759 |
| Dilution adjustment | | 291 | | 696 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | (8,128) | | (54,881) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 4,672 | | 4,833 |
| Unclaimed distributions > 6 years | | 5 | | 14 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 1,841,484 | | 1,754,308 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 1,777,566 | 1,707,141 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 38,811 | 48,670 |
| Cash and bank balances | 54,784 | 16,152 |
| Total assets | 1,871,161 | 1,771,963 |
| Liabilities: Investment liabilities | 2,890 | 3,556 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers | 159 | 97 |
| Other creditors | 16,856 | 7,727 |
| Distribution payable | 9,772 | 11,802 |
| Total liabilities | 29,677 | 23,182 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 1,841,484 | 1,748,781 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

First Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 October 2017

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 31/01/18 | 31/01/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.91106 | - | 0.91106 | 0.85592 |
| Group 2 | 0.46081 | 0.45025 | 0.91106 | 0.85592 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.65048 | - | 0.65048 | 0.62577 |
| Group 2 | 0.20801 | 0.44247 | 0.65048 | 0.62577 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.28671 | - | 1.28671 | 1.16487 |
| Group 2 | 0.49729 | 0.78942 | 1.28671 | 1.16487 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.82445 | - | 0.82445 | 0.76793 |
| Group 2 | 0.47202 | 0.35243 | 0.82445 | 0.76793 |
| I Gross Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.47032 | - | 1.47032 | 1.72434 |
| Group 2 | 0.74317 | 0.72715 | 1.47032 | 1.72434 |
| K Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.77173 | - | 0.77173 | 0.69645 |
| Group 2 | 0.77173 | - | 0.77173 | 0.69645 |
| P Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.85098 | - | 0.85098 | 0.77979 |
| Group 2 | 0.36208 | 0.48890 | 0.85098 | 0.77979 |
| P Gross Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.87676 | - | 0.87676 | 1.00256 |
| Group 2 | 0.36081 | 0.51595 | 0.87676 | 1.00256 |
| Q Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.87921 | - | 0.87921 | 0.80120 |
| Group 2 | 0.29084 | 0.58837 | 0.87921 | 0.80120 |
| Q Gross Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.90666 | - | 0.90666 | 1.03750 |
| Group 2 | 0.16494 | 0.74172 | 0.90666 | 1.03750 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.67624 | - | 1.67624 | 1.46507 |
| Group 2 | 0.44624 | 1.23000 | 1.67624 | 1.46507 |
| Z Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.89811 | - | 0.89811 | 0.79718 |
| Group 2 | 0.89811 | - | 0.89811 | 0.79718 |

Second Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 November 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.81209 | - | 0.81209 | 0.99464 |
| Group 2 | 0.28478 | 0.52731 | 0.81209 | 0.99464 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.57661 | - | 0.57661 | 0.72322 |
| Group 2 | 0.26713 | 0.30948 | 0.57661 | 0.72322 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.17565 | - | 1.17565 | 1.36560 |
| Group 2 | 0.59377 | 0.58188 | 1.17565 | 1.36560 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.74816 | - | 0.74816 | 0.89442 |
| Group 2 | 0.30750 | 0.44066 | 0.74816 | 0.89442 |
| I Gross Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.34341 | - | 1.34341 | 1.46183 |
| Group 2 | 1.02315 | 0.32026 | 1.34341 | 1.46183 |
| K Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.72980 | - | 0.72980 | 0.82379 |
| Group 2 | 0.72980 | - | 0.72980 | 0.82379 |
| P Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.77831 | - | 0.77831 | 0.91574 |
| Group 2 | 0.55185 | 0.22646 | 0.77831 | 0.91574 |
| P Gross Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.80180 | - | 0.80180 | 0.94544 |
| Group 2 | 0.56892 | 0.23288 | 0.80180 | 0.94544 |
| Q Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.80711 | - | 0.80711 | 0.94422 |
| Group 2 | 0.55551 | 0.25160 | 0.80711 | 0.94422 |
| Q Gross Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.83182 | - | 0.83182 | 0.97432 |
| Group 2 | 0.54969 | 0.28213 | 0.83182 | 0.97432 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.55979 | - | 1.55979 | 1.74606 |
| Group 2 | 1.29838 | 0.26141 | 1.55979 | 1.74606 |
| Z Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.83643 | - | 0.83643 | 0.91897 |
| Group 2 | 0.83643 | - | 0.83643 | 0.91897 |

${\bf Equalisation}$

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund's investment objective is to provide income combined with long term capital growth. It will aim to achieve this by investing in a globally diversified portfolio of assets. The majority of the Fund will be exposed to Equity and Equity-Related securities, Investment grade and sub-Investment grade Debt and debt-related securities issued by governments, government-related bodies, and corporations. The remainder of the Fund may be exposed to cash, cash equivalents, deposits, money market instruments and alternative assets including property and infrastructure. The Fund's holdings may include exposure to emerging markets. The Fund may not include exposure to all of the stated asset classes at any point in time.

The Fund is multi-asset in nature and the Investment Adviser has the flexibility to amend the allocation between different asset classes in line with its view on markets in order to achieve the Fund's objective.

The Fund will mainly gain exposure to the asset classes through direct investment, although exposure to alternative asset classes will be obtained indirectly. When investing indirectly the Fund will gain exposure through investment in collective investment schemes, exchange traded funds (ETFs) and derivatives. When investing indirectly through collective investment schemes, the Fund will mainly invest in products managed by the Investment Adviser and/or its associated group companies where such products are available. The Fund may also invest in collective investment schemes managed by third party managers.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and/or efficient portfolio management (including hedging) The Fund may use derivative instruments to create short and/or long positions in currencies other than the base currency.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Diversified Income Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 0.75%.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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

Equity markets rose over the review period. Several indices hit record highs, with both the S&P 500 and FTSE 100 breaking new ground towards the year-end. In Japan, the Topix reached its highest level since 1991. Markets continued to rise at the start of 2018, with the exception of the UK, which was hurt by the fallout from the liquidation of construction company Carillion.

The Federal Reserve (Fed) raised the main interest rate by 0.25% to a range of 1.25% to 1.5% in December, the third US hike in calendar 2017. The Fed also projected three 0.25% increases in 2018. Despite the Fed rate hike, emerging-market local-currency bonds performed well over the period.

Conversely, the private finance initiative (PFI) infrastructure sector de-rated towards the end of 2017, following UK Shadow Chancellor John McDonnell's comments that PFIs should be nationalised. Such a move would bring existing public works, currently managed by private firms, back to the government. The market decline was exacerbated in January by the collapse of Carillion.

Insurance-linked securities posted losses during the period, following a number of natural catastrophes in August and September. This hurt holdings in the CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities Fund and two listed vehicles managed by Blue Capital.

Portfolio review

The main asset allocation change during the period was the reduction in exposure to listed equities, given their weaker long-term outlook amid stretched valuations.

Similarly, our exposure to high-yield bonds and loans decreased. These asset classes have performed well and now appear fully valued.

We increased our exposure to emerging-market bonds as we like their attractive risk-return profile, a view we have held since late 2016.

Asset-backed securities (ABS) continued to offer attractive returns compared to corporate bonds for similar levels of credit risk. We added two open-ended funds; one is managed by TwentyFour Asset Management and provides a diversified exposure to European ABS markets, while the other is managed by Fair Oaks and primarily focused on medium-risk securities backed by portfolios of corporate loans.

In property, we initiated holdings in two new social housing companies, Civitas Social Housing and Triple Point Social Housing, which offer high single-digit, secure, inflation-linked returns with little exposure to the value of the underlying properties. We also added positions in Warehouse REIT and Aberdeen Standard European Logistics Income (ASLI); both will invest in diversified portfolios of commercial real estate, with Warehouse REIT focusing on the UK and ASLI on Europe.

Our infrastructure weighting increased as we topped up several companies on valuation grounds.

In insurance-linked securities, we added to our holding in CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities Fund through an issue of additional shares. Following insurance losses from recent natural catastrophes, significantly higher premiums are now on offer and potential returns look particularly attractive.

Within special opportunities, we increased our exposure to aircraft leasing and asset financing.

Outlook

A "Goldilocks" global economic outlook of decent growth, subdued inflation and cautious central bank tightening has been positive for most asset classes and has kept volatility low. It has also become widespread market consensus.

In many ways, this is quite a peculiar shift. Above-trend growth, weak price pressures and little in the way of monetary policy tightening were reasonable expectations when there was spare capacity in the global economy. However, after years of above-trend growth, the unemployment rate across G7 as a whole has fallen below levels consistent with full employment. The aggregate measure masks some regional differences but it suggests we are shifting out of the post-crisis regime.

When output gaps are closed, supply becomes the constraint on growth. Central banks will try to stop growth from rising above its potential as this causes a pick-up in inflation. As such, the Goldilocks scenario has become much harder to sustain.

We believe that a well-diversified portfolio will mitigate the impact of the risks associated with this uncertain backdrop.

Diversified Multi-Asset Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- This Fund is ranked at 4 because funds of this type have experienced average 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.
- Derivatives: This Fund can use derivatives in order to meet its investment objective. The use of derivatives may result in greater fluctuations in the value of the Fund, and may increase the magnitude of any losses.
- Emerging Markets: Emerging markets or less developed countries may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries and this may mean your money is at greater risk.
- Exchange Rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- REITs: The Fund may invest in real estate investment trusts (REITs) which themselves invest directly in real estate. Under adverse market or economic conditions, such assets may become difficult to buy or sell or experience a drop in value.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

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A Accumulation Shares

Closing net asset value (£'000)

| Closing number of shares | 15,782,689 | 16,455,806 | 19,847,205 | 31,764,194 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 219.81 | 218.27 | 200.41 | 189.41 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.71% | 8.91% | 5.81% | 3.98% |
| Operating charges | 1.43% | 1.39% | 1.42% | 1.44% |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1,275 | 1,422 | 1,615 | 5,414 |
| Closing number of shares | 973,786 | 1,069,386 | 1,261,366 | 4,330,853 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 130.88 | 132.93 | 128.03 | 125.01 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.54%) | 3.83% | 2.42% | 0.73% |
| Operating charges | 1.43% | 1.39% | 1.42% | 1.44% |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 39,084 | 39,039 | 39,190 | 36,666 |
| Closing number of shares | 28,179,999 | 28,421,025 | 31,234,851 | 31,067,580 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 138.69 | 137.36 | 125.47 | 118.02 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.97% | 9.48% | 6.31% | 4.48% |
| Operating charges | 0.78% | 0.74% | 0.77% | 0.80% |

31 July 17

35,918

31 July 16

39,777

31 January 18

34,692

| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 26,661 | 25,039 | 10,863 | 11,909 |
| Closing number of shares | 23,258,441 | 21,563,241 | 9,776,999 | 11,040,895 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 114.63 | 116.12 | 111.11 | 107.86 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.28%) | 4.51% | 3.01% | 1.20% |
| Operating charges | 0.78% | 0.74% | 0.77% | 0.80% |
| | | | | |

| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 6,019 | 6,863 | 6,514 | 6,834 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,622,757 | 3,026,857 | 3,160,357 | 3,542,057 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 229.50 | 226.75 | 206.12 | 192.95 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.21% | 10.01% | 6.83% | 4.98% |
| Operating charges | 0.18% | 0.14% | 0.17% | 0.21% |

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

31 July 15

60,166

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|--|-------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | . % |
| Transferable securities and money market instrui 79.82% (2017: 79.44%) | ments admitted to an official exchange listing | or dealt on | another regulated i | narket |
| Equities 58.62% (2017: 61.21%) | | | | |
| Australia 0.34% (2017: 0.70%) | | | | |
| AGL Energy | | 4,327 | 58 | 0.05 |
| Ansell | | 3,276 | 47 | 0.04 |
| Fortescue Metals | | 29,387 | 83 | 0.08 |
| Macquarie Atlas Roads | | 12,114 | 39 | 0.04 |
| Medibank Private | | 29,015 | 55 | 0.05 |
| Metcash | | 24,482 | 44 | 0.04 |
| Platinum Asset Management | | 8,496 | 40 | 0.04 |
| | | | 366 | 0.34 |
| Austria 0.03% (2017: nil) | | | | |
| Telekom Austria | | 5,277 | 36 | 0.03 |
| Belgium 0.05% (2017: 0.24%) | | | | |
| Bpost | | 2,159 | 51 | 0.05 |
| Bermuda 0.99% (2017: 2.18%) | | | | |
| Blue Capital Global Reinsurance Fund | | 1,289,440 | 562 | 0.52 |
| Blue Capital Reinsurance | | 59,901 | 510 | 0.47 |
| | | | 1,072 | 0.99 |
| Brazil 0.22% (2017: 0.20%) | | | | |
| Banco BTG Pactual | | 10,200 | 49 | 0.05 |
| Cia de Gas de Sao Paulo 'A' (PREF) | | 3,530 | 47 | 0.05 |
| Itausa Investimentos Itau (PREF) | | 15,400 | 45 | 0.04 |
| Multiplus | | 5,800 | 45 | 0.04 |
| PPLA11 Participations | | 2,133 | 1 | - |
| Smiles Fidelidade | | 2,600 | 47 | 0.04 |
| | | | 234 | 0.22 |
| Canada 0.11% (2017: 0.12%) | | | | |
| CI Financial | | 4,520 | 76 | 0.07 |
| George Weston | | 662 | 41 | 0.04 |
| | | | 117 | 0.11 |
| China nil (2017: 0.16%) | | | | |
| Czech Republic 0.09% (2017: 0.14%) | | | | |
| MONETA Money Bank | | 16,780 | 49 | 0.05 |
| O2 Czech Republic | | 4,976 | 49 | 0.04 |
| 1 | | .,=.,= | 98 | 0.09 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|------------|----------|-----------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Denmark 0.25% (2017: 0.22%) | | | | | |
| H Lundbeck | | | 1,278 | 46 | 0.04 |
| Tryg | | | 2,514 | 43 | 0.04 |
| Vestas Wind Systems | | | 3,713 | 179 268 | 0.17 0.25 |
| Finland 0.23% (2017: 0.33%) | | | | | |
| UPM-Kymmene | | | 10,246 | 244 | 0.23 |
| France 0.14% (2017: 0.24%) | | | | | |
| Atos | | | 450 | 50 | 0.05 |
| Eutelsat Communications | | | 3,340 | 52 | 0.05 |
| Peugeot | | | 2,782 | 44 | 0.04 |
| | | | | 146 | 0.14 |
| Germany 0.42% (2017: 0.52%) | | | | | |
| Covestro | | | 2,753 | 222 | 0.20 |
| Deutsche Lufthansa | | | 4,156 | 105 | 0.10 |
| Hochtief | | | 435 | 56 | 0.05 |
| Uniper | | | 3,456 | 72 455 | 0.07 0.42 |
| Greece 0.04% (2017: 0.08%) | | | | | |
| Motor Oil (Hellas) | | | 2,533 | 45 | 0.04 |
| Guernsey 10.93% (2017: 11.94%) | | | | | |
| Bluefield Solar Income Fund∞ | | | 269,569 | 309 | 0.29 |
| Doric Nimrod Air Three | | | 296,541 | 286 | 0.27 |
| DP Aircraft | | | 764,006 | 559 | 0.52 |
| International Public Partnerships | | | 869,750 | 1,308 | 1.21 |
| John Laing Infrastructure Fund | | | 1,679,062 | 1,988 | 1.85 |
| NB Global Floating Rate Income Fund [∞] | | | 3,714,188 | 3,502 | 3.24 |
| NextEnergy Solar Fund [∞] | | | 993,751 | 1,128 | 1.05 |
| Renewables Infrastructure | | | 1,481,866 | 1,577 | 1.46 |
| SQN Asset Finance Income Fund | | | 940,187 | 846 | 0.79 |
| SQN Asset Finance Income Fund | | | 290,000 | 267 11,770 | 0.25 10.93 |
| | | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | |
| Hong Kong 1.06% (2017: 1.84%) | | | 0= 000 | | |
| CK Asset | | | 37,000 | 247 | 0.22 |
| CLP | | | 29,500 | 212 | 0.20 |
| i-Cable Communications | | | 15,898 | - | - |
| Jardine Strategic | | | 1,500 | 42 | 0.04 |
| Kerry Properties | | | 12,000 | 40 | 0.04 |

| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Li & Fung | Coupon (78) | Maturity | 130,000 | 47 | 0.04 |
| NWS | | | 30,000 | 41 | 0.04 |
| PCCW | | | 110,000 | 45 | 0.04 |
| Power Assets | | | 15,000 | 94 | 0.04 |
| Texwinca | | | 102,000 | 39 | 0.03 |
| Vtech | | | 4,100 | 40 | 0.04 |
| WH | | | 139,500 | 121 | 0.04 |
| Wharf | | | 15,000 | 43 | 0.11 |
| Wheelock | | | | 43 77 | 0.04 |
| | | | 14,000 | | |
| Yue Yuen Industrial | | | 16,000 | 51 1,139 | 0.05 1.06 |
| Hungary 0.10% (2017: 0.15%) | | | | | |
| Magyar Telekom | | | 33,926 | 45 | 0.04 |
| MOL Hungarian Oil & Gas | | | 7,114 | 61 | 0.04 |
| MOL Hungarian Oit & das | | | 7,114 | 106 | 0.10 |
| Ireland 0.24% (2017: 0.53%) | | | | | |
| Greencoat Renewables [∞] | | | 279,619 | 262 | 0.24 |
| | | | | | |
| Israel 0.09% (2017: 0.07%) | | | | | |
| Bezeq Israeli Telecommunication | | | 43,989 | 51 | 0.05 |
| Oil Refineries | | | 123,233 | 41 | 0.04 |
| | | | | 92 | 0.09 |
| Italy 0.10% (2017: 0.14%) | | | | | |
| Atlantia | | | 4,422 | 103 | 0.10 |
| Japan 3.03% (2017: 3.12%) | | | | | |
| Adastria Co | | | 2,600 | 39 | 0.04 |
| Astellas Pharma Inc | | | 5,100 | 47 | 0.04 |
| Brother Industries Ltd | | | 2,700 | 49 | 0.05 |
| Canon Inc | | | 10,500 | 294 | 0.27 |
| Canon Marketing Japan Inc | | | 2,400 | 46 | 0.04 |
| Capcom Co Ltd | | | 1,900 | 51 | 0.05 |
| Daikyo Inc | | | 3,000 | 45 | 0.04 |
| Daito Trust Construction Co | | | 600 | 74 | 0.07 |
| Fujitsu Ltd | | | 7,000 | 36 | 0.03 |
| GungHo Online Entertainment Inc∞ | | | 20,300 | 41 | 0.04 |
| Haseko Corp | | | 5,300 | 58 | 0.05 |
| Hitachi | | | 8,000 | 44 | 0.04 |
| ITOCHU Corporation | | | 23,800 | 327 | 0.31 |
| Kajima Corp | | | 17,000 | 118 | 0.11 |
| Kirin Holdings Co Ltd | | | 2,800 | 49 | 0.05 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|-----------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Konami Holdings Corp | | | 1,400 | 56 | 0.05 |
| K'S Holdings Corporation | | | 2,000 | 39 | 0.04 |
| Leopalace 21 Corp | | | 7,700 | 45 | 0.04 |
| Maeda Road Construction Co | | | 3,000 | 47 | 0.04 |
| Marubeni Corp | | | 27,800 | 147 | 0.14 |
| Matsumotokiyoshi Holdings Co | | | 1,400 | 40 | 0.04 |
| Megmilk Snow Brand Co | | | 2,200 | 44 | 0.04 |
| Miraca Holdings | | | 1,300 | 42 | 0.04 |
| Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings Corp | | | 6,600 | 50 | 0.05 |
| Mitsubishi Gas Chemical | | | 3,200 | 63 | 0.06 |
| Mitsubishi Shokuhin Co | | | 2,100 | 44 | 0.04 |
| Mitsui & Co | | | 25,700 | 317 | 0.30 |
| Mitsui Chemicals | | | 2,300 | 51 | 0.05 |
| NEC Corp | | | 2,600 | 55 | 0.05 |
| Nichirei Corp | | | 2,300 | 43 | 0.04 |
| Nippo Corp | | | 3,000 | 48 | 0.04 |
| NTT | | | 4,300 | 144 | 0.13 |
| Obayashi Corp | | | 11,800 | 100 | 0.09 |
| SCREEN Holdings Co | | | 700 | 43 | 0.04 |
| Shimizu Corp | | | 6,400 | 46 | 0.04 |
| Sumitomo Corp | | | 21,700 | 263 | 0.24 |
| Taisei Corp | | | 3,700 | 132 | 0.12 |
| Tosoh Corp | | | 2,900 | 47 | 0.04 |
| Toyota Boshoku Corp | | | 2,900 | 44 | 0.04 |
| , i | | | , | 3,268 | 3.03 |
| Luxembourg 0.23% (2017: 1.25%) | | | | | |
| BBGI SICAV | | | 181,195 | 248 | 0.23 |
| Malaysia 0.03% (2017: 0.30%) | | | | | |
| Berjaya Sports Toto | | | 80,300 | 33 | 0.03 |
| Mexico 0.12% (2017: 0.06%) | | | | | |
| Concentradora Fibra Danhos (REIT) | | | 35,300 | 41 | 0.04 |
| Gentera | | | 61,800 | 39 | 0.04 |
| Nemak | | | 77,500 | 46 | 0.04 |
| | | | | 126 | 0.12 |
| Netherlands 0.30% (2017: 0.39%) | | | | | |
| Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize∞ | | | 17,266 | 271 | 0.25 |
| Philips Lighting | | | 1,783 | 50 | 0.05 |
| | | | | 321 | 0.30 |

| | | | | Total Net |
|---|-------------|-------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Nominal/ Maturity Quantity | | Assets % |
| New Zealand 0.04% (2017: 0.07%) | Coupon (78) | Maturity Quartity | 1 000 | 70 |
| Air New Zealand | | 27,639 | 43 | 0.04 |
| | | | | |
| Norway 0.13% (2017: 0.12%) | | | | |
| Marine Harvest | | 6,122 | 75 | 0.07 |
| Orkla | | 8,433 | 62 | 0.06 |
| | | | 137 | 0.13 |
| Poland 0.04% (2017: 0.06%) | | | | |
| Asseco Poland | | 4,884 | 48 | 0.04 |
| Assect Folding | | | | 0.04 |
| Singapore 0.18% (2017: 0.33%) | | | | |
| BOC Aviation | | 12,100 | 50 | 0.05 |
| НРН | | 142,200 | 41 | 0.04 |
| M1 | | 39,200 | 39 | 0.04 |
| Venture | | 5,500 | 68 | 0.05 |
| | | | 198 | 0.18 |
| South Africa 0.050/ (2017.0.150/) | | | | |
| South Africa 0.05% (2017: 0.15%) Kumba Iron Ore | | 2,306 | 49 | 0.05 |
| Kurriba iron Ore | | 2,300 | 49 | 0.05 |
| South Korea 0.37% (2017: 0.85%) | | | | |
| Hyundai Mobis | | 357 | 58 | 0.05 |
| Kia Motors | | 5,103 | 117 | 0.12 |
| LG Uplus | | 4,404 | | 0.04 |
| Nongshim | | 199 | 42 | 0.04 |
| Samsung Electronics | | 36 | 59 | 0.05 |
| SK Telecom | | 445 | 78 | 0.07 |
| | | | 395 | 0.37 |
| 5 0 450/ (2047, 0 700/) | | | | |
| Spain 0.45% (2017: 0.70%) | | 1,206 | 185 | 0.18 |
| Aena Corporacion Financiera Alba | | 1,206 | | 0.18 |
| Endesa | | 5,214 | | 0.04 |
| Iberdrola | | 28,207 | | 0.08 |
| Iberdrola (Stock Div 25/01/2018) | | 28,198 | | 0.15 |
| iberarota (stock Div Esto It Eo 10) | | 20,130 | 480 | 0.45 |
| | | | | |
| Sweden 0.12% (2017: 0.20%) | | | | |
| Electrolux 'B' | | 1,951 | | 0.05 |
| Industrivarden 'C' | | 4,289 | | 0.07 |
| | | | 129 | 0.12 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|------------|----------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Security (2017 0.524) | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Switzerland 0.31% (2017: 0.62%) | | | | | |
| Partners | | | 334 | 182 | 0.17 |
| Sika | | | 9 | 55 | 0.05 |
| Swiss Re | | | 1,419 | 99 336 | 0.09 0.31 |
| Taiwan 0.53% (2017: 1.08%) | | | | | |
| AU Optronics | | | 168,000 | 56 | 0.05 |
| Cathay Real Estate Development | | | 109,000 | 43 | 0.04 |
| China Motor | | | 68,000 | 44 | 0.04 |
| Epistar | | | 33,000 | 41 | 0.04 |
| Feng Hsin Iron & Steel | | | 31,000 | 45 | 0.04 |
| FIT Hon Teng | | | 84,000 | 37 | 0.03 |
| Formosa Petrochemical | | | 18,000 | 54 | 0.05 |
| Innolux | | | 160,000 | 53 | 0.05 |
| Lite-On Technology | | | 45,000 | 46 | 0.04 |
| Oriental Union Chemical | | | 50,000 | 36 | 0.03 |
| Uni-President Enterprises | | | 44,000 | 75 | 0.08 |
| Yulon Nissan Motor | | | 6,000 | 38 | 0.04 |
| | | | | 568 | 0.53 |
| Thailand 0.27% (2017: 0.40%) | | | | | |
| Electricity Generating (Alien) | | | 9,000 | 44 | 0.04 |
| Glow Energy (Alien) | | | 23,000 | 44 | 0.04 |
| Intouch (Alien) | | | 39,700 | 52 | 0.05 |
| Krung Thai Bank (Alien) | | | 122,500 | 55 | 0.05 |
| Ratchaburi Electricity Generating (Alien) | | | 36,300 | 45 | 0.04 |
| Thai Oil (Alien) | | | 22,000 | 50 | 0.05 |
| , , | | | | 290 | 0.27 |
| Turkey 0.08% (2017: 0.21%) | | | | | |
| Aygaz | | | 15,169 | 45 | 0.04 |
| TAV Havalimanlari | | | 10,623 | 44 | 0.04 |
| | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 89 | 0.08 |
| United Kingdom 25.40% (2017: 20.33%) | | | | | |
| Aberdeen Diversified Income and Growth Trust | | | 2,523,498 | 3,067 | 2.84 |
| Aberdeen Standard European Logistics Income† | | | 805,000 | 851 | 0.79 |
| Barratt Developments | | | 10,898 | 64 | 0.06 |
| Bellway | | | 1,552 | 52 | 0.05 |
| Berkeley | | | 1,595 | 63 | 0.06 |
| BioPharma Credit [∞] | | | 1,387,848 | 1,005 | 0.93 |
| Blackstone GSO Loan Financing | | | 600,000 | 499 | 0.46 |

| | - 40 | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|------------|----------|---|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Centrica | | | 101,305 | 135 | 0.13 |
| Civitas Social Housing (REIT) | | | 540,000 | 556 | 0.52 |
| Direct Line Insurance | | | 20,928 | 77 | 0.07 |
| Doric Nimrod Air Two (PREF) | | | 469,403 | 986 | 0.92 |
| Fair Oaks Income Fund | | | 1,656,101 | 1,176 | 1.09 |
| Foresight Solar Fund | | | 1,723,782 | 1,844 | 1.71 |
| Funding Circle SME Income Fund [∞] | | | 783,560 | 831 | 0.77 |
| GCP Asset Backed Income Fund | | | 614,605 | 627 | 0.58 |
| GCP Student Living | | | 942,797 | 1,344 | 1.25 |
| Greencoat UK Wind | | | 927,255 | 1,116 | 1.04 |
| HICL Infrastructure | | | 1,472,574 | 2,182 | 2.01 |
| International Consolidated Airlines | | | 8,098 | 52 | 0.05 |
| Janus Henderson | | | 3,435 | 95 | 0.09 |
| John Laing | | | 558,952 | 1,587 | 1.47 |
| John Laing Environmental [∞] | | | 971,802 | 1,035 | 0.96 |
| PRS (REIT) | | | 813,251 | 838 | 0.78 |
| P2P Global Investments | | | 257,543 | 2,125 | 1.97 |
| Residential Secure Income (REIT) | | | 816,000 | 832 | 0.77 |
| Rio Tinto | | | 8,677 | 340 | 0.32 |
| Royal Mail | | | 17,239 | 81 | 0.08 |
| Tate & Lyle | | | 8,934 | 57 | 0.05 |
| Taylor Wimpey | | | 56,919 | 108 | 0.10 |
| Triple Point Social Housing (REIT) | | | 891,098 | 927 | 0.86 |
| UK Mortgages [∞] | | | 149,609 | 135 | 0.12 |
| Warehouse (REIT) | | | 447,352 | 463 | 0.43 |
| 3i | | | 5,937 | 55 | 0.05 |
| 3i Infrastructure | | | 1,080,000 | 2,171 | 2.02 |
| | | | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | 27,376 | 25.40 |
| United States 11.51% (2017: 11.17%) | | | | | |
| Aetna | | | 410 | 54 | 0.05 |
| AGNC Investment (REIT) | | | 6,831 | 90 | 0.08 |
| Allstate | | | 787 | 55 | 0.05 |
| Ally Financial | | | 3,008 | 63 | 0.06 |
| Annaly Capital Management (REIT) | | | 20,656 | 153 | 0.14 |
| Anthem | | | 1,801 | 315 | 0.29 |
| AT&T | | | 3,933 | 104 | 0.10 |
| Axis Capital | | | 1,518 | 54 | 0.05 |
| Bed Bath & Beyond | | | 2,989 | 49 | 0.05 |
| Best Buy | | | 4,904 | 252 | 0.03 |
| CA | | | 5,693 | 143 | 0.13 |
| CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities Fund | | | 2,810,098 | 1,561 | 1.45 |
| CATCO Reinsurance Opportunities Fund 'C' | | | 3,960,000 | 2,813 | 2.60 |
| CATCO Remisurance Opportunities runo C | | | 3,300,000 | ۷,0۱۵ | 2.00 |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|------------------------------|------------|----------|----------|--------------|-----------|
| | - 4 | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Centene | | | 803 | 61 | 0.06 |
| Cigna | | | 378 | 55 | 0.05 |
| Cincinnati Financial | | | 1,138 | 62 | 0.06 |
| Cisco Systems | | | 7,340 | 215 | 0.20 |
| CME | | | 451 | 49 | 0.05 |
| CNA Financial | | | 1,105 | 42 | 0.04 |
| Consolidated Edison | | | 4,817 | 272 | 0.25 |
| CVS Health | | | 5,357 | 296 | 0.28 |
| DXC Technology | | | 536 | 38 | 0.03 |
| Edison International | | | 2,656 | 117 | 0.11 |
| Everest Re | | | 727 | 117 | 0.11 |
| Express Scripts | | | 1,045 | 58 | 0.05 |
| FirstEnergy | | | 3,984 | 92 | 0.09 |
| Foot Locker | | | 2,278 | 79 | 0.07 |
| Ford Motor [∞] | | | 26,418 | 204 | 0.19 |
| Gilead Sciences | | | 1,445 | 85 | 0.08 |
| HCP (REIT) | | | 4,291 | 73 | 0.07 |
| HP | | | 15,487 | 254 | 0.24 |
| H&R Block | | | 3,722 | 69 | 0.06 |
| Humana | | | 1,553 | 308 | 0.29 |
| Jabil Circuit | | | 2,376 | 42 | 0.04 |
| J.M. Smucker | | | 2,257 | 201 | 0.19 |
| Juniper Networks | | | 2,455 | 45 | 0.04 |
| KLA-Tencor | | | 3,088 | 238 | 0.22 |
| Kohl's | | | 2,543 | 116 | 0.11 |
| Kroger | | | 3,119 | 67 | 0.06 |
| Lam Research | | | 1,055 | 142 | 0.13 |
| Macy's | | | 5,419 | 99 | 0.09 |
| Maxim Integrated Products | | | 1,361 | 58 | 0.05 |
| Mckesson | | | 406 | 48 | 0.04 |
| Motorola Solutions | | | 741 | 52 | 0.05 |
| NetApp | | | 5,461 | 236 | 0.22 |
| Park Hotels & Resorts (REIT) | | | 2,488 | 51 | 0.05 |
| PG&E | | | 9,255 | 276 | 0.26 |
| Robert Half International | | | 1,310 | 53 | 0.05 |
| Ross Stores | | | 1,019 | 59 | 0.05 |
| SCANA | | | 2,271 | 65 | 0.06 |
| Seagate Technology | | | 3,426 | 133 | 0.12 |
| Signet Jewelers | | | 1,218 | 45 | 0.04 |
| Skyworks Solutions | | | 599 | 41 | 0.04 |
| S&P Global | | | 427 | 54 | 0.05 |
| Sysco | | | 3,379 | 149 | 0.14 |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|--|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| T. Rowe Price | | | 3,530 | 277 | 0.26 |
| Target | | | 5,230 | 277 | 0.26 |
| Texas Instruments | | | 2,721 | 210 | 0.19 |
| UnitedHealth | | | 986 | 164 | 0.15 |
| Valero Energy | | | 4,857 | 328 | 0.30 |
| VMware | | | 605 | 53 | 0.05 |
| Walgreens Boots Alliance | | | 729 | 39 | 0.04 |
| Waste Management | | | 2,337 | 145 | 0.13 |
| Western Digital | | | 807 | 50 | 0.05 |
| Xerox | | | 4,157 | 100 | 0.09 |
| Yum China | | | 7,570 | 247 | 0.23 |
| | | | | 12,412 | 11.51 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Equities | | | | 63,150 | 58.62 |
| D. J. D. 200/ (2017 10 200/) | | | | | |
| Bonds 21.20% (2017: 18.23%) | | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds 0.14% (2017: 1.04%) | | | | | |
| Mexico 0.14% (2017: 0.64%) | | | | | |
| Petroleos Mexicanos | 7.1900 | 12/09/24 | 4,522,700 | 153 | 0.14 |
| United States nil (2017: 0.40%) | | | | | |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 153 | 0.14 |
| Community Day 1- 21 000/ (2017, 17 100/) | | | | | |
| Government Bonds 21.06% (2017: 17.19%) | | | | | |
| Argentina nil (2017: 0.29%) | | | | | |
| Brazil 2.56% (2017: 2.45%) | | | | | |
| Brazil (Federal Republic of) | 10.0000 | 01/01/25 | 7,610,000 | 1,725 | 1.61 |
| Brazil (Federal Republic of) | 10.0000 | 01/01/21 | 1,930,000 | 443 | 0.41 |
| Brazil (Federal Republic of) | 10.0000 | 01/01/27 | 1,880,000 | 424 | 0.39 |
| Brazil (Federal Republic of) | 10.0000 | 01/01/29 | 710,000 | 159 | 0.15 |
| J. a.z.iv (i. cool at 110 paolito 61) | | 0 17 0 17 25 | | 2,751 | 2.56 |
| | - | | | _,, | |
| Chile 0.59% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Chile (Republic of) | 4.5000 | 01/03/26 | 540,000,000 | 631 | 0.59 |
| Colombia nil (2017: 1.12%) | | | | | |
| Egypt 0.22% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Egypt (Republic of) | - | 29/05/18 | 6,275,000 | 236 | 0.22 |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|---|------------|----------|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Ghana nil (2017: 0.16%) | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| India 3.60% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Gujarat (State of) | 7.2000 | 14/06/27 | 360,000,000 | 3,872 | 3.60 |
| Indonesia 2.53% (2017: 2.28%) | | | | | |
| Indonesia (Republic of) | 9.0000 | 15/03/29 | 28,000,000,000 | 1,745 | 1.61 |
| Indonesia (Republic of) | 8.3750 | 15/03/34 | 6,173,000,000 | 363 | 0.34 |
| Indonesia (Republic of) | 7.8750 | | 5,020,000,000 | 272 | 0.25 |
| Indonesia (Republic of) | 9.0000 | 15/09/18 | 4,332,000,000 | 233 | 0.22 |
| Indonesia (Republic of) | 8.2500 | 15/05/36 | 1,759,000,000 | 103 | 0.10 |
| Indonesia (Republic of) | 7.0000 | 15/05/22 | 233,000,000 | 13 | 0.01 |
| | | | | 2,729 | 2.53 |
| | | | | | |
| Malaysia 1.27% (2017: 1.24%) | | | | | |
| Malaysia (Government of) | 4.0480 | 30/09/21 | 4,050,000 | 740 | 0.69 |
| Malaysia (Government of) | 4.4980 | 15/04/30 | 2,030,000 | 367 | 0.34 |
| Malaysia (Government of) | 4.3780 | 29/11/19 | 1,400,000 | 257 | 0.24 |
| | | | | 1,364 | 1.27 |
| Mexico 1.88% (2017: 1.41%) | | | | | |
| Mexico (Government of) | 6.5000 | 09/06/22 | 22,331,000 | 813 | 0.75 |
| Mexico (Government of) | 10.0000 | 05/12/24 | 16,672,600 | 714 | 0.66 |
| Mexico (Government of) | 7.7500 | 13/11/42 | 8,760,000 | 329 | 0.31 |
| Mexico (Government of) | 8.0000 | 11/06/20 | 4,480,000 | 171 | 0.16 |
| · · | | | | 2,027 | 1.88 |
| D 0.048/ (2017. 0.528/) | | | | | |
| Peru 0.91% (2017: 0.53%) Peru (Republic of) | 6.9500 | 12/08/31 | 2,246,000 | 584 | 0.55 |
| Peru (Republic of) | 6.9500 | 12/08/31 | 1,622,000 | 392 | 0.36 |
| гети (керивност) | 0.1300 | 12/00/32 | 1,022,000 | 976 | 0.30 |
| | | | | 370 | 0.51 |
| Poland 2.06% (2017: 1.86%) | | | | | |
| Poland (Republic of) | 1.5000 | 25/04/20 | 5,800,000 | 1,217 | 1.13 |
| Poland (Republic of) | 5.7500 | 25/10/21 | 3,200,000 | 757 | 0.70 |
| Poland (Republic of) | 5.7500 | 25/04/29 | 750,000 | 194 | 0.18 |
| Poland (Republic of) | 2.5000 | 25/07/27 | 280,000 | 55 | 0.05 |
| | | | | 2,223 | 2.06 |
| Russian Federation 1.85% (2017: 1.59%) | | | | | |
| Russia (Federation of) | 7.0500 | 19/01/28 | 138,100,000 | 1,717 | 1.59 |
| Russia (Federation of) | 7.5000 | 27/02/19 | 22,260,000 | 281 | 0.26 |
| rassia (redefation of) | 1.5000 | LITULITY | 22,200,000 | 1,998 | 1.85 |

| Committee | C (0/) | Makanita | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Security South Africa 1.76% (2017: 1.81%) | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| South Africa (Republic of) | 10.5000 | 21/12/26 | 28,530,000 | 1,901 | 1.76 |
| South Africa (Republic Of) | 10.3000 | 21/12/20 | 28,330,000 | 1,501 | 1.70 |
| Turkey 1.38% (2017: 2.07%) | | | | | |
| Turkey (Republic of) | 10.7000 | 17/02/21 | 5,650,000 | 1,017 | 0.94 |
| Turkey (Republic of) | 10.6000 | 11/02/26 | 2,640,000 | 472 | 0.44 |
| | | | | 1,489 | 1.38 |
| | | | | | |
| Uruguay 0.45% (2017: 0.38%) | | | | | |
| Uruguay (Republic of) | 9.8750 | 20/06/22 | 11,600,000 | 297 | 0.27 |
| Uruguay (Republic of) | 4.3750 | 15/12/28 | 4,286,000 | 190 | 0.18 |
| | | | | 487 | 0.45 |
| Total Government Bonds | | | | 22.694 | 21.06 |
| Total Government Bonds | | | | 22,684 | 21.00 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 22,837 | 21.20 |
| Other transferable securities and money market instrum Equities 4.63% (2017: 2.31%) United States 4.63% (2017: 2.31%) | nents 7.22% (2017 | ': 4.65%) | | | |
| Goldman Sachs Structured Certificate 5846 10/04/2018 | | | 7,057 | 4,988 | 4.63 |
| Total Equities | | | | 4,988 | 4.63 |
| Bonds 2.59% (2017: 2.34%) Corporate Bonds nil (2017: 2.34%) United States nil (2017: 2.34%) | | | | | |
| Covernment Ronds 2 59% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Government Bonds 2.59% (2017: nil) Argentina 0.51% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Argentina 0.51% (2017: nil) | FRN | 21/06/20 | 13,890,924 | 546 | 0.51 |
| Argentina 0.51% (2017: nil) | FRN | 21/06/20 | 13,890,924 | 546 | 0.51 |
| Argentina 0.51% (2017: nil) Argentina (Republic of) | FRN | 21/06/20 | 13,890,924 | 546 | 0.51 |
| Argentina 0.51% (2017: nil) Argentina (Republic of) | FRN 7.5000 | | 13,890,924 | 546 653 | 0.51 0.60 |
| Argentina 0.51% (2017: nil) Argentina (Republic of) Colombia 1.22% (2017: nil) | | 26/08/26 | | | |
| Argentina 0.51% (2017: nil) Argentina (Republic of) Colombia 1.22% (2017: nil) Colombia (Republic of) | 7.5000 | 26/08/26 | 2,460,000,000 | 653 | 0.60 |
| Argentina 0.51% (2017: nil) Argentina (Republic of) Colombia 1.22% (2017: nil) Colombia (Republic of) Colombia (Republic of) | 7.5000 7.0000 | 26/08/26 30/06/32 | 2,460,000,000 2,270,000,000 | 653 571 | 0.60 0.53 |
| Argentina 0.51% (2017: nil) Argentina (Republic of) Colombia 1.22% (2017: nil) Colombia (Republic of) Colombia (Republic of) Colombia (Republic of) | 7.5000 7.0000 | 26/08/26 30/06/32 | 2,460,000,000 2,270,000,000 | 653 571 94 | 0.60 0.53 0.09 |
| Argentina 0.51% (2017: nil) Argentina (Republic of) Colombia 1.22% (2017: nil) Colombia (Republic of) Colombia (Republic of) | 7.5000 7.0000 | 26/08/26 30/06/32 | 2,460,000,000 2,270,000,000 | 653 571 94 | 0.60 0.53 0.09 |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|--|-------------|----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Ghana 0.40% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Ghana (Republic of) | 24.7500 | 19/07/21 | 2,190,000 | 427 | 0.40 |
| Total Government Bonds | | | | 2,789 | 2.59 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 2,789 | 2.59 |
| Total Other transferable securities and money market | instruments | | | 7,777 | 7.22 |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 8.89% (2017: 8.82%) | | | | | |
| Alpha UCITS SICAV Fair Oaks Dynamic Credit Fund | | | 3,250 | 3,281 | 3.04 |
| MI TwentyFour Asset Backed Opportunities Fund | | | 2,903,490 | 3,066 | 2.85 |
| Prytania Diversified Asset-Backed Securities Fund | | | 31,084 | 3,232 | 3.00 |
| • | | | | 9,579 | 8.89 |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | | | 9,579 | 8.89 |

Derivatives 1.55% (2017: (0.01%))

Future contracts 0.09% (2017: 0.01%)

| | | | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Future | Maturity | Notional | £'000 | % |
| CME S&P 500 E-mini | 16/03/18 | 14 | 90 | 0.09 |
| EUX Euro STOXX50 | 16/03/18 | 13 | 3 | - |
| ICE FTSE 100 | 16/03/18 | 6 | 5 | - |
| Unrealised gains on future contracts | | | 98 | 0.09 |

Forward currency exchange contracts 1.46% (2017: (0.02%))

| | | | | | | Unrealised | Total Net |
|----------------|-----|------|------------|------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| | | | | | | Gains/(Losses) | Assets |
| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | JPY | GBP | 06/03/18 | 25,726,000 | 171,468 | (6) | (0.01) |
| Citigroup | GBP | AUD | 06/03/18 | 11,921,981 | 21,225,000 | (149) | (0.14) |
| Citigroup | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 138,068 | 197,000 | - | - |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | EUR | 06/03/18 | 9,411,250 | 10,627,000 | 95 | 0.09 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 5,085,400 | 7,057,000 | 128 | 0.12 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | EUR | 06/03/18 | 760,034 | 872,000 | (4) | - |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | JPY | 06/03/18 | 61,620 | 9,567,000 | - | - |
| Deutsche Bank | USD | GBP | 06/03/18 | 793,000 | 591,266 | (34) | (0.03) |
| Goldman Sachs | GBP | JPY | 06/03/18 | 9,159,885 | 1,372,628,000 | 313 | 0.29 |
| HSBC | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 11,213,760 | 15,100,000 | 606 | 0.56 |
| HSBC | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 132,185 | 177,000 | 8 | 0.01 |
| JPM Chase | EUR | GBP | 06/03/18 | 149,000 | 131,789 | (1) | - |
| JPM Chase | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 11,213,451 | 15,100,000 | 607 | 0.56 |
| JPM Chase | GBP | JPY | 06/03/18 | 265,950 | 40,223,000 | 7 | 0.01 |
| Morgan Stanley | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 2,639,034 | 3,560,000 | 138 | 0.13 |

| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---------|------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Morgan Stanley | USD | GBP | 06/03/18 | 730,000 | 541,150 | (28) | (0.03) |
| Royal Bank of Canada | USD | GBP | 06/03/18 | 7,112,000 | 5,145,249 | (150) | (0.14) |
| UBS | EUR | GBP | 06/03/18 | 146,000 | 128,825 | (1) | - |
| UBS | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 837,088 | 1,129,000 | 44 | 0.04 |
| Unrealised gains on forward currenc | y exchange | contrac | ts | | | 1,573 | 1.46 |
| Unrealised gains on derivatives | | | | | | 1,671 | 1.55 |
| Total investments* | | | | | | 105,014 | 97.48 |
| Other net assets | | | | | | 2,717 | 2.52 |
| Total net assets | | | | | | 107,731 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.

Including derivative liabilities.

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 2,606 | 2.48 | 2.42 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| Intesa Sanpaolo | 92 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Eni | 90 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Assicurazioni Generali | 86 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Mizuho Financial | 85 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Societe Generale | 63 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Anheuser-Busch InBev | 57 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Astellas Pharmaceutical | 56 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Roche | 55 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Air Liquide | 54 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| L'Oreal | 54 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| | | | | |
| Other Equity | 2,182 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Government Bond | 92 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 2,966 | | | |

| | | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Market value of | segregated |
| | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 2,966 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| AUD | 74 |
| CHF | 79 |
| EUR | 1,381 |
| GBP | 236 |
| JPY | 799 |
| SEK | 14 |
| USD | 383 |
| Total collateral received | 2,966 |

| Counterparties per type of SFT | | Market value of securities lending £'000 | Countries of counterparty establishment | Settlement and clearing |
|---|-------------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| BNP Paribas | | 1,623 | France | Tri-party |
| JPM Chase | | 605 | United States | Tri-party |
| ABN Amro | | 303 | Netherlands | Tri-party |
| Morgan Stanley | | 38 | United States | Tri-party |
| Citigroup | | 37 | United States | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | | 2,606 | | |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 5 | 87 | 2,874 | 2,966 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | <u>-</u> | - | - | |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | 2,606 | 2,606 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be recall | ed on demand. | | | |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collatera | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 30 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent co | sts) | | (6) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser opera | ational costs) | | - | _ |
| Total costs | | | (6) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 24 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital (losses)/gains | | (899) | | 1,447 |
| Revenue | 2,597 | | 2,334 | |
| Expenses | (491) | | (447) | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 2,106 | | 1,887 | |
| Taxation | (245) | | (193) | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 1,861 | | 1,694 |
| | | | | |
| Total return before distributions | | 962 | | 3,141 |
| | | | | |
| Distributions | | (2,434) | | (2,135) |
| | | | | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | (1,472) | | 1,006 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 108,281 | | 97,959 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 6,095 | | 1,701 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (6,992) | | (11,328) | |
| | | (897) | | (9,627) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | , . | | |
| investment activities | | (1,472) | | 1,006 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 1,819 | | 1,801 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 107,731 | | 91,139 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 105,387 | 101,627 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 1,525 | 1,070 |
| Cash and bank balances | 4,134 | 8,722 |
| Total assets | 111,046 | 111,419 |
| Liabilities: Investment liabilities | 373 | 1,036 |
| Provision for liabilities | 27 | 6 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers | 98 | 16 |
| Other creditors | 2,712 | 1,942 |
| Distribution payable | 105 | 138 |
| Total liabilities | 3,315 | 3,138 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 107,731 | 108,281 |

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Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

First Interim dividend distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 August 2017

| | | | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/09/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.82334 | - | 0.82334 |
| Group 2 | 0.70554 | 0.11780 | 0.82334 |
| A Income Shares | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.50143 | - | 0.50143 |
| Group 2 | 0.26405 | 0.23738 | 0.50143 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.51835 | - | 0.51835 |
| Group 2 | 0.23651 | 0.28184 | 0.51835 |
| I Income Shares | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.43821 | - | 0.43821 |
| Group 2 | 0.19501 | 0.24320 | 0.43821 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.85605 | - | 0.85605 |
| Group 2 | 0.55839 | 0.29766 | 0.85605 |

Second Interim dividend distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 September 2017 to 30 September 2017

| | | | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 31/10/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.82090 | - | 0.82090 |
| Group 2 | 0.51310 | 0.30780 | 0.82090 |
| A Income Shares | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.49806 | - | 0.49806 |
| Group 2 | 0.30953 | 0.18853 | 0.49806 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.51704 | - | 0.51704 |
| Group 2 | 0.27714 | 0.23990 | 0.51704 |
| I Income Shares | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.43544 | - | 0.43544 |
| Group 2 | 0.19900 | 0.23644 | 0.43544 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.85418 | - | 0.85418 |
| Group 2 | 0.67213 | 0.18205 | 0.85418 |

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Third Interim dividend distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 October 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 October 2017 to 31 October 2017

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/11/17 | 30/11/16 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.81977 | - | 0.81977 | 2.29849 |
| Group 2 | 0.41548 | 0.40429 | 0.81977 | 2.29849 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.49551 | - | 0.49551 | 1.46831 |
| Group 2 | 0.29599 | 0.19952 | 0.49551 | 1.46831 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.51656 | - | 0.51656 | 1.44085 |
| Group 2 | 0.22632 | 0.29024 | 0.51656 | 1.44085 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.43340 | - | 0.43340 | 1.27588 |
| Group 2 | 0.23078 | 0.20262 | 0.43340 | 1.27588 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.85375 | - | 0.85375 | 2.36993 |
| Group 2 | 0.51933 | 0.33442 | 0.85375 | 2.36993 |

Fourth Interim dividend distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 November 2017 to 30 November 2017

| | Revenue | Equalisation | Distribution paid 31/12/17 | Distribution paid 31/12/16 |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| A Accumulation Shares | | • | | |
| Group 1 | 0.81978 | - | 0.81978 | 0.76208 |
| Group 2 | 0.41598 | 0.40380 | 0.81978 | 0.76208 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.49367 | - | 0.49367 | 0.48136 |
| Group 2 | 0.32200 | 0.17167 | 0.49367 | 0.48136 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.51680 | - | 0.51680 | 0.47793 |
| Group 2 | 0.26097 | 0.25583 | 0.51680 | 0.47793 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.43197 | - | 0.43197 | 0.41847 |
| Group 2 | 0.11948 | 0.31249 | 0.43197 | 0.41847 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.85447 | - | 0.85447 | 0.78643 |
| Group 2 | 0.73267 | 0.12180 | 0.85447 | 0.78643 |

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Fifth Interim dividend distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 December 2017 to 31 December 2017

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Davianica | Fauslisstian | 31/01/18 | • |
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 31/01/18 | 31/01/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.82864 | - | 0.82864 | 0.77672 |
| Group 2 | 0.66718 | 0.16146 | 0.82864 | 0.77672 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.49712 | - | 0.49712 | 0.48875 |
| Group 2 | 0.40162 | 0.09550 | 0.49712 | 0.48875 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.52259 | - | 0.52259 | 0.48731 |
| Group 2 | 0.43409 | 0.08850 | 0.52259 | 0.48731 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.43517 | - | 0.43517 | 0.42508 |
| Group 2 | 0.36738 | 0.06779 | 0.43517 | 0.42508 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.86438 | - | 0.86438 | 0.80219 |
| Group 2 | 0.57149 | 0.29289 | 0.86438 | 0.80219 |

Sixth Interim dividend distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 January 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 January 2018 to 31 January 2018

| | Revenue | Equalisation | Distribution paid 28/02/18 | Distribution paid 28/02/17 |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| A Accumulation Shares | | • | | |
| Group 1 | 0.82594 | - | 0.82594 | 0.77750 |
| Group 2 | 0.63744 | 0.18850 | 0.82594 | 0.77750 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.49363 | - | 0.49363 | 0.48740 |
| Group 2 | 0.49363 | - | 0.49363 | 0.48740 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.52114 | - | 0.52114 | 0.48802 |
| Group 2 | 0.36116 | 0.15998 | 0.52114 | 0.48802 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.43234 | - | 0.43234 | 0.42411 |
| Group 2 | 0.33476 | 0.09758 | 0.43234 | 0.42411 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.86235 | - | 0.86235 | 0.80369 |
| Group 2 | 0.86016 | 0.00219 | 0.86235 | 0.80369 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

To achieve long term capital growth primarily in companies of developing European countries, although the Fund may also invest in companies of other European countries. The Fund may invest in investment trusts and collective investments schemes which themselves concentrate on investments in such countries, as well as securities of companies which, whilst listed on established stock exchanges worldwide, conduct a significant proportion of their business in these countries. The ACD's policy is not to generally employ derivatives in equity portfolios, although the Fund may use derivatives for efficient portfolio management and hedging.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Eastern European Equity Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 5% compared to an increase of 12.41% in the benchmark, the MSCI EM Europe 10/40 Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP

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Market review

Emerging European equity markets posted significant gains over the review period, driven by the global market rally and the strengthening Eurozone recovery. Russia led gains, benefiting from higher energy prices and an improving economy. After two years of recession caused by low oil prices and Western sanctions imposed on the annexation of Ukraine, domestic GDP growth is projected to grow by 1.8% for the year. Meanwhile, subdued inflation enabled the central bank to cut its key rate to 7.5% at the time of writing; further cuts could be in the offing as annual inflation – once at double-digit levels – slipped below the target rate of 4%.

Central European markets were equally buoyant, while the economic momentum continued. Notably, the pace of growth in the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland exceeded their counterparts in Western Europe, while high employment boosted consumer confidence and domestic demand. A surge in Polish investment in the fourth quarter of 2017 also suggested that the country's political dispute with the European Union may have had little impact on the economy.

Turkey, on the other hand, underperformed most of its regional peers despite upbeat economic data. Full-year GDP rose by about 7%, while consumer confidence rose to an eight-month high in January.

However, sentiment was hurt by higher inflation, deteriorating US relations, and concerns over central bank independence after it came under renewed criticism from President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Portfolio review

The Fund posted a decent performance in absolute terms over the review period, although it lagged the benchmark's return. The underperformance was mainly because of negative stock selection, given the Fund's positioning in higher-quality names with exposure to domestic consumption, and the positioning in energy (oil and gas), where we maintain a lower than benchmark exposure.

A number of Russian companies that we do not hold, including oil producer Tatneft, metals miner Norilsk Nickel, and domestic gas monopoly Gazprom, all benefited from expectations that lower capital expenditure would support higher dividend payouts. Tatneft also re-rated as oil prices rose, as it offers the sector's highest production growth rate. While not holding these stocks detracted, most of our underperformance in Russia was attributable to Magnit, where we have a heavy exposure. The retailer's share price was hurt after it downgraded its earnings forecast, due to the costs of its store-refurbishment programme, and investments in vertical integration to ensure its supply of perishable foods is unaffected by the ban on European Union food imports. Its subsequent capital raising to strengthen the balance sheet was priced at a further 13% discount. We subscribed to the issue, given our confidence in its management strategy and the quality of its business, but continue to monitor the company's follow-through.

Turkey was another detractor. Our positioning hurt performance as the local benchmark underperformed the region. Meanwhile, bottler Coca-Cola Icecek fell despite healthy earnings, likely owing to profit-taking after a decent run. Cement company Cimsa Cimento also detracted, owing to a combination of company-specific issues, along with investors' fear of an economic slowdown, which proved overdone.

Mitigating the drag on performance were positive returns from Polish supermarket operator Dino Polska, which rose on its continued network growth and margin expansion, and Belarus-based software and consulting firms EPAM Systems, following good quarterly results and expectations that corporate spending on IT would recover. We trimmed Dino Polska after a robust run in its share price.

In other key portfolio activity, we initiated a position in Russian technology company Yandex, given the attractive prospects for its taxi business, jointly operated with Uber, and fast-growing e-commerce services. We also added to local holdings BGEO Group, Moscow Exchange and Luxoft for their improving outlooks

Elsewhere, we introduced Athens-based Sarantis Group, an Eastern Europe-focused household products and packaging goods distributor.

Against these, we exited Polish consumer goods distributor Eurocash, on evidence of stress in its "cash and carry" distribution model, stretched valuations and better alternatives among its peers. In Turkey, we reduced exposure to several names, including construction company Enka Insaat ve Sanayi, discount retailer BIM Birlesik Magazalar on expectations for a tougher external environment, as well as lenders Akbank and Garanti, in favour of better opportunities elsewhere.

Outlook

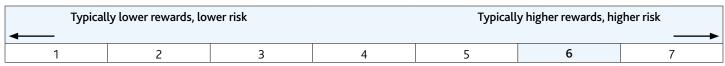
Emerging European markets should remain supported by stable growth and expectations for improving earnings in 2018. Political uncertainty remains a key risk, however. Domestic unrest lingers in Poland, Hungary and Romania over policies perceived as eroding the rule of law, which could also lead to increased tensions with the wider EU. Another concern is that faster-than-expected policy tightening from the European Central Bank could hurt liquidity and trigger outflows from emerging markets. That said, the asset class continues to be buoyed by broadening global growth and moderate inflation. Notably, Russia appears better-placed to sustain its recovery. A number of long-run structural trends also seem favourable. Rising wages and an expanding middle class should benefit consumer and financial companies. Overall, prospects are encouraging. We remain committed to our investment philosophy of identifying well-managed companies with solid fundamentals, and engaging them consistently to ensure the portfolio's quality.

Global Emerging Markets Equity Team

February 2018

Risk and reward profile

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Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

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- Exchange Rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- Emerging Markets: Emerging markets or less developed countries may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries and this may mean your money is at greater risk.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

Comparative tables

| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 4,951 | 4,741 | 5,293 | 10,687 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,605,408 | 1,610,325 | 2,101,405 | 4,989,604 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 308.40 | 294.41 | 251.88 | 214.19 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 4.75% | 16.89% | 17.60% | (10.37%) |
| Operating charges | 1.88% | 1.88% | 2.00% | 1.99% |

| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 16,974 | 15,256 | 13,826 | 7,232 |
| Closing number of shares | 5,188,788 | 4,903,650 | 5,233,397 | 3,243,610 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 327.13 | 311.13 | 264.19 | 222.95 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 5.14% | 17.77% | 18.50% | (9.69%) |
| Operating charges | 1.13% | 1.13% | 1.25% | 1.24% |

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| Security | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to a 96.62% (2017: 98.52%) | | | |
| Equities 96.62% (2017: 98.52%) | | | |
| Czech Republic 2.31% (2017: 2.70%) | | | |
| Komercni Banka | 15,700 | 507 | 2.31 |
| Georgia 2.06% (2017: 1.74%) | | | |
| Bank of Georgia | 12,300 | 451 | 2.06 |
| Greece 3.93% (2017: 1.58%) | | | |
| Jumbo | 30,600 | 427 | 1.95 |
| Sarantis | 33,027 | 435 | 1.98 |
| | | 862 | 3.93 |
| Hungary 2.55% (2017: 2.79%) | | | |
| Gedeon Richter | 30,800 | 560 | 2.55 |
| Netherlands 1.98% (2017: 1.58%) | | | |
| DP Eurasia | 194,000 | 434 | 1.98 |
| Poland 6.66% (2017: 6.91%) | | | |
| Bank Pekao | 19,013 | 545 | 2.49 |
| Dino Polska | 36,100 | 635 | 2.90 |
| Orbis | 13,224 | 279 | 1.27 |
| | | 1,459 | 6.66 |
| Portugal 3.63% (2017: 3.81%) | | | |
| Jeronimo Martins | 52,890 | 795 | 3.63 |
| Romania 3.36% (2017: 3.39%) | | | |
| BRD-Groupe Societe Generale | 290,597 | 737 | 3.36 |
| Russian Federation 43.17% (2017: 41.22%) | | | |
| Beluga | 36,675 | 291 | 1.33 |
| Global Ports Investments (GDR) | 56,000 | 156 | 0.71 |
| Lenta (GDR) | 145,100 | 711 | 3.24 |
| Lukoil ADR | 38,941 | 1,808 | 8.25 |
| Magnit | 16,248 | 1,082 | 4.93 |
| MD Medical Group Investments (GDR) | 126,700 | 900 | 4.10 |
| Mobile Telesystems | 89,000 | 341 | 1.56 |
| Moscow Exchange MICEX-RTS | 239,100 | 344 | 1.57 |
| NOVATEK | 104,800 | 950 | 4.33 |
| Novolipetsk Steel (GDR) | 24,800 | 457 | 2.08 |

| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Sberbank | 646,100 | 2,135 | 9.75 |
| Yandex 'A' | 10,629 | 289 | 1.32 |
| | | 9,464 | 43.17 |
| Slovenia nil (2017: 1.52%) | | | |
| Switzerland 3.53% (2017: 3.55%) | | | |
| Coca-Cola HBC | 32,700 | 774 | 3.53 |
| Turkey 17.29% (2017: 22.14%) | | | |
| Akbank | 229,100 | 469 | 2.14 |
| AvivaSA Emeklilik ve Hayat | 57,823 | 193 | 0.88 |
| BIM Birlesik Magazalar | 48,241 | 679 | 3.09 |
| Cimsa Cimento | 111,669 | 293 | 1.33 |
| Coca-Cola Icecek | 96,771 | 653 | 2.98 |
| Enka Insaat ve Sanayi | 399,588 | 422 | 1.93 |
| Haci Omer Sabanci | 134,800 | 290 | 1.32 |
| Logo Yazilim Sanayi ve Ticaret | 27,293 | 295 | 1.35 |
| Turkiye Garanti Bankasi | 216,090 | 497 | 2.27 |
| | | 3,791 | 17.29 |
| United States 6.15% (2017: 5.59%) | | | |
| EPAM Systems | 9,477 | 783 | 3.57 |
| Luxoft | 14,000 | 566 | 2.58 |
| | | 1,349 | 6.15 |
| Total Equities | | 21,183 | 96.62 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 21,183 | 96.62 |
| Other transferable securities and money market instruments 1.47% (2017: nil) Equities 1.47% (2017: nil) | | | |
| Slovenia 1.47% (2017: nil) | | | |
| Krka | 6,291 | 323 | 1.47 |
| Total Equities | | 323 | 1.47 |
| Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments | | 323 | 1.47 |
| Total investments | | 21,506 | 98.09 |
| Other net assets | | 419 | 1.91 |
| Total net assets | | 21,925 | 100.00 |

Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 1,007 | | 2,479 |
| Revenue | 146 | | 156 | |
| Expenses | (136) | | (134) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 10 | | 22 | |
| Taxation | (25) | | (22) | |
| Net expense after taxation | | (15) | | - |
| Total return before distributions | | 992 | | 2,479 |
| Distributions | | - | | - |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 992 | | 2,479 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 Janu | ary 2017 |
|--|-----------------|--------|---------|----------|
| | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 19,997 | | 19,119 |
| | | | | |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 1,951 | | 715 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (1,015) | | (2,074) | |
| | | 936 | | (1,359) |
| | | | | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | 992 | | 2,479 |
| | | | | |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 21,925 | | 20,239 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 21,506 | 19,702 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 25 | 18 |
| Cash and bank balances | 471 | 496 |
| Total assets | 22,002 | 20,216 |
| | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 77 | 219 |
| Total liabilities | 77 | 219 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 21,925 | 19,997 |

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The investment objective is to provide an attractive level of income and long-term capital return.

The investment policy is to invest primarily in fixed interest securities which are issued by corporations with their registered office in, and/or government related bodies domiciled in an emerging market country. The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money market instruments, cash, near cash, deposits, shares in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates) and derivatives.

The Fund may use financial derivatives instruments for investment purposes and/or efficient portfolio management. The Fund may use derivative instruments to created short and/or long positions in currencies other than the base currency.

Note: For the purposes of this Fund, emerging market means any country that is included in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index or composite thereof (or any successor index or index substituted at the ACD's discretion,) or any country classified by the World Bank as a low to upper middle income country.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of the Aberdeen Emerging Markets Bond Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 2.13% compared to an increase of 2.37% in the benchmark, the JPM EMBI Global Diversified (Hedged GBP 100%) Index.

Source: Lipper, JP Morgan, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP

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Market review

All components of emerging market debt performed strongly over the period. Demand for both hard currency and local currency bonds remained robust, while emerging market currencies were standout performers early on thanks to a weak US dollar. An increase in commodity prices also boosted the asset class. The rally took a breather in September however, as US Treasury yields rose sharply. At the same time, the euro depreciated against the US dollar, paring the huge gains made during the year.

Emerging market debt exhibited a strong end to 2017, capping a year in which numerous idiosyncratic events failed to derail the positive sentiment towards the asset class. The period was marked by the US Federal Reserve carrying out its third policy rate hike of the year, in December, which was widely expected and carried very little broader market impact. The median dots for 2018 continued to show three rate hikes in 2018 and two in 2019, which was more dovish than the market expected given the Fed's upgrades to its US growth and employment forecasts. The yield of the US 10-year treasury bond ended the year at 2.41%, four basis points lower than at the end of 2016. Commodities performed well as 2017 came to an end, with Brent crude oil rallying by over 5% to just shy of US\$67 per barrel, while copper, iron ore and gold also finished the year strongly.

In country news, Brazil's fiscal performance in 2017 improved as the primary balance was registered at -1.7% of GDP compared to -2.5% of GDP in 2016. Central government revenues surprised to the upside last year, which reflects the ongoing improvement in the country's economic performance, while in the last two months of 2017 there was some discipline witnessed in terms of expenditures. Public debt finished the year at 74.0% of GDP worsening by 4% points compared to 2016. Brazil's President Michael Temer survived a second corruption charge vote by a margin of 251 to 233, with votes against rising by six. The central bank slowed its pace of monetary easing, cutting its policy rate by 75bps in its last meeting to 7.5%, where previously it had operated in 100bps clips.

Mexican news was initially dominated by its NAFTA negotiations with the United States and Canada. Alejandro Diaz de Leon was appointed as the new central bank governor. He was already a Banxico board member and is deemed to be dovish in terms of his monetary policy stance. In November, the International Monetary Fund IMF approved an early renewal of the country's Flexible Credit Line for an additional two-year period; the government will continue to consider this a precautionary agreement although it does give Mexico access to US\$88bn in case of a severe balance of payments crisis.

Argentina's ruling coalition, Cambiemos, consolidated its position in the country's midterm elections in October, gaining 13 out of 24 provinces, with a national vote of 41% which was more than its closest competitors combined. In December, the government managed to push through both pension and tax reform bills despite violent protests and it demonstrates that Macri's team is able to ensure governability despite a minority in both chambers of the National Congress. Argentina's central bank confirmed its new pro-growth attitude by cutting its policy interest rate twice in January in two 75bps moves, bringing the benchmark rate to 27.25%. The central bank views the medium term inflationary trajectory as positive especially in regard to the core measure of inflation.

Venezuela's political difficulties continued through the reporting period and resulted in additional US sanctions against the country and its state-owned enterprises. Towards the end of August, President Trump issued an executive order essentially limiting the Venezuelan government's ability to raise new long-term financing either through new bonds or loans, or via dividend payments from the like of Citgo, its US refiner. Gubernatorial elections were held in which the government candidates unexpectedly triumphed by gaining 17 states while the opposition MUD coalition won 5 states. The opposition claimed irregularities as the primary cause of the result, although it seems more likely that it failed to mobilise its support base amid a split view within MUD on whether to participate. In November, Venezuela's President Maduro surprisingly announced that the country would seek to restructure all its external debt obligations (including both the sovereign and Petróleos de Venezuela S.A. (PDVSA) Eurobonds). Despite this, he also stated his intention to remain current on the bonds and the country repaid two large PDVSA amortisations worth US\$2.1bn. Coupon payments were severely delayed and despite public statements claiming that some were made, most funds did not reach creditor accounts. It is clear that US sanctions are causing huge technical problems, resulting in weeks of payments delays.

Russia's central bank cut its policy interest rate by 25bps in October, while leaving the door open for further easing as it moves from a relatively tight policy stance to a more neutral one. Russia's GDP grew by 1.5% y/y in 2017, marking the first positive print after two years of recession, although the figure was slightly below the market's expectation of 1.7%, as the economy slowed in the second half of the year. Consumption was the main contributor to growth while net exports were a detractor as imports outpaced exports during the year. The US treasury decided against imposing any new sanctions against Russia – restrictions were being considered against new Russian sovereign debt and derivatives but this was deemed to be destabilising to financial markets. The EU also decided not to enact tougher sanctions against the country. Presidential elections are due to take place on March 18th with current President Vladimir Putin certain to win another term in office.

South Africa's President Zuma reshuffled his cabinet in an effort to consolidate his support. Among other moves, Blade Nzimande, the secretary-general of the increasingly critical SACP was removed, eradicating the party from the government. In November, Standard and Poor's, the credit rating agency, downgraded both of South Africa's local currency and foreign currency ratings by one notch to BB+ and BB respectively, while the outlook changed from negative to stable. The move was supported by weakness of growth and its outlook, and the fiscal deterioration. The downgrade makes South African local currency bonds ineligible for the Barclays Global Aggregate Index. Cyril Ramaphosa, the current Vice President and deemed to be a businessfriendly candidate, was elected as the new President of the ANC party, defeating Mrs Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma who had been President Zuma's preferred candidate. South African financial assets rallied strongly as a result although there are risks to his reform agenda given that the top six positions in the party are split equally between his own camp and those more aligned to Zuma.

India's business-oriented reforms were recognised in the World Bank's latest "Doing Business" survey which saw the country experience the largest jump, moving up 30 places to reach 100th in the world. In November, the government announced a large recapitalisation plan for the public-sector banks, whereby the equivalent of 1.4% of GDP will be injected as capital over the next two fiscal years. There is a marked difference in the quality of public versus private banks, with the non-performing loan ratio at 12.2% for the state sector and 3.4% for the private sector. India's growth bounced back in the second quarter of the country's fiscal year at 6.3% y/y, from 5.7% y/y in the previous period. Analysts hope that this signals that the impact of some of the government's major policy measures have receded including the implementation of the national goods and services tax as well as demonetisation.

President Xi Jinping consolidated his power within China's political framework at the 19th Communist Party congress in October. The new Politburo Standing Committee has been stacked with his allies, while the broader Politburo membership also includes further Xi-faithfuls. In terms of economics, there was less emphasis on a growth target and more on the quality of development, including no mention of the goal of doubling national income by 2020 (which requires GDP growth to average 6.3% y/y in 2018-2020). The Belt and Road Initiative was also

emphasised which has the potential to boost many emerging market countries which lie on its route. The government is considering opening up the country's financial services sector: measures include removing foreign ownership limits on domestic banks and asset management companies. This came after a meeting between Presidents Xi and Trump and could be seen as a friendly gesture towards the US. China's fourth quarter GDP growth rate was 6.8% y/y, the same as in the previous period, which brought 2017 growth to 6.9% y/y – an acceleration compared to 6.7% y/y in 2016. The services sector increased in contribution to growth, while industry declined and agriculture remained unchanged.

Portfolio review

An overweight to Ukraine as well as a holding of Ukrainian GDP-linked securities was the major contributor to performance during the period, while local currency exposure and long-dated Eurobond positioning in Russia was also beneficial. Underweights to China and the Philippines also contributed to performance. On the other side, bond selection in Venezuela detracted from the fund, as did currency exposure in Brazil and Uruguay.

During the period, we introduced a position in Lebanon to the portfolio, targeting a neutral position versus the benchmark. We also increased positioning in Russia via the sovereign's new 30 year security as well as going overweight in Zambia and Nigeria. On the other side, we managed the Fund's frontier market exposure by selling Ivory Coast, Tunisia and Ethiopia; while also cutting our positions in Mexico and Turkey. In terms of local markets, we increased our exposure to Russia and Argentina, the latter via a short-dated index-linked security. We also sold out of Turkey local currency bonds.

Outlook

The strong local currency returns and good hard currency spread performance we have seen recently is a reflection of the positive fundamental and external backdrop which have driven inflows into emerging market debt. We are constructive on the year ahead and believe that while valuations in hard currency debt are fair, there is room for further gains in local currency bonds where real rates remain high amid falling inflation while long-term currency valuations remain attractive. The IMF recently updated its World Economic Outlook figures which once more highlighted the widening growth differential between the developed and emerging world which is just one factor underpinning the investment case for the asset class.

Emerging Market Debt Team

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Risk and reward profile

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- Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.
- Derivatives: This Fund can use derivatives in order to meet its investment objective. The use of derivatives may result in greater fluctuations in the value of the Fund, and may increase the magnitude of any losses.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

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A Accumulation Shares

Closing net asset value (£'000)

| Closing number of shares | 2,058,978 | 2,142,373 | 2,171,893 | 4,466,473 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 140.50 | 137.46 | 129.69 | 118.91 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 2.21% | 5.99% | 9.07% | (4.37%) |
| Operating charges | 1.65% | 1.65% | 1.66% | 1.65% |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 884 | 729 | 797 | 1,382 |
| Closing number of shares | 894,399 | 733,519 | 802,294 | 1,427,188 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 98.89 | 99.43 | 99.38 | 96.82 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.54%) | 0.05% | 2.64% | (9.00%) |
| Operating charges | 1.65% | 1.65% | 1.66% | 1.65% |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 49,003 | 46,499 | 34,135 | 34,526 |
| Closing number of shares | 40,639,963 | 39,541,223 | 30,921,795 | 34,283,736 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 120.58 | 117.60 | 110.39 | 100.71 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 2.53% | 6.53% | 9.61% | (3.88%) |
| Operating charges | 1.02% | 1.15% | 1.16% | 1.15% |

31 July 17

2,945

31 July 16

2,817

31 January 18

2,893

| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 6,829 | 7,509 | 17,338 | 17,618 |
| Closing number of shares | 7,463,773 | 8,188,073 | 19,011,830 | 19,929,259 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 91.50 | 91.71 | 91.20 | 88.40 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.23%) | 0.56% | 3.17% | (8.55%) |
| Operating charges | 1.02% | 1.15% | 1.16% | 1.15% |
| | | | | |

| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 54,867 | 28,328 | 28,151 | 23,494 |
| Closing number of shares | 36,749,952 | 19,541,162 | 20,893,998 | 19,306,264 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 149.30 | 144.97 | 134.73 | 121.69 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 2.99% | 7.60% | 10.72% | (2.92%) |
| Operating charges | 0.15% | 0.15% | 0.16% | 0.15% |

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

31 July 15

5,311

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|--|------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Transferable securities and money market instrun | . , , | | | | |
| 81.00% (2017: 91.93%) | | and and an | | anno anno i agamato a | |
| Bonds 81.00% (2017: 91.93%) | | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds 20.87% (2017: 23.18%) | | | | | |
| Azerbaijan 0.92% (2017: 1.02%) | | | | | |
| Southern Gas Corridor | 6.8750 | 24/03/26 | 1,309,000 | 1,053 | 0.92 |
| Brazil 0.89% (2017: 0.92%) | | | | | |
| Petrobras Global Finance | 8.3750 | 23/05/21 | 640,000 | 513 | 0.44 |
| Petrobras Global Finance | 6.2500 | 17/03/24 | 680,000 | 511 | 0.45 |
| | | | | 1,024 | 0.89 |
| Cayman Islands 0.46% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Sparc EM SPC Panama Metro Line 2 | - | 05/12/22 | 804,000 | 522 | 0.46 |
| Chile 0.94% (2017: 0.91%) | | | | | |
| Empresa Electrica Angamos | 4.8750 | 25/05/29 | 710,000 | 503 | 0.44 |
| Latam Airlines 2015-1 Pass Through Trust A | 4.2000 | 15/08/29 | 808,347 | 571 | 0.50 |
| | | | | 1,074 | 0.94 |
| Colombia 0.48% (2017: 0.55%) | | | | | |
| Bancolombia | VAR | 18/10/27 | 780,000 | 545 | 0.48 |
| Dominican Republic 0.42% (2017: 0.48%) | | | | | |
| Dominican Republic (Mestenio) | 8.5000 | 02/01/20 | 656,000 | 484 | 0.42 |
| Ecuador 1.01% (2017: 0.45%) | | | | | |
| EP PetroEcuador | FRN | 24/09/19 | 250,526 | 180 | 0.16 |
| Petroamazonas | 4.6250 | 16/02/20 | 1,140,000 | 787 | 0.69 |
| Petroamazonas | 4.6250 | 06/11/20 | 269,877 | 184 | 0.16 |
| | | | | 1,151 | 1.01 |
| Georgia 1.52% (2017: 1.61%) | | | | | |
| Georgian Oil and Gas | 6.7500 | 26/04/21 | 950,000 | 715 | 0.62 |
| Georgian Railway∞ | 7.7500 | 11/07/22 | 1,310,000 | 1,030 | 0.90 |
| , | | | , , , , , , , | 1,745 | 1.52 |
| Indonesia 1.76% (2017: 1.39%) | | | | | |
| Pertamina Persero | 6.0000 | 03/05/42 | 1,440,000 | 1,142 | 1.00 |
| Pertamina Persero | 6.5000 | 27/05/41 | 1,040,000 | 873 | 0.76 |
| | | | | 2,015 | 1.76 |

| | | | Ni | Madat Mala | Total Net |
|--|------------|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Assets % |
| Kazakhstan 0.78% (2017: 1.78%) | | | <u> </u> | | |
| Kazakhstan Temir Zholy Finance | 6.9500 | 10/07/42 | 430,000 | 360 | 0.31 |
| Tengizchevroil Finance International | 4.0000 | 15/08/26 | 764,000 | 535 | 0.47 |
| | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 895 | 0.78 |
| Kuwait 0.49% (2017: 0.53%) | | | | | |
| Equate Petrochemical (EMTN) | 4.2500 | 03/11/26 | 780,000 | 556 | 0.49 |
| Mexico 3.19% (2017: 5.10%) | | | | | |
| Alfa | 6.8750 | 25/03/44 | 420,000 | 318 | 0.28 |
| BBVA Bancomer Texas | 6.7500 | 30/09/22 | 700,000 | 548 | 0.48 |
| Petroleos Mexicanos | 6.5000 | 02/06/41 | 2,080,000 | 1,503 | 1.30 |
| Petroleos Mexicanos | FRN | 11/03/22 | 880,000 | 682 | 0.60 |
| Petroleos Mexicanos | 6.7500 | 21/09/47 | 830,000 | 610 | 0.53 |
| | | | | 3,661 | 3.19 |
| Morocco 0.82% (2017: 0.63%) | 6 9750 | 25/04/44 | 1 120 000 | 934 | 0.83 |
| OCP | 6.8750 | 25/04/44 | 1,130,000 | 954 | 0.82 |
| Netherlands 0.46% (2017: 0.48%) | | | | | |
| VEON | 4.9500 | 16/06/24 | 740,000 | 522 | 0.46 |
| Nigeria 0.46% (2017: 0.44%) | | | | | |
| United Bank for Africa | 7.7500 | 08/06/22 | 310,000 | 228 | 0.20 |
| Zenith Bank | 7.3750 | 30/05/22 | 400,000 | 296 | 0.26 |
| | | | | 524 | 0.46 |
| Panama 0.49% (2017: 0.52%) | | | | | |
| Global Bank | 4.5000 | 20/10/21 | 779,000 | 557 | 0.49 |
| Peru 0.52% (2017: 1.09%) | | | | | |
| VM | 5.3750 | 04/05/27 | 803,000 | 599 | 0.52 |
| Russian Federation 1.87% (2017: 1.56%) | | | | | |
| Gazprom | 4.3750 | 19/09/22 | 770,000 | 550 | 0.48 |
| GTLK Europe | 5.9500 | 19/07/21 | 840,000 | 620 | 0.54 |
| Polyus Finance | 5.2500 | 07/02/23 | 711,000 | 516 | 0.45 |
| Vnesheconombank Via VEB Finance | 6.8000 | 22/11/25 | 570,000 | 459 | 0.40 |
| | | | | 2,145 | 1.87 |
| South Africa 0.71% (2017: 0.80%) | | 06/00/22 | 222.222 | | |
| Eskom | 6.7500 | 06/08/23 | 308,000 | 225 | 0.20 |
| MTN Mauritius Investments | 6.5000 | 13/10/26 | 770,000 | 592 | 0.51 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|------------|----------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Sri Lanka 0.17% (2017: 0.25%) | | | | | |
| National Savings Bank | 8.8750 | 18/09/18 | 270,000 | 195 | 0.17 |
| Turkey 0.65% (2017: 0.70%) | | | | | |
| TC Ziraat Bankasi (EMTN) | 5.1250 | 29/09/23 | 1,070,000 | 741 | 0.65 |
| United Arab Emirates 1.86% (2017: 1.97%) | | | | | |
| Abu Dhabi Crude Oil Pipeline (SINK) | 4.6000 | 02/11/47 | 798,000 | 564 | 0.49 |
| ICD Sukuk (EMTN) | 5.0000 | 01/02/27 | 1,420,000 | 1,030 | 0.90 |
| MAF Global Securities | VAR | PERP | 750,000 | 537 | 0.47 |
| | | | · | 2,131 | 1.86 |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 23,890 | 20.87 |
| Government Bonds 60.13% (2017: 68.75%) | | | | | |
| Argentina 0.50% (2017: 6.20%) | | | | | |
| Argentina (Republic of) | 7.8200 | 31/12/33 | 564,203 | 567 | 0.50 |
| Armenia 0.51% (2017: 0.51%) | | | | | |
| Armenia (Republic of)∞ | 7.1500 | 26/03/25 | 730,000 | 587 | 0.51 |
| Bahrain 1.39% (2017: 0.95%) | | | | | |
| Bahrain (Kingdom of) | 7.0000 | 12/10/28 | 1,050,000 | 750 | 0.66 |
| Bahrain (Kingdom of) | 6.7500 | 20/09/29 | 914,000 | 633 | 0.55 |
| Bahrain (Kingdom of) | 7.0000 | 26/01/26 | 280,000 | 206 | 0.18 |
| | | | | 1,589 | 1.39 |
| Brazil 4.64% (2017: 4.14%) | | | | | |
| Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento | | | | | |
| Economico e Social | 5.7500 | 26/09/23 | 200,000 | 153 | 0.13 |
| Brazil (Federal Republic of) | 10.0000 | 01/01/27 | 13,130,000 | 2,958 | 2.59 |
| Brazil (Federal Republic of) | 10.0000 | 01/01/25 | 6,120,000 | 1,388 | 1.22 |
| Brazil (Federal Republic of) | 6.0000 | 15/08/50 | 440,000 | 338 | 0.30 |
| Brazil (Federal Republic of) | 10.0000 | 01/01/29 | 910,000 | 204 | 0.18 |
| Caixa Economica Federal | 4.2500 | 13/05/19 | 360,000 | 256 5,297 | 0.22 4.64 |
| | | | | • | |
| Croatia 0.70% (2017: 0.82%) | | | | | |
| Croatia (Republic of) | 6.0000 | 26/01/24 | 560,000 | 444 | 0.39 |
| Croatia (Republic of) | 5.5000 | 04/04/23 | 469,000 | 359 | 0.31 |
| | | | | 803 | 0.70 |
| Dominican Republic 3.28% (2017: 3.19%) | | | | | |
| Dominican (Republic of) | 6.8500 | 27/01/45 | 1,530,000 | 1,202 | 1.04 |
| Dominican (Republic of) | 7.4500 | 30/04/44 | 1,330,000 | 1,109 | 0.97 |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Assets % |
| Dominican (Republic of) | 5.8750 | 18/04/24 | 1,223,000 | 922 | 0.81 |
| Dominican (Republic of) | 5.9500 | 25/01/27 | 690,000 | 521 | 0.46 |
| Dominican (Acpublic of) | 3.3300 | ESTOTIET | 050,000 | 3,754 | 3.28 |
| Ecuador 2.52% (2017: 2.29%) | | | | | |
| Ecuador (Republic of) | 9.6500 | 13/12/26 | 1,330,000 | 1,065 | 0.93 |
| Ecuador (Republic of) | 10.7500 | 28/03/22 | 1,130,000 | 922 | 0.81 |
| Ecuador (Republic of) | 8.7500 | 02/06/23 | 870,000 | 671 | 0.59 |
| Ecuador (Republic of) | 8.8750 | 23/10/27 | 290,000 | 222 | 0.19 |
| | | | | 2,880 | 2.52 |
| Egypt 1.11% (2017: 1.11%) | | | | | |
| Egypt (Republic of) | 7.5000 | 31/01/27 | 823,000 | 648 | 0.56 |
| Egypt (Republic of) | 6.1250 | 31/01/22 | 470,000 | 350 | 0.31 |
| Egypt (Republic of) | 8.5000 | 31/01/47 | 334,000 | 270 | 0.24 |
| | | | | 1,268 | 1.11 |
| El Salvador 1.48% (2017: 1.56%) | | | | | |
| El Salvador (Republic of) | 5.8750 | 30/01/25 | 1,800,000 | 1,266 | 1.10 |
| El Salvador (Republic of) | 6.3750 | 18/01/27 | 599,000 | 430 | 0.38 |
| | | | | 1,696 | 1.48 |
| Ethiopia nil (2017: 1.15%) | | | | | |
| Gabon nil (2017: 0.38%) | | | | | |
| Georgia 0.59% (2017: 0.58%) | | | | | |
| Georgia (Republic of) | 6.8750 | 12/04/21 | 880,000 | 677 | 0.59 |
| Ghana 1.45% (2017: 1.55%) | | | | | |
| Ghana (Republic of)∞ | 8.1250 | 18/01/26 | 1,700,000 | 1,321 | 1.15 |
| Ghana (Republic of) | 10.7500 | 14/10/30 | 200,000 | 191 | 0.17 |
| Ghana (Republic of) | 7.8750 | 07/08/23 | 200,000 | 153 | 0.13 |
| | | | | 1,665 | 1.45 |
| Guatemala 0.49% (2017: 0.53%) | | | | | |
| Guatemala (Republic of) | 5.7500 | 06/06/22 | 745,000 | 559 | 0.49 |
| Honduras 1.23% (2017: 1.29%) | | | | | |
| Honduras (Republic of) | 7.5000 | 15/03/24 | 1,140,000 | 901 | 0.79 |
| Honduras (Republic of) | 6.2500 | 19/01/27 | 670,000 | 506 | 0.44 |
| · · · | | | | 1,407 | 1.23 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Hungary 0.45% (2017: 0.48%) | | | | | |
| Hungary (Republic of) | 6.3750 | 29/03/21 | 670,000 | 519 | 0.45 |
| Indonesia 3.45% (2017: 4.37%) | | | | | |
| Indonesia (Republic of) | 8.3750 | 15/03/34 | 16,007,000,000 | 942 | 0.82 |
| Indonesia (Republic of) | 9.0000 | 15/03/29 | 3,000,000,000 | 187 | 0.16 |
| Indonesia (Republic of) | 8.2500 | 15/05/36 | 1,247,000,000 | 73 | 0.06 |
| Indonesia (Republic of) (EMTN) | 5.8750 | 15/01/24 | 1,930,000 | 1,533 | 1.35 |
| Lembaga Pembiayaan Ekspor Indonesia (EMTN) | 3.8750 | 06/04/24 | 240,000 | 171 | 0.15 |
| Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III | 4.3500 | 10/09/24 | 790,000 | 578 | 0.50 |
| Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III | 3.4000 | 29/03/22 | 663,000 | 469 | 0.41 |
| | | | | 3,953 | 3.45 |
| Ivory Coast nil (2017: 1.39%) | | | | | |
| Jordan 0.77% (2017: 0.80%) | | | | | |
| Jordan (Kingdom of) | 5.7500 | 31/01/27 | 986,000 | 698 | 0.61 |
| Jordan (Kingdom of) | 6.1250 | 29/01/26 | 253,000 | 185 | 0.16 |
| | | | | 883 | 0.77 |
| Kenya 0.58% (2017: 0.62%) | | | | | |
| Kenya (Republic of) | 6.8750 | 24/06/24 | 890,000 | 661 | 0.58 |
| Lebanon 2.52% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Lebanon (Republic of) | 6.7500 | 29/11/27 | 1,810,000 | 1,245 | 1.08 |
| Lebanon (Republic of) | 6.8500 | 23/03/27 | 1,150,000 | 800 | 0.70 |
| Lebanon (Republic of) (EMTN) [∞] | 6.1000 | 04/10/22 | 1,200,000 | 843 | 0.74 |
| | | | | 2,888 | 2.52 |
| Mexico 1.33% (2017: 1.06%) | | | | | |
| Mexico (Government of) | 6.0500 | 11/01/40 | 1,250,000 | 1,026 | 0.90 |
| Mexico (Government of) | 5.5500 | 21/01/45 | 630,000 | 498 | 0.43 |
| | | | | 1,524 | 1.33 |
| Mongolia 0.46% (2017: 0.89%) | | | | | |
| Mongolia (Government of) (EMTN) | 10.8750 | 06/04/21 | 630,000 | 523 | 0.46 |
| . iongona (Government of) (El 1114) | 10.07 50 | 00/0 1 /21 | 030,000 | 323 | 0.70 |
| Morocco 0.72% (2017: 0.82%) | | | | | |
| Morocco (Government of) | 4.2500 | 11/12/22 | 1,120,000 | 821 | 0.72 |
| Namibia 0.25% (2017: 0.18%) | | | | | |
| Namibia (Government of) | 5.2500 | 29/10/25 | 400,000 | 289 | 0.25 |
| | | | | | |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|------------|----------|------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Nigeria 1.59% (2017: 0.39%) | | | | | |
| Nigeria (Federal Republic of) | 7.8750 | 16/02/32 | 1,000,000 | 794 | 0.69 |
| Nigeria (Federal Republic of) (EMTN) | 7.6250 | 28/11/47 | 1,362,000 | 1,022 | 0.90 |
| | | | | 1,816 | 1.59 |
| Oman 0.97% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Oman (Government of) | 6.7500 | 17/01/48 | 1,550,000 | 1,108 | 0.97 |
| Pakistan 0.95% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Pakistan (Republic of) | 6.8750 | 05/12/27 | 1,540,000 | 1,092 | 0.95 |
| Panama 0.19% (2017: 0.29%) | | | | | |
| Panama (Republic of) | 5.2000 | 30/01/20 | 300,000 | 221 | 0.19 |
| Paraguay 1.90% (2017: 2.01%) | | | | | |
| Paraguay (Republic of) | 6.1000 | 11/08/44 | 1,900,000 | 1,527 | 1.33 |
| Paraguay (Republic of) | 5.0000 | 15/04/26 | 870,000 | 652 | 0.57 |
| | | | | 2,179 | 1.90 |
| Peru 1.57% (2017: 1.60%) | | | | | |
| Peru (Republic of) | 6.9500 | 12/08/31 | 4,550,000 | 1,183 | 1.04 |
| Peru (Republic of) | 7.1250 | 30/03/19 | 530,000 | 392 | 0.34 |
| Peru (Republic of) | 6.1500 | 12/08/32 | 920,000 | 222 | 0.19 |
| | | | | 1,797 | 1.57 |
| Russian Federation 4.16% (2017: 1.83%) | | | | | |
| Russia (Federation of) | 5.2500 | 23/06/47 | 3,400,000 | 2,516 | 2.19 |
| Russia (Federation of) | 8.5000 | 17/09/31 | 84,160,000 | 1,158 | 1.01 |
| Russia (Federation of) | 7.5000 | 15/03/18 | 87,470,000 | 1,094 | 0.96 |
| | | | | 4,768 | 4.16 |
| Rwanda 0.92% (2017: 0.93%) | | | | | |
| Rwanda (Republic of) | 6.6250 | 02/05/23 | 1,430,000 | 1,053 | 0.92 |
| Senegal 0.86% (2017: 1.24%) | | | | | |
| Senegal (Republic of) | 8.7500 | 13/05/21 | 650,000 | 521 | 0.45 |
| Senegal (Republic of) | 6.2500 | 23/05/33 | 628,000 | 464 | 0.41 |
| | | | | 985 | 0.86 |
| Serbia 2.18% (2017: 2.45%) | | | | | |
| Serbia (Republic of) [∞] | 7.2500 | 28/09/21 | 3,139,000 | 2,497 | 2.18 |
| South Africa 0.94% (2017: 0.99%) | | | | | |
| South Africa (Republic of) | 4.6650 | 17/01/24 | 806,000 | 581 | 0.50 |
| South Africa (Republic of) | 5.8750 | 30/05/22 | 650,000 | 499 | 0.44 |
| | | | | 1,080 | 0.94 |

| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Suriname nil (2017: 0.31%) | - Coupon (70) | riacarity | Quartity | | |
| | | | | | |
| Tanzania 0.45% (2017: 0.49%) | | | | | |
| Tanzania (Republic of) | FRN | 09/03/20 | 700,000 | 516 | 0.45 |
| Tunisia nil (2017: 1.16%) | | | | | |
| Turkey 3.96% (2017: 7.50%) | | | | | |
| Turkey (Republic of) | 5.7500 | 22/03/24 | 2,224,000 | 1,653 | 1.45 |
| Turkey (Republic of) | 6.0000 | 25/03/27 | 2,030,000 | 1,502 | 1.31 |
| Turkey (Republic of) | 7.3750 | 05/02/25 | 1,050,000 | 846 | 0.74 |
| Turkey (Republic of) | 4.8750 | 09/10/26 | 770,000 | 527 | 0.46 |
| | | | | 4,528 | 3.96 |
| Ukraine 4.55% (2017: 4.66%) | | | | | |
| Ukraine (Republic of) | 7.7500 | 01/09/24 | 1,510,000 | 1,151 | 1.00 |
| Ukraine (Republic of) | 7.7500 | 01/09/21 | 1,300,000 | 995 | 0.87 |
| Ukraine (Republic of) | 7.7500 | 01/09/26 | 1,084,000 | 814 | 0.71 |
| Ukraine (Republic of) | 7.7500 | 01/09/27 | 953,000 | 716 | 0.63 |
| Ukraine (Republic of) | 7.7500 | 01/09/20 | 671,000 | 506 | 0.44 |
| Ukraine (Republic of) | VAR | 31/05/40 | 750,000 | 359 | 0.31 |
| Ukraine (Republic of) | 7.7500 | 01/09/25 | 454,000 | 344 | 0.30 |
| Ukraine (Republic of) | 7.7500 | 01/09/23 | 427,000 | 327 | 0.29 |
| | | | | 5,212 | 4.55 |
| United Arab Emirates 0.29% (2017: 0.43%) | | | | | |
| Dubai (Government of) (EMTN) | 5.2500 | 30/01/43 | 470,000 | 336 | 0.29 |
| Uruguay 2.16% (2017: 2.87%) | | | | | |
| Uruguay (Republic of) | 5.1000 | 18/06/50 | 1,180,000 | 899 | 0.79 |
| Uruguay (Republic of) | 4.3750 | 15/12/28 | 15,730,000 | 699 | 0.61 |
| Uruguay (Republic of) | 4.3750 | 27/10/27 | 690,000 | 516 | 0.45 |
| Uruguay (Republic of) | 9.8750 | 20/06/22 | 14,005,000 | 359 | 0.31 |
| | | | | 2,473 | 2.16 |
| Venezuela nil (2017: 1.54%) | | | | | |
| Vietnam 0.56% (2017: 0.58%) | | | | | |
| Vietnam (Socialist Republic of) | 6.7500 | 29/01/20 | 860,000 | 645 | 0.56 |
| | | | | | |
| Zambia 1.51% (2017: 0.62%) | | | | | |
| Zambia (Republic of) | 8.9700 | 30/07/27 | 1,480,000 | 1,165 | 1.02 |
| Zambia (Republic of) | 8.5000 | 14/04/24 | 730,000 | 563 | 0.49 |
| | | | | 1,728 | 1.51 |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Consuits | Courses (9/) | Maturitu | Nominal/ | Market Value £'000 | Assets % |
| Security Total Government Bonds | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | 68,844 | 60.13 |
| Total Government Bonds | | | | 00,044 | 00.13 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 92,734 | 81.00 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instru | ments admitted to a | n official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | | | 92,734 | 81.00 |
| Other transferable securities and money market instru | ments 7 38% (2017 | · 0 03%) | | | |
| Bonds 7.38% (2017: 0.03%) | | . 0.0270, | | | |
| Corporate Bonds 0.02% (2017: 0.03%) | | | | | |
| Brazil 0.02% (2017: 0.03%) | | | | | |
| OAS Investments | 8.2500 | 19/10/19 | 530,000 | 26 | 0.02 |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 26 | 0.02 |
| · | | | | | |
| Government Bonds 7.36% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Argentina 6.10% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Argentina (Republic of) | 7.5000 | 22/04/26 | 4,180,000 | 3,234 | 2.83 |
| Argentina (Republic of) | FRN | 21/06/20 | 36,700,000 | 1,443 | 1.26 |
| Argentina (Republic of) | 8.2800 | 31/12/33 | 1,402,038 | 1,117 | 0.98 |
| Argentina (Republic of) | 5.6250 | 26/01/22 | 1,403,000 | 1,012 | 0.88 |
| Argentina (Republic of) | 18.2000 | 03/10/21 | 4,500,000 | 170 | 0.15 |
| | | | | 6,976 | 6.10 |
| Venezuela 1.26% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Petroleos de Venezuela | 6.0000 | 16/05/24 | 5,387,361 | 884 | 0.78 |
| Petroleos de Venezuela | 6.0000 | 15/11/26 | 2,439,177 | 395 | 0.34 |
| Venezuela (Republic of)∞ | 9.2500 | 07/05/28 | 875,400 | 165 | 0.14 |
| | | | | 1,444 | 1.26 |
| Total Government Bonds | | _ | | 8,420 | 7.36 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 8,446 | 7.38 |
| Total Other transferable securities and money market | instruments | | | 8,446 | 7.38 |
| | | | | • | |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 1.98% (2017: 1.01%) | | | | | |
| Aberdeen Global - Indian Bond Fund Z-2 [†] | | | 262,293 | 2,267 | 1.98 |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | | | 2,267 | 1.98 |

Derivatives 3.92% (2017: 2.04%)

Forward currency exchange contracts 3.92% (2017: 2.04%)

| | | | | | | Unrealised | Total Net |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------|------------|------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|
| | _ | - " | | | | Gains/(Losses) | Assets |
| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | £'000 | <u></u> % |
| BNP Paribas | GBP | USD | 10/04/18 | 1,399,847 | 2,000,000 | (3) | - |
| Citigroup | GBP | EUR | 10/04/18 | 476,455 | 534,000 | 8 | 0.01 |
| Citigroup | USD | BRL | 22/02/18 | 1,520,753 | 5,027,000 | (45) | (0.04) |
| Citigroup | USD | BRL | 22/02/18 | 333,973 | 1,079,000 | (4) | - |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 10/04/18 | 23,797,201 | 32,324,000 | 1,127 | 0.98 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 10/04/18 | 23,797,201 | 32,324,000 | 1,126 | 0.98 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 10/04/18 | 23,797,201 | 32,324,000 | 1,127 | 0.98 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 10/04/18 | 23,797,201 | 32,324,000 | 1,127 | 0.98 |
| Goldman Sachs | USD | BRL | 22/02/18 | 234,026 | 760,000 | (4) | - |
| HSBC | GBP | USD | 10/04/18 | 928,819 | 1,281,000 | 30 | 0.03 |
| JPM Chase | USD | IDR | 22/02/18 | 190,143 | 2,597,920,000 | (3) | - |
| Unrealised gains on forward currence | y exchange | contrac | ts | | | 4,486 | 3.92 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Unrealised gains on derivatives | | | | | | 4,486 | 3.92 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total investments [≠] | | | | | | 107,933 | 94.28 |
| Other net assets | | | | | | 6,543 | 5.72 |
| Total net assets | | | | | | 114,476 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.
Including derivative liabilities.

Currently forward positions are not collateralised. Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 4,880 | 4.52 | 4.26 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Collateral issuers | £′000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| Germany (Federal Republic of) | 2,623 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Australia (Commonwealth of) | 1,000 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| France (Government of) | 956 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Netherlands (Kingdom of) | 535 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Norway (Kingdom of) | 41 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| UK Treasury | 24 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Denmark (Kingdom of) | 2 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 5,181 | | | |

| | Proportion held in |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Market value | e of segregated |
| collateral h | eld accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian £'C | 000 % |
| BNP Paribas 5, | 181 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| AUD | 1,000 |
| DKK | 2 |
| EUR | 4,114 |
| GBP | 24 |
| NOK | 41_ |
| Total collateral received | 5,181 |

| Counterparties parture of SET | Market value of securities on loan £'000 | Countries of counterparty establishment | Settlement |
|--|--|---|--------------|
| Counterparties per type of SFT Nomura | | | and clearing |
| | 3,205 | Japan | Tri-party |
| JPM Chase | 1,197 | United States | Tri-party |
| BNP Paribas | 478 | France | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | 4,880 | | |

| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
|---|-------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £′000 | £′000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | | - | - | 2,370 |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 3 | 2,808 | - | 5,181 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | 4,880 | - | 4,880 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be reca | alled on demand. | | | |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collater | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 7 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent of | costs) | | (1) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser ope | rational costs) | | - | - |
| Total costs | | | (1) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 6 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains/(losses) | | 190 | | (1,987) |
| Revenue | 2,740 | | 3,102 | |
| Expenses | (347) | | (401) | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 2,393 | | 2,701 | |
| Taxation | (3) | | (7) | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 2,390 | | 2,694 |
| | | | | |
| Total return before distributions | | 2,580 | | 707 |
| | | | | |
| Distributions | | (2,642) | | (3,008) |
| | | | | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | 4 |
| from investment activities | | (62) | | (2,301) |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 86,010 | | 83,238 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 30,317 | | 14,953 | |
| | • | | • | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (4,365) | | (5,718) | |
| | | 25,952 | | 9,235 |
| Dilution adjustment | | 78 | | 40 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | (62) | | (2,301) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 2,498 | | 1,967 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 114,476 | | 92,179 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 107,992 | 81,754 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 2,189 | 2,671 |
| Cash and bank balances | 5,181 | 2,866 |
| Total assets | 115,362 | 87,291 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 59 | 33 |
| Provision for liabilities | 24 | 59 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 762 | 1,140 |
| Distribution payable | 41 | 49 |
| Total liabilities | 886 | 1,281 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 114,476 | 86,010 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

First Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 August 2017

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/09/17 | 30/09/16 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.74030 | - | 0.74030 | 0.56119 |
| Group 2 | 0.49762 | 0.24268 | 0.74030 | 0.56119 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.53548 | - | 0.53548 | 0.43000 |
| Group 2 | 0.21326 | 0.32222 | 0.53548 | 0.43000 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.63345 | - | 0.63345 | 0.47209 |
| Group 2 | 0.30995 | 0.32350 | 0.63345 | 0.47209 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.49400 | - | 0.49400 | 0.39000 |
| Group 2 | 0.23751 | 0.25649 | 0.49400 | 0.39000 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.78119 | - | 0.78119 | 0.58794 |
| Group 2 | 0.14680 | 0.63439 | 0.78119 | 0.58794 |

Second Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 September 2017 to 30 September 2017

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 31/10/17 | 31/10/16 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.60157 | - | 0.60157 | 0.51113 |
| Group 2 | 0.31459 | 0.28698 | 0.60157 | 0.51113 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.43285 | - | 0.43285 | 0.39000 |
| Group 2 | 0.11387 | 0.31898 | 0.43285 | 0.39000 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.51495 | - | 0.51495 | 0.43761 |
| Group 2 | 0.23769 | 0.27726 | 0.51495 | 0.43761 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.39947 | - | 0.39947 | 0.36000 |
| Group 2 | 0.17023 | 0.22924 | 0.39947 | 0.36000 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.63551 | - | 0.63551 | 0.54448 |
| Group 2 | 0.27122 | 0.36429 | 0.63551 | 0.54448 |

Third Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 October 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 October 2017 to 31 October 2017

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/11/17 | 30/11/16 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.72143 | - | 0.72143 | 0.52808 |
| Group 2 | 0.35681 | 0.36462 | 0.72143 | 0.52808 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.51686 | - | 0.51686 | 0.40140 |
| Group 2 | 0.14763 | 0.36923 | 0.51686 | 0.40140 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.61781 | - | 0.61781 | 0.45008 |
| Group 2 | 0.21863 | 0.39918 | 0.61781 | 0.45008 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.47719 | - | 0.47719 | 0.36883 |
| Group 2 | 0.22804 | 0.24915 | 0.47719 | 0.36883 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.76316 | - | 0.76316 | 0.55081 |
| Group 2 | 0.45471 | 0.30845 | 0.76316 | 0.55081 |

Fourth Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 November 2017 to 30 November 2017

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 31/12/17 | 31/12/16 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.66994 | - | 0.66994 | 0.80108 |
| Group 2 | 0.20801 | 0.46193 | 0.66994 | 0.80108 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.47751 | - | 0.47751 | 0.60647 |
| Group 2 | 0.12821 | 0.34930 | 0.47751 | 0.60647 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.57398 | - | 0.57398 | 0.68194 |
| Group 2 | 0.18651 | 0.38747 | 0.57398 | 0.68194 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.44105 | - | 0.44105 | 0.55660 |
| Group 2 | 0.12631 | 0.31474 | 0.44105 | 0.55660 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.71164 | - | 0.71164 | 0.80665 |
| Group 2 | 0.28164 | 0.43000 | 0.71164 | 0.80665 |

Fifth Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 December 2017 to 31 December 2017

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 31/01/18 | 31/01/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.34498 | - | 0.34498 | 0.48483 |
| Group 2 | 0.04414 | 0.30084 | 0.34498 | 0.48483 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.24472 | - | 0.24472 | 0.36470 |
| Group 2 | - | 0.24472 | 0.24472 | 0.36470 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.29567 | - | 0.29567 | 0.41338 |
| Group 2 | 0.03298 | 0.26269 | 0.29567 | 0.41338 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.22610 | - | 0.22610 | 0.33527 |
| Group 2 | 0.04668 | 0.17942 | 0.22610 | 0.33527 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.36573 | - | 0.36573 | 0.50493 |
| Group 2 | 0.02843 | 0.33730 | 0.36573 | 0.50493 |

Sixth Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 January 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 January 2018 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 28/02/18 | 28/02/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.74126 | - | 0.74126 | 0.54282 |
| Group 2 | 0.21235 | 0.52891 | 0.74126 | 0.54282 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.52453 | - | 0.52453 | 0.40679 |
| Group 2 | 0.22240 | 0.30213 | 0.52453 | 0.40679 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.63572 | - | 0.63572 | 0.46308 |
| Group 2 | 0.29008 | 0.34564 | 0.63572 | 0.46308 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.48495 | - | 0.48495 | 0.37415 |
| Group 2 | 0.16779 | 0.31716 | 0.48495 | 0.37415 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.78703 | - | 0.78703 | 0.56759 |
| Group 2 | 0.35778 | 0.42925 | 0.78703 | 0.56759 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide long term capital growth from direct or indirect investment in emerging stock markets worldwide or companies with significant activities in emerging markets.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Emerging Markets Equity Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 4.08% compared to an increase of 10.01% in the benchmark, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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Market review

Emerging equities posted healthy gains in the six months under review, supported by synchronised global growth, upbeat corporate earnings, firming oil prices and the passage of US tax reform. These outweighed fears of quicker monetary policy normalisation from major central banks, and geopolitical tensions in Korea and the Middle East. Most emerging currencies rose against the US dollar despite the Federal Reserve's December rate hike, its third in 2017.

Across markets, China was underpinned by the continued rally of internet stocks, despite Beijing's ongoing financial tightening. The 19th National Congress saw President Xi Jinping cement his power, as expected. But removal of specific growth targets and an emphasis on better-quality growth could lead to more equitable outcomes and greater financial stability. Indian equities climbed on the government's plan to recapitalise state-owned banks and the ruling party's victories in key state elections. South Africa enjoyed a year-end rally on optimism over Cyril Ramaphosa's election as ANC Party leader. Russian stocks tracked oil prices higher while the central bank slashed its benchmark rates amid easing inflation. Brazil's central bank also cut rates amid encouraging economic signals, with markets additionally boosted after former leader Lula da Silva's conviction was upheld. However, Mexico was weak due to uncertainty over the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta) re-negotiations and natural disasters that hurt growth.

Portfolio review

Russia detracted the most from relative performance, with negative stock selection driven almost entirely by Magnit, as the retailer posted disappointing quarterly results and downgraded its earnings forecasts. The company's extensive store refurbishment programme has hurt like-for-like sales performance, while it is yet to see a significant

recovery in its core consumer base suffering from rising competition. However, we remain confident that its investment initiatives and the ongoing formalisation of Russia's retail market provides an attractive longer-term outlook.

Latin America was also weak. Mexico suffered from currency weakness and concerns over the fate of Nafta, along with negative stock selection. Conglomerate Femsa and airport operator Asur were both hurt by the impact of September's earthquakes, while lender Banorte fell after it acquired financial group Interacciones. Similarly, our stock picks in Brazil detracted. Meat producer BRF fell as investors were jittery after it appointed a new chief executive.

In Asia, the underweight to China proved costly, as the mainland was supported by resilient growth, while internet giants, including Tencent and Alibaba, continued to perform well on good results. However, stock selection was positive, thanks to the position in the Aberdeen Global – China A Share Fund. It was the top stock-level contributor over the period as its underlying holdings outperformed on positive earnings momentum. Meanwhile, both stock selection and the overweight to India was negative, as the market lagged post-GST implementation on worries over weaker growth and subdued quarterly corporate earnings. ITC, in particular, was pressured by an unexpected hike on cigarette taxes.

Conversely, Taiwan was a major contributor to relative performance, as the market retreated on production delays and weaker demand for the latest iPhone. Our underweight there, and lack of exposure to heavyweight Hon Hai Precision Industry, was positive. Also aiding performance was robust stock selection in Korea, as Samsung Electronics continued to post record quarterly earnings. Elsewhere, the rally in South Africa boosted holdings Truworth and Massmart, while not holding conglomerate Steinhoff, which became embroiled in an accounting scandal, also proved beneficial.

In portfolio activity, we initiated Korean chemicals business LG Chem, given its unique business mix and attractive growth prospects. We also introduced several mainland holdings: China Resources Land, a Hong Kong-listed developer with superior profitability and good mix of property development and investment; Ping An, a financial conglomerate with a leading life-insurance franchise and unrivalled ecosystem in a growing market; as well as tech giant Tencent.

Our introduction of Tencent reflects our growing confidence in its business, corporate structure and founder. We take comfort from its track record of treating minority shareholders fairly, and like its robust business moat and financials. It has successfully maintained market dominance in gaming, and has also created a powerful ecosystem, with encouraging progress made on financial services, online advertising and digital content. Already, it is posting solid revenues and margins on the back of robust cash flows. While not cheap, we believe valuations reflect its high-quality growth potential.

Against this, we exited steel-pipe manufacturer Tenaris, miner BHP Billiton, conglomerate Swire Pacific, Mexican retailer Soriana and Taiwan Mobile in favour of more attractive opportunities elsewhere. We also sold Indian software company Infosys, given our lower confidence following the resignation of its CEO and our growing governance concerns.

Outlook

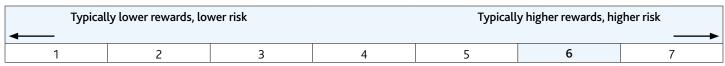
Emerging markets should continue to be supported by stable growth and expectations for improving earnings in 2018, though a number of risks could present short-term challenges. Recent US tax reform or quicker-than-expected rate hikes could strengthen the dollar and trigger outflows. Political uncertainty is another worry, as elections in key markets could amplify volatility. Recent sovereign and corporate rating downgrades also reflect concern over rising debt levels. But the asset class remains buoyed by broadening global growth and moderate inflation. Brazil and Russia appear better-placed to sustain their recoveries from recessions, while India should rebound from temporary weakness. These factors, along with company-level efforts to improve capital allocations and margins, should underpin higher returns. Various long-run structural factors also appear favourable, including a growing middle class with rising income levels across the developing world, which should benefit consumer and financial companies. Overall, the prospects are encouraging. We remain committed to our philosophy of investing in well-managed companies with solid fundamentals, and engaging them consistently to ensure the portfolio's quality.

Global Emerging Markets Equity Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- · 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Exchange Rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- Emerging Markets: Emerging markets or less developed countries may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries and this may mean your money is at greater risk.
- Chinese Domestic Securities Market: The Fundmay invest directly or indirectly in Chinese domestic securities markets via various channels, which involves additional risks as further described in the Fund's Prospectus.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

| Comparative tables |
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A Accumulation Shares

| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 477,647 | 515,045 | 540,136 | 818,365 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Closing number of shares | 63,237,362 | 71,003,778 | 86,685,353 | 157,345,214 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 755.32 | 725.38 | 623.10 | 520.11 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 4.13% | 16.41% | 19.80% | (4.80%) |
| Operating charges | 2.01% | 2.00% | 2.02% | 1.99% |
| G Accumulation Shares ^A | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 57,983 | 63,116 | | |
| Closing number of shares | 51,980,073 | 59,148,373 | | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 111.55 | 106.71 | | |
| Change in net asset value per share | 4.54% | - | | |
| Operating charges | 1.26% | 1.25% | | |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1,056,911 | 1,095,471 | 950,816 | 782,832 |
| | | | | |

31 July 17

31 July 16

31 July 15

31 January 18

| IACC | Luttiulation Stiates | Ji january 10 | Ji july 17 | Ji july 10 | Ji july 13 |
|------|---------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Clos | ing net asset value (£'000) | 1,056,911 | 1,095,471 | 950,816 | 782,832 |
| Clos | ing number of shares | 127,512,489 | 138,144,500 | 140,635,285 | 139,767,397 |
| Clos | ing net asset value per share (pence) | 828.87 | 792.99 | 676.09 | 560.10 |
| Char | nge in net asset value per share | 4.52% | 17.29% | 20.71% | (4.11%) |
| Ope | rating charges | 1.26% | 1.25% | 1.27% | 1.24% |
| | | | | | |

| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1,580 | 6,799 | 6,785 | 5,438 |
| Closing number of shares | 199,927 | 899,227 | 1,041,641 | 996,856 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 790.30 | 756.11 | 651.36 | 545.53 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 4.52% | 16.08% | 19.40% | (5.33%) |
| Operating charges | 1.26% | 1.25% | 1.27% | 1.24% |

| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 105,064 | 99,260 | 91,418 | 77,573 |
| Closing number of shares | 11,415,084 | 11,329,384 | 12,361,484 | 12,788,584 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 920.40 | 876.13 | 739.54 | 606.58 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 5.05% | 18.47% | 21.92% | (3.17%) |
| Operating charges | 0.26% | 0.25% | 0.27% | 0.24% |

^A G Accumulation share class launched on 7 October 2016.

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| Societie | Nominal/ | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Security Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | Quantity exchange listing or dealt on | | % market |
| 91.22% (2017: 92.82%) | exchange disting of death off | another regulated i | Hurket |
| Equities 91.22% (2017: 92.82%) | | | |
| Asia Pacific 57.34% (2017: 52.98%) | | | |
| China 6.61% (2017: nil) | | | |
| China Resources Land | 7,968,000 | 22,351 | 1.32 |
| Ping An Insurance [∞] | 2,228,500 | 18,563 | 1.09 |
| Tencent | 1,712,300 | 71,371 | 4.20 |
| | | 112,285 | 6.61 |
| | | | |
| Hong Kong 8.74% (2017: 10.66%) | | | |
| AlA∞ | 8,302,800 | 50,015 | 2.95 |
| China Mobile | 6,076,500 | 45,099 | 2.65 |
| Hang Lung | 10,628,000 | 28,427 | 1.67 |
| Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing | 938,671 | 25,014 | 1.47 |
| | | 148,555 | 8.74 |
| India 14.36% (2017: 15.36%) | | | |
| Aditya Birla Capital | 2,800,868 | 5,303 | 0.31 |
| Grasim Industries | 2,000,620 | 25,646 | 1.51 |
| Hero MotoCorp | 590,492 | 24,095 | 1.42 |
| Hindustan Unilever | 1,725,000 | 26,008 | 1.53 |
| Housing Development Finance | 3,038,646 | 65,715 | 3.87 |
| ITC | 11,236,168 | 33,685 | 1.98 |
| Kotak Mahindra Bank | 1,535,800 | 18,814 | 1.11 |
| Tata Consultancy Services | 662,183 | 22,777 | 1.34 |
| UltraTech Cement | 453,973 | 21,965 | 1.29 |
| | .55,515 | 244,008 | 14.36 |
| | | | |
| Indonesia 5.05% (2017: 4.86%) | 01 5 42 000 | 40.000 | 2.44 |
| Astra International | 91,543,000 | 40,869 | 2.41 |
| Bank Central Asia | 20,122,400 | 24,018 | 1.41 |
| Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa | 18,221,700 | 20,864 85,751 | 1.23 5.05 |
| | | | |
| Malaysia 1.22% (2017: 1.24%) | | | |
| Public Bank | 5,212,658 | 20,671 | 1.22 |
| Philipping 2 500/ /2017 2 000/) | | | |
| Philippines 3.50% (2017: 3.88%) | 771,680 | 11 107 | 0.65 |
| Ayala Land | | 11,107 | |
| Ayala Land | 37,777,100 | 22,914 | 1.35 |
| Bank of the Philippine Islands | 15,536,250 | 25,386 59,407 | 1.50 3.50 |

| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| South Korea 9.43% (2017: 7.82%) | | | |
| AMOREPACIFIC | 128,175 | 11,986 | 0.71 |
| amorepacific (pref) | 53,452 | 5,474 | 0.32 |
| LG Chem | 61,713 | 17,536 | 1.03 |
| Naver | 51,921 | 31,114 | 1.83 |
| Samsung Electronics (PREF) | 67,832 | 94,207 | 5.54 |
| | | 160,317 | 9.43 |
| Taiwan 4.76% (2017: 4.93%) | | | |
| TSMC | 13,159,718 | 80,966 | 4.76 |
| Thailand 3.67% (2017: 4.23%) | | | |
| Siam Cement (Alien) | 3,152,200 | 34,821 | 2.05 |
| Siam Commercial Bank (Alien) | 7,731,000 | 27,599 | 1.62 |
| Sum Commercial Bunk (Auch) | 7,731,000 | 62,420 | 3.67 |
| Total Asia Pacific | | 974,380 | 57.34 |
| Europe, Middle East & Africa (ex United Kingdom) 11.07% (2017: 14.15%) Hungary 0.95% (2017: 1.07%) | | | |
| Gedeon Richter | 888,674 | 16,150 | 0.95 |
| D. L La 020/ (2047, 0.020/) | | | |
| Poland 1.03% (2017: 0.92%) Bank Pekao∞ | 609,912 | 17,479 | 1.03 |
| | · | · · | |
| Portugal 1.00% (2017: 1.05%) | | | |
| Jeronimo Martins [∞] | 1,132,242 | 17,015 | 1.00 |
| Russian Federation 2.15% (2017: 3.61%) | | | |
| Lukoil ADR | 358,400 | 16,639 | 0.98 |
| Magnit | 298,906 | 19,904 | 1.17 |
| | | 36,543 | 2.15 |
| South Africa 3.36% (2017: 3.50%) | | | |
| Massmart | 1,881,845 | 15,398 | 0.91 |
| MTN | 2,704,300 | 21,043 | 1.24 |
| Truworths International | 3,542,122 | 20,525 | 1.21 |
| | | 56,966 | 3.36 |
| Turkey 2.58% (2017: 4.00%) | | | |
| Akbank | 6,058,238 | 12,390 | 0.73 |
| BIM Birlesik Magazalar | 1,423,086 | 20,047 | 1.18 |
| | 4,966,800 | | |
| Turkiye Garanti Bankasi | 4,900,600 | 11,433 43,870 | 0.67 2.58 |
| | | | |
| Total Europe, Middle East & Africa (ex United Kingdom) | | 188,023 | 11.07 |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Security | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Assets % |
| Latin America 19.94% (2017: 22.78%) | Quantity | £ 000 | /0 |
| Argentina nil (2017: 1.10%) | | | |
| 1 (S 1 / 1 / 1 / 1 / 1 / 1 / 1 / 1 / 1 / 1 | | | |
| Brazil 12.49% (2017: 11.99%) | | | |
| AmBev | 5,902,600 | 28,769 | 1.69 |
| Banco Bradesco (ADR) | 5,230,207 | 46,673 | 2.7 |
| BRF | 2,214,400 | 17,382 | 1.02 |
| Lojas Renner | 3,579,800 | 30,094 | 1.77 |
| Multiplan Empreendimentos Imobiliarios | 1,267,000 | 20,408 | 1.20 |
| Ultrapar Participacoes | 1,978,400 | 35,820 | 2.11 |
| Vale (ADR) | 3,606,700 | 33,200 | 1.95 |
| | | 212,346 | 12.49 |
| | | | |
| Chile 2.35% (2017: 2.41%) | | | |
| Banco Santander Chile (ADR) | 839,332 | 20,103 | 1.18 |
| SACI Falabella | 2,682,549 | 19,816 | 1.1 |
| | | 39,919 | 2.35 |
| | | | |
| Mexico 5.10% (2017: 7.28%) | 522.000 | 25.062 | 2.44 |
| FEMSA (ADR) | 522,900 | 35,863 | 2.11 |
| Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste (ADR) | 163,501 | 22,396 | 1.32 |
| Grupo Financiero Banorte | 6,282,523 | 28,330 | 1.67 5.1 0 |
| | | 86,589 | 5.10 |
| Total Latin America | | 338,854 | 19.94 |
| Total Editivy interior | | 230,03 . | .5.5 |
| North America 1.99% (2017: 1.69%) | | | |
| United States 1.99% (2017: 1.69%) | | | |
| Yum China | 1,037,625 | 33,849 | 1.99 |
| | | | |
| Total North America | | 33,849 | 1.99 |
| 11 to 110 1 1 0 000 (500 7 d 000) | | | |
| United Kingdom 0.88% (2017: 1.22%) | 4 0 | | |
| Standard Chartered | 1,822,021 | 14,933 | 0.88 |
| Total United Kingdom | | 14 022 | 0.00 |
| Total United Kingdom | | 14,933 | 0.88 |
| Total Equities | | 1,550,039 | 91.22 |
| • | | , , | |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 1,550,039 | 91.22 |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|------------|--------------|-----------|
| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 8.53% (2017: 7.34%) | | | |
| Aberdeen Global - China A Share Equity Fund Z-2 [†] | 11,104,078 | 127,764 | 7.52 |
| Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Sterling Fund Z-1 [†] | 17,191 | 17,191 | 1.01 |
| | | 144,955 | 8.53 |
| | | | |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | 144,955 | 8.53 |
| | | | |
| Total investments | | 1,694,994 | 99.75 |
| Other net assets | | 4,191 | 0.25 |
| Total net assets | | 1,699,185 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

[∞] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end. Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|--------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 35,411 | 2.09 | 2.08 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria | 1,733 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Eni | 1,239 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Intesa Sanpaolo | 1,230 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Anheuser-Busch InBev | 1,215 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Assicurazioni Generali | 1,057 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| International Consolidated Airlines | 1,042 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Astellas Pharmaceutical | 1,042 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Nissan Motor | 1,041 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Mizuho Financial | 1,041 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Ajinomoto Co | 1,038 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| | | | | |
| Other Equity | 25,640 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Government Bond | 1,921 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 39,239 | | | |

| | | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Market value of | segregated |
| | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 39,239 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| AUD | 72 |
| CHF | 761 |
| EUR | 18,490 |
| GBP | 5,832 |
| JPY | 12,835 |
| SEK | 135 |
| USD | 1,114 |
| Total collateral received | 39,239 |

| | | Market value of securities lending | Countries of counterparty | Settlement |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Counterparties per type of SFT | | £'000 | establishment | and clearing |
| BNP Paribas | | 19,091 | France | Tri-party |
| NATIXIS | | 12,696 | France | Tri-party |
| Citigroup | | 3,017 | United States | Tri-party |
| JPM Chase | | 607 | United States | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | | 35,411 | | |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 5 | 1,916 | 37,318 | 39,239 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | 35,411 | 35,411 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be reca The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collater | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 15 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent c | osts) | | (3) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser ope | rational costs) | | - | - |
| Total costs | | | (3) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 12 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 75,525 | | 81,879 |
| Revenue | 13,720 | | 13,907 | |
| Expenses | (12,231) | | (11,494) | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 1,489 | | 2,413 | |
| Taxation | (1,621) | | (1,306) | |
| Net (expense)/revenue after taxation | | (132) | | 1,107 |
| Total return before distributions | | 75,393 | | 82,986 |
| Distributions | | (149) | | (95) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 75,244 | | 82,891 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 Jan | uary 2017 |
|--|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 1,779,691 | | 1,589,155 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 2,348 | | 17,150 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (158,455) | | (120,130) | |
| | | (156,107) | | (102,980) |
| Capacity management charge | | 357 | | 527 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 75,244 | | 82,891 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 1,699,185 | | 1,569,593 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 1,694,994 | 1,782,494 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 3,905 | 10,192 |
| Cash and bank balances | 5,684 | 6,215 |
| Total assets | 1,704,583 | 1,798,901 |
| | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 5,398 | 19,139 |
| Distribution payable | - | 71 |
| Total liabilities | 5,398 | 19,210 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 1,699,185 | 1,779,691 |

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

To achieve long-term capital growth. The objective will be achieved through investment in a portfolio of international quality investments chosen on the basis of ethical ("socially responsible") criteria. These criteria include the environment, employee relations, product quality and international operations. The Fund may also invest in fixed interest securities.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Ethical World Equity Fund – A Income Shares increased by 5.13% compared to an increase of 5.94% in the benchmark, the FTSE World Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested. GBP.

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

Global equities rose during the interim period, buoyed by optimism over earnings on the back of an ongoing global growth recovery, benign inflation and low stock market volatility. In the US, corporate tax reforms bolstered sentiment, and Jerome Powell's appointment as the next Federal Reserve chair suggested continuity in the gradual tightening of monetary policy. European central bankers appeared similarly hawkish, inching closer towards ending quantitative easing and raising interest rates as continental economic activity picked up. Meanwhile, Japanese stocks were boosted by Shinzo Abe's re-election victory that strengthened his mandate, and better business prospects. Most emerging markets were lifted by US dollar weakness. Chinese shares rose on mostly resilient growth, heralded in the widely-watched National congress, and a sharp rise in internet stocks. The tech-heavy Korean and Taiwanese markets also rallied. Oil prices were robust, with Brent crude briefly trading above US\$70 a barrel towards period-end.

Investors shrugged off a brief US government shutdown, as well as renewed concerns over trade protectionism after President Donald Trump imposed import tariffs on washing machines and solar panels. Japan and ten other Pacific Rim countries announced they would press on with a Trans-Pacific Partnership free-trade agreement without the US. An unresolved Brexit continued to beleaguer the UK politically, although the economy remained largely resilient. Geopolitical tensions between the US and North Korea, as well as protracted talks to form a coalition government in Germany and Catalonia's push for independence from Spain added to the pall of uncertainty. However, stocks remained buoyant in spite of these developments.

Portfolio Review

Japanese snacks supplier Calbee was the biggest detractor from relative performance. It was weighed down by its weaker businesses overseas. Check Point Software Technologies posted outstanding results but its share price fell because of teething issues with its enlarged sales force, which could dampen growth. Elsewhere, a muted outlook and competition concerns weighed on Singtel's share price. However, we continue to like the Singapore telco's steady and diversified cash flows, as well as its growing digital presence.

Conversely, the UK's Aveva rose amid plans for a merger with Schneider Electric's software business. Banco Bradesco was another key outperformer, as investors began to price in the lender's further interest rate cuts and potentially better growth outlook. In addition, Banco Bradesco rode the broader Brazilian market rally after an appeals court upheld former leftist President Lula da Silva's graft conviction, reducing the chances of his candidacy in the upcoming presidential elections. Meanwhile, FANUC did well on the back of robust earnings and a positive outlook.

In portfolio activity, we exited Wood Group, in view of its increased leverage following a recent acquisition; Casey's General Stores, because it now fails the portfolio's ethical screens; and Nutrien, the newly-merged entity between Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan and Agrium, which now fails our ethical screening process on animal testing grounds. We also sold City Developments, as we felt it was trading at full valuation following a robust recovery in its share price, which reflects a positive outlook for the Singapore property market. We sold Cisco Systems, and used the proceeds to fund the initiation of Samsung Electronics, after it passed our ethical screening process and while it was trading at attractive valuations. The company is well-placed to tap into long-term demand for semiconductors and memory chips. We introduced Ritchie Bros, a US-focused auction business with a large market share and good cash generation, and Overseas-Chinese Banking, a well-run Singapore bank that is well-capitalised, has an attractive dividend yield and good growth opportunities, both in the region as well as in wealth management. We also initiated a position in Jardine Matheson, in view of its attractive valuation and range of businesses in Asia, as well as Yum China, a leading restaurant-chain operator, given its mix of brands and their potential to benefit from attractive prospects in China.

Outlook

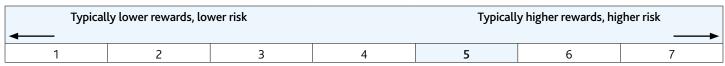
In many major financial markets, share prices gains have been relentless, and there could be momentum for growth to continue despite the sudden spike in volatility at the time of writing. Within the US, tax reform is expected to manifest itself in renewed corporate buybacks, following a period of more subdued activity, on the back of rising levels of indebtedness. Nonetheless, the operating environment is in flux. Economic reforms are largely still in gestation, Brexit negotiations are being staggered, and political leadership in the West seems unsettled. Central banks also continue to mull over lifting interest rates amid muted inflation. Against this volatile operating landscape, we are anchored by our bottom-up analysis of business models and valuations. We also develop clarity and foresight by monitoring our investments diligently, while maintaining a long-term investment outlook. Through this process, we have built a portfolio that comprises businesses with capable management, robust operations, and the potential for intrinsic earnings growth.

Global Equity Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- · This Fund is ranked at 5 because funds of this type have experienced medium to 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risk of investing in this Fund:
- Exchange Rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

Comparative tables

| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 34,180 | 33,614 | 34,082 | 64,487 |
| Closing number of shares | 13,953,674 | 14,401,110 | 16,899,690 | 35,629,879 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 244.96 | 233.41 | 201.67 | 180.99 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 4.95% | 15.74% | 11.43% | (2.58%) |
| Operating charges | 1.63% | 1.63% | 1.63% | 1.65% |
| | | | | |

| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 17,369 | 18,856 | 23,342 | 45,039 |
| Closing number of shares | 9,458,749 | 10,776,646 | 15,374,318 | 32,802,923 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 183.62 | 174.98 | 151.82 | 137.30 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 4.94% | 15.25% | 10.58% | (3.80%) |
| Operating charges | 1.63% | 1.63% | 1.63% | 1.65% |

| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 65,295 | 61,405 | 54,264 | 38,437 |
| Closing number of shares | 23,296,537 | 23,049,634 | 23,694,708 | 18,795,014 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 280.28 | 266.40 | 229.02 | 204.51 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 5.21% | 16.32% | 11.98% | (2.09%) |
| Operating charges | 1.13% | 1.13% | 1.13% | 1.15% |

| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 35,546 | 37,900 | 37,566 | 48,488 |
| Closing number of shares | 17,810,193 | 19,944,462 | 22,783,489 | 32,515,291 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 199.58 | 190.03 | 164.88 | 149.12 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 5.03% | 15.25% | 10.57% | (3.81%) |
| Operating charges | 1.13% | 1.13% | 1.13% | 1.15% |

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|---|-------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official excha 99.62% (2017: 97.73%) | ange listing or dealt on | another regulated | market |
| Equities 99.62% (2017: 97.73%) | | | |
| Asia Pacific 25.77% (2017: 22.68%) | | | |
| Hong Kong 8.27% (2017: 7.63%) | | | |
| AIA | 701,100 | 4,224 | 2.78 |
| Jardine Matheson | 52,900 | 2,357 | 1.55 |
| Kerry Logistics Network | 2,739,500 | 2,768 | 1.82 |
| MTR | 354,000 | 1,424 | 0.93 |
| Swire Pacific 'A' | 158,500 | 1,114 | 0.73 |
| Swire Pacific 'B' | 585,000 | 705 | 0.46 |
| | · | 12,592 | 8.27 |
| India 1.77% (2017: 1.74%) | | | |
| Housing Development Finance | 124,600 | 2,695 | 1.77 |
| Philippines 0.97% (2017: 1.02%) | | | |
| Ayala Land | 2,446,900 | 1,484 | 0.97 |
| Singapore 4.35% (2017: 4.85%) | | | |
| Oversea-Chinese Banking | 456,130 | 3,168 | 2.08 |
| Singapore Telecommunications | 1,828,100 | 3,466 | 2.27 |
| 01 | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | 6,634 | 4.35 |
| South Korea 2.70% (2017: nil) | | | |
| Samsung Electronics (GDR) (PREF) | 5,900 | 4,120 | 2.70 |
| Taiwan 5.89% (2017: 5.85%) | | | |
| Taiwan Mobile | 1,323,000 | 3,543 | 2.33 |
| TSMC (ADR) | 170,500 | 5,429 | 3.56 |
| | | 8,972 | 5.89 |
| Thailand 1.82% (2017: 1.59%) | | | |
| Kasikornbank (Alien) | 535,000 | 2,775 | 1.82 |
| Total Asia Pacific | | 39,272 | 25.77 |
| Total, da radine | | 33,2.7.2 | 23.77 |
| Europe, Middle East & Africa (ex United Kingdom) 15.55% (2017: 13.91%) France 1.58% (2017: 0.93%) | | | |
| Essilor International | 24,100 | 2,414 | 1.58 |
| Ession international | 24,100 | ۷,۳۱۳ | 1.50 |
| Germany 3.30% (2017: 2.93%) | 24.500 | 4.500 | 0.63 |
| Fielmann | 24,500 | 1,508 | 0.99 |
| Linde | 20,500 | 3,531 | 2.31 |
| | | 5,039 | 3.30 |

| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Ireland 2.58% (2017: 2.77%) | | | |
| Experian | 242,100 | 3,930 | 2.58 |
| Israel 2.38% (2017: 2.35%) | | | |
| Check Point Software Technologies | 49,800 | 3,621 | 2.38 |
| South Africa 1.64% (2017: 1.44%) | | | |
| MTN | 320,800 | 2,496 | 1.64 |
| Swadon 1 770/ (2017: 1 470/) | | | |
| Sweden 1.77% (2017: 1.47%) Atlas Copco 'A' | 81,500 | 2,700 | 1.77 |
| · | | _, | |
| Switzerland 2.30% (2017: 2.02%) | | | |
| dorma+kaba | 2,200 | 1,425 | 0.94 |
| Temenos | 21,400 | 2,079 | 1.36 |
| | | 3,504 | 2.30 |
| Total Europe, Middle East & Africa (ex United Kingdom) | | 23,704 | 15.55 |
| Japan 10.71% (2017: 11.51%) | | | |
| Calbee Inc [∞] | 75,600 | 1,868 | 1.23 |
| Daito Trust Construction Co | 27,700 | 3,401 | 2.23 |
| FANUC Corp | 16,100 | 3,052 | 2.00 |
| Japan Exchange Group Inc | 125,100 | 1,578 | 1.04 |
| Keyence Corp | 6,600 | 2,824 | 1.85 |
| Mitsubishi Estate Co | 142,000 | 1,909 | 1.25 |
| Shimano Inc∞ | 16,900 | 1,696 | 1.11 |
| Similario inc | 10,500 | 16,328 | 10.71 |
| Total Japan | | 16,328 | 10.71 |
| | | • | |
| Latin America 5.24% (2017: 5.67%) Argentina 1.57% (2017: 1.85%) | | | |
| Tenaris (ADR) | 97,100 | 2,389 | 1.57 |
| Brazil 3.67% (2017: 3.82%) | | | |
| Banco Bradesco (ADR) | 453,179 | 4,045 | 2.65 |
| Ultrapar Participacoes (ADR) | 86,300 | 1,552 | 1.02 |
| Ottrapar Farticipacoes (ADN) | 00,500 | 5,597 | 3.67 |
| Total Latin America | | 7,986 | 5.24 |
| North America 32.65% (2017: 34.27%) | | | |
| Canada 2.59% (2017: 3.69%) | | | |
| Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers | 72,200 | 1,651 | 1.08 |
| TELUS (Toronto Listing) | 86,700 | 2,299 | 1.51 |
| , O, | ,. • • | 3,950 | 2.59 |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| - ·· | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| United States 30.06% (2017: 30.58%) | 64.600 | 2.062 | 4.0 |
| Amdocs | 61,600 | 2,963 | 1.94 |
| Cognizant Technology Solutions 'A' | 59,200 | 3,246 | 2.13 |
| Comcast 'A' | 111,500 | 3,337 | 2.19 |
| EOG Resources | 49,979 | 4,042 | 2.65 |
| Intercontinental Exchange | 44,700 | 2,321 | 1.57 |
| Jones Lang LaSalle | 27,500 | 3,025 | 1.98 |
| M&T Bank | 35,300 | 4,736 | 3.12 |
| Oracle | 130,900 | 4,749 | 3.13 |
| Samsonite International | 1,223,800 | 3,719 | 2.44 |
| Schlumberger∞ | 76,100 | 3,938 | 2.58 |
| ТЈХ | 59,200 | 3,345 | 2.19 |
| Visa 'A'∞ | 54,200 | 4,736 | 3.12 |
| Yum China | 50,000 | 1,631 | 1.0 |
| | · | 45,788 | 30.06 |
| | | | |
| Total North America | | 49,738 | 32.65 |
| United Kingdom 9.70% (2017: 9.69%) Aveva | 115,300 | 3,441 | 2.26 |
| Standard Chartered | | | |
| | 420,148 | 3,444 | 2.26 |
| Vodafone | 1,676,000 | 3,764 | 2.47 |
| Whitbread | 106,559 | 4,135 | 2.7 |
| | | 14,784 | 9.70 |
| Total United Kingdom | | 14,784 | 9.70 |
| Total Equities | | 151,812 | 99.62 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 151,812 | 99.62 |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 4.15% (2017: 2.00%) | | | |
| | 6 227 | 6 227 | 4 41 |
| Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Sterling Fund Z-1 [†] | 6,327 | 6,327 | 4.15 |
| Fotal Open Ended Investment Funds | | 6,327 | 4.1! |
| Fotal investments | | 158,139 | 103.7 |
| Other net liabilities | | (5,749) | (3.7) |
| Total net assets | | 152,390 | 100.00 |
| Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc. | | , | |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc. [∞] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end. Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|--------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 11,060 | 6.99 | 7.26 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| UK Treasury | 762 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Intesa Sanpaolo | 334 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Eni | 331 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| HSBC | 313 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Germany (Federal Republic of) | 300 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Unicredit | 296 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Vinci | 270 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Nestle | 250 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Carnival | 249 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Iberdrola | 248 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| | | | | |
| Other Equity | 8,683 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Government Bond | 280 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 12,316 | | | |

| | | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Market value of | segregated |
| | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 12,316 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| AUD | 376 |
| CHF | 269 |
| DKK | 2 |
| EUR | 4,567 |
| GBP | 2,989 |
| JPY | 3,494 |
| SEK | 40 |
| USD | 579 |
| Total collateral received | 12,316 |

| | | Market value of securities lending | Countries of counterparty | Settlement |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Counterparties per type of SFT | | £'000 | establishment | and clearing |
| NATIXIS | | 4,485 | France | Tri-party |
| JPM Chase | | 3,165 | United States | Tri-party |
| Citigroup | | 2,766 | United States | Tri-party |
| Merrill Lynch | | 644 | United States | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | | 11,060 | | |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 53 | 1,289 | 10,974 | 12,316 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | 11,060 | 11,060 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be rec The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collate | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 5 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent | costs) | | (1) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser op | erational costs) | | - | - |
| Total costs | | | (1) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 4 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 7,477 | | 13,973 |
| Revenue | 1,220 | | 1,302 | |
| Expenses | (1,006) | | (1,024) | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 214 | | 278 | |
| Taxation | (69) | | (79) | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 145 | | 199 |
| | | | | |
| Total return before distributions | | 7,622 | | 14,172 |
| | | | | |
| Distributions | | (184) | | (223) |
| | | | | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 7,438 | | 13,949 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janu | ıary 2018 | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------------|---------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 151,775 | | 149,254 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 8,418 | | 8,867 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (15,354) | | (15,061) | |
| | | (6,936) | | (6,194) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 7,438 | | 13,949 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 113 | | 132 |
| Unclaimed distributions > 6 years | | - | | 1 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 152,390 | | 157,142 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 158,139 | 151,361 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 2,119 | 578 |
| Cash and bank balances | 480 | 480 |
| Total assets | 160,738 | 152,419 |
| | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 8,287 | 296 |
| Distribution payable | 61 | 348 |
| Total liabilities | 8,348 | 644 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 152,390 | 151,775 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

Interim dividend distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Group 2 | - | - | - | - |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Group 2 | - | - | - | - |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.48456 | - | 0.48456 | 0.55444 |
| Group 2 | 0.06531 | 0.41925 | 0.48456 | 0.55444 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.34565 | - | 0.34565 | 0.39917 |
| Group 2 | 0.05520 | 0.29045 | 0.34565 | 0.39917 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective & policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in Investment grade corporate Debt and debt-related securities denominated in (or hedged back to) Euros.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Investment grade and sub-Investment grade Debt and debt-related securities denominated in any currency, including those issued by governments, public bodies and supra-national issuers, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Euro Corporate Bond - A Income Shares decreased by 1.04 % compared to a decrease of 1.37% in the benchmark, the iBoxx Euro Corporates Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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

European corporate bond spreads widened at the beginning of the review period, interrupting a significant period of outperformance for the asset class. Some of the month's volatility was caused by heightened geopolitical concerns and in anticipation of potential actions from policymakers. However, they resumed their previous path in September, offsetting some of the price drops caused by rising yields. Despite geopolitical concerns and potential for tighter monetary conditions, strong economic data and ongoing demand for income led to continued strength.

Despite some political noise at the beginning of October surrounding the Catalan independence referendum, corporate bond markets were driven by limited corporate issuance and central bank dovishness, including the European Central Bank's announcement of a nine-month extension to its asset purchase programme. Positive news on US tax reform and some progress in Brexit negotiations also gave support to markets.

Portfolio review

Fund performance was positive in both absolute and relative terms. The Fund's active overweight in credit risk made a positive contribution as European corporate bond yield spreads over government bonds tightened. Markets anticipated the winding-down of the European Central Bank's Corporate Sector Purchase Programme (CSPP), and this led to broad underperformance of CSPP-eligible assets. As a result, the Fund's overweight in financials (which generally lack eligibility) versus corporates made a positive contribution to performance.

Subordinated insurance was the standout sector throughout 2017 and the portfolio's overweight through names such as AXA, Aviva and AGS generated further outperformance in the second half of the year. Returns were also boosted by overweight positioning in senior bonds from high quality banking names such as Barclays, UBS and Nationwide. In terms of security selection, hybrids led the outperformance with strong returns from SSE, Orange and Total. The latter company benefited from the rally in oil prices. Sky bonds also performed strongly on the potential tie-up between Disney and 21st Century Fox, which holds a material stake in the UK media company. Exposure to Israel-based pharmaceutical manufacturer Teva acted as a slight drag on performance on the back of weak earnings and a subsequent downgrade to junk at Moody's. This also weighed on the US pharma sector as a whole. Underperformance was tempered, however, by the Fund's holding of the shortest bond on the Teva curve (which was the least affected).

The portfolio participated in a number of new issues. Corporate additions included Volkswagen, ENI, Renault and BASF, while senior holding company bonds from Credit Suisse and Barclays were added in financials. Abbvie 24s was sold to limit exposure to the US pharma sector, and Swedish property operator Rikshem was also reduced to allow space for more attractive real estate issues from Aroundtown, Grand City and ADO Properties. While supply was relatively muted in January – which gave further technical support to credit spread performance – the portfolio participated in new issues from Caixabank and non-preferred senior debt from BPCE. Rabobank 22s was sold as funding for new issuance, and exposure in TDF was reduced following good performance and amid growing concern on potential merger and acquisition activity.

Outlook

The positive macroeconomic environment globally continues to support risk assets. Although there are risks – Brexit, Italian elections and geopolitics to name a few – the demand for yield generating assets remains strong. Valuations are much less compelling, however, following a surprisingly strong 2017, and a more conservative risk position now appears appropriate. As policy rates move higher we are more concerned about a pick-up in company specific risks in the year ahead.

Pan European Credit Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- This Fund is ranked at 4 because funds of this type have experienced average 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.
- Exchange Rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

Comparative tables

| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 67 | 82 | 120 |
| Closing number of shares | 45,173 | 54,373 | 84,173 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 147.51 | 150.19 | 142.43 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.78%) | 5.45% | - |
| Operating charges | 1.03% | 1.03% | 1.13% |

| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 200 | 87 | 77 |
| Closing number of shares | 103,062 | 44,462 | 41,462 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 193.87 | 196.46 | 184.68 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.32%) | 6.38% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.63% | 0.63% | 0.63% |

| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 27,100 | 27,669 | 31,364 |
| Closing number of shares | 18,453,627 | 18,499,827 | 22,115,427 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 146.86 | 149.56 | 141.82 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.81%) | 5.46% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.63% | 0.63% | 0.63% |

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Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| Contract to | 6 (6) | N 4 !: | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Security Transferable securities and money market instrun | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % Parket 95 93% |
| (2017: 98.87%) | nents admitted to an onic | liat excilatinge tistii | ig of deatt off a | mother regulated in | idi ket 55.55 /0 |
| Bonds 95.93% (2017: 98.87%) | | | | | |
| Asset Backed Bonds / Mortgage Backed Bonds 2 | 22% (2017: 2.25%) | | | | |
| France 0.64% (2017: 0.64%) | | | | | |
| Purple Master Credit Cards | FRN | 25/10/28 | 200,000 | 175 | 0.64 |
| | | | | | |
| Luxembourg 0.62% (2017: 0.64%) | | | | | |
| Red & Black Auto Lease Germany | FRN | 15/11/27 | 192,488 | 169 | 0.62 |
| United Kingdom 0.069/ (2017, 0.079/) | | | | | |
| United Kingdom 0.96% (2017: 0.97%) Lanark Master Issuer | FRN | 22/12/54 | 300,000 | 264 | 0.96 |
| Latia K Master issuer | FRIN | 22/12/34 | 300,000 | 204 | 0.90 |
| Total Asset Backed Bonds / Mortgage Backed Bor | nds | | | 608 | 2.22 |
| | | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds 93.28% (2017: 96.10%) | | | | | |
| Australia 4.06% (2017: 5.01%) | | | | | |
| APT Pipelines (EMTN) | 1.3750 | 22/03/22 | 500,000 | 449 | 1.64 |
| AusNet Services (EMTN) | 2.3750 | 24/07/20 | 250,000 | 231 | 0.84 |
| AusNet Services (EMTN) | 1.5000 | 26/02/27 | 104,000 | 93 | 0.34 |
| SGSP Australia Assets (EMTN) | 2.0000 | 30/06/22 | 265,000 | 246 | 0.90 |
| Transurban Finance (EMTN) | 1.7500 | 29/03/28 | 104,000 | 92 | 0.34 |
| | | | | 1,111 | 4.06 |
| Belgium 3.58% (2017: 3.99%) | | | | | |
| AG Insurance | VAR | 30/06/47 | 100,000 | 96 | 0.35 |
| Anheuser-Busch InBev (EMTN) | 2.7500 | 17/03/36 | 200,000 | 189 | 0.69 |
| Anheuser-Busch InBev (EMTN) | 1.1500 | 22/01/27 | 184,000 | 159 | 0.58 |
| Anheuser-Busch InBev (EMTN) | 2.0000 | 17/03/28 | 100,000 | 92 | 0.34 |
| KBC (EMTN) | 1.0000 | 26/04/21 | 300,000 | 269 | 0.98 |
| KBC (EMTN) | 0.7500 | 18/10/23 | 200,000 | 174 | 0.64 |
| NO CELLINY | 0.7500 | 10, 10, 23 | 200,000 | 979 | 3.58 |
| | | | | | |
| Denmark 1.32% (2017: 0.37%) | | 2016-11- | | | |
| Danica Pension Livsforsikringsaktieselskab | VAR | 29/09/45 | 100,000 | 102 | 0.37 |
| Orsted | 1.5000 | 26/11/29 | 197,000 | 170 | 0.63 |
| Orsted | VAR | 24/11/17 | 100,000 | 89 | 0.32 |
| | | | | 361 | 1.32 |
| France 16.43% (2017: 16.59%) | | | | | |
| AXA (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 340,000 | 336 | 1.22 |
| AXA (EMTN) | VAR | 04/07/43 | 250,000 | 264 | 0.96 |

| | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| 3.0000 | 21/05/24 | 300,000 | 289 | 1.05 |
| 0.3750 | 13/01/22 | 300,000 | 263 | 0.96 |
| 2.8750 | 24/10/22 | 275,000 | 267 | 0.98 |
| VAR | PERP | 200,000 | 181 | 0.66 |
| VAR | 14/10/27 | 150,000 | 141 | 0.52 |
| VAR | 08/07/26 | 100,000 | 93 | 0.34 |
| 1.6250 | 31/01/28 | 100,000 | 87 | 0.32 |
| VAR | 05/06/45 | 100,000 | 102 | 0.37 |
| 2.1250 | 29/07/32 | 100,000 | 90 | 0.33 |
| 0.8750 | 29/09/24 | 100,000 | 87 | 0.32 |
| 1.0000 | 16/09/24 | 200,000 | 177 | 0.65 |
| 0.8750 | 19/01/22 | 300,000 | 268 | 0.98 |
| VAR | PERP | 100,000 | 88 | 0.32 |
| VAR | PERP | 300,000 | 279 | 1.02 |
| 5.6250 | 21/02/33 | | 126 | 0.46 |
| VAR | PERP | | 98 | 0.36 |
| VAR | | | 104 | 0.38 |
| 0.7500 | | | 132 | 0.48 |
| | | | | 0.74 |
| | | | | 0.95 |
| | | | | 0.35 |
| | | | | 0.64 |
| | | | | 0.71 |
| VAR | PERP | | | 0.36 |
| | | | 4,497 | 16.43 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| 1.5000 | 26/07/24 | 100,000 | 88 | 0.32 |
| VAR | 08/07/41 | 300,000 | 307 | 1.12 |
| 2.1250 | 13/03/23 | 200,000 | 185 | 0.68 |
| 1.8750 | 19/01/26 | 200,000 | 178 | 0.65 |
| 0.8750 | 15/11/27 | 105,000 | 90 | 0.33 |
| VAR | 01/07/75 | 200,000 | 184 | 0.67 |
| 0.1250 | 03/07/20 | 280,000 | 246 | 0.90 |
| | | | | 0.39 |
| | | | | 0.68 |
| | | | | 0.63 |
| | | | | 0.31 |
| | | | | 0.67 |
| 1.5000 | 31/07/29 | 100,000 | 86 | 0.31 |
| 1.5000 | | | | |
| 5 6250 | 15/04/23 | // ()()() | /() | 11 /6 |
| 5.6250 0.7500 | 15/04/23 15/06/23 | 77,000 191,000 | 70 166 | 0.26 |
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| | | | | | Total Net |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| So assists. | Cours (0/) | Maturitur | Nominal/ | Market Value £'000 | Assets |
| Security Volkswagen Leasing (EMTN) | Coupon (%) 1.1250 | Maturity 04/04/24 | Quantity 353,000 | 310 | 1.13 |
| Volkswagen Leasing (EMTN) | 1.3750 | 20/01/25 | 300,000 | 266 | 0.97 |
| Vonovia Finance (EMTN) | 1.2500 | 06/12/24 | 200,000 | 176 | 0.97 |
| Vonovia Finance (EMTN) | 0.8750 | 30/03/20 | 170,000 | 176 | 0.55 |
| voliovia rilialice (EMTTN) | 0.6730 | 30/03/20 | 170,000 | 3,509 | 12.82 |
| Hong Kong 0.50% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Cheung Kong Infrastructure Finance | 1.0000 | 12/12/24 | 159,000 | 137 | 0.50 |
| Ireland 1.48% (2017: 1.84%) | | | | | |
| CRH Finance Germany (EMTN) | 1.7500 | 16/07/21 | 210,000 | 192 | 0.70 |
| CRH Funding (EMTN) | 1.8750 | 09/01/24 | 100,000 | 92 | 0.34 |
| Ryanair DAC (EMTN) | 1.1250 | 15/08/23 | 135,000 | 120 | 0.44 |
| | | | | 404 | 1.48 |
| Israel 0.31% (2017: 1.25%) | | | | | |
| Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II | 0.3750 | 25/07/20 | 100,000 | 84 | 0.31 |
| Italy 5.05% (2017: 4.81%) | | | | | |
| Enel Finance International (EMTN) | 1.9660 | 27/01/25 | 152,000 | 141 | 0.51 |
| Eni (EMTN) | 1.0000 | 14/03/25 | 383,000 | 334 | 1.22 |
| Eni (EMTN) | 4.2500 | 03/02/20 | 140,000 | 133 | 0.49 |
| FCA Bank Ireland (EMTN) | 1.0000 | 15/11/21 | 126,000 | 112 | 0.41 |
| Intesa Sanpaolo (EMTN) | FRN | 15/06/20 | 350,000 | 313 | 1.14 |
| Intesa Sanpaolo (EMTN) | 1.1250 | 14/01/20 | 250,000 | 224 | 0.82 |
| Italgas (EMTN) | 0.5000 | 19/01/22 | 144,000 | 126 | 0.46 |
| | | | | 1,383 | 5.05 |
| Japan 0.97% (2017: 0.98%) Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi (EMTN) | 0.8750 | 11/03/22 | 300,000 | 267 | 0.97 |
| Bank of Tokyo-Fritsaudishi (EFTITA) | 0.0730 | 11/03/22 | 300,000 | | 0.57 |
| Luxembourg 1.64% (2017: 1.63%) | | | | | |
| SELP Finance | 1.2500 | 25/10/23 | 400,000 | 350 | 1.28 |
| SES | VAR | PERP | 100,000 | 98 448 | 0.36 1.64 |
| Movice 1 419/ (2017, 1 209/) | | | | | |
| Mexico 1.41% (2017: 1.39%) America Movil | VAR | 06/09/73 | 275,000 | 249 | 0.91 |
| America Movil America Movil | 1.5000 | 10/03/24 | 150,000 | 136 | 0.50 |
| Afficial Movil | 1.3000 | 10/03/24 | 130,000 | 385 | 1.41 |
| Netherlands 5.37% (2017: 8.14%) | | | | | |
| ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN) | 4.1250 | 28/03/22 | 100,000 | 101 | 0.37 |
| ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN) | VAR | 18/01/28 | 100,000 | 95 | 0.35 |

| - · | (01) | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|------------|----------|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security (5MTN) | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN) | VAR | 30/06/25 | 100,000 | 93 | 0.34 |
| Cooperatieve Rabobank | 1.2500 | 23/03/26 | 300,000 | 268 | 0.97 |
| Heineken (EMTN) | 1.5000 | 03/10/29 | 165,000 | 144 | 0.53 |
| Koninklijke | VAR | PERP | 220,000 | 199 | 0.73 |
| Rabobank Nederland (EMTN) | 4.1250 | 12/01/21 | 202,000 | 198 | 0.72 |
| TenneT | VAR | PERP | 200,000 | 184 | 0.67 |
| Vesteda Finance (EMTN) | 2.5000 | 27/10/22 | 200,000 | 188 | 0.69 |
| | | | | 1,470 | 5.37 |
| Spain 3.18% (2017: 1.55%) | | | | | |
| CaixaBank (EMTN) | 0.7500 | 18/04/23 | 200,000 | 174 | 0.64 |
| CaixaBank (EMTN) | VAR | 14/07/28 | 100,000 | 91 | 0.33 |
| FCC Aqualia | 1.4130 | 08/06/22 | 179,000 | 159 | 0.58 |
| Iberdrola Finanzas (EMTN) | 1.0000 | 07/03/25 | 200,000 | 176 | 0.64 |
| Iberdrola International | VAR | PERP | 100,000 | 88 | 0.32 |
| Merlin Properties Socimi (EMTN) | 1.7500 | 26/05/25 | 100,000 | 88 | 0.32 |
| Telefonica Europe | VAR | PERP | 100,000 | 95 | 0.35 |
| | | | | 871 | 3.18 |
| Sweden 0.73% (2017: 2.88%) | | | | | |
| Hemso Fastighets (EMTN) | 1.0000 | 09/09/26 | 240,000 | 201 | 0.73 |
| , | | | | | |
| Switzerland 3.27% (2017: 3.28%) | | | | | |
| Credit Suisse (EMTN) | VAR | 17/07/25 | 270,000 | 236 | 0.86 |
| UBS | 1.5000 | 30/11/24 | 335,000 | 303 | 1.11 |
| UBS Funding Jersey (EMTN) | 1.2500 | 01/09/26 | 200,000 | 175 | 0.64 |
| UBS London (EMTN) | 1.1250 | 30/06/20 | 200,000 | 180 | 0.66 |
| | | | | 894 | 3.27 |
| United Kingdom 23.42% (2017: 21.80%) | | | | | |
| Abbey National Treasury Services (EMTN) | 2.6250 | 16/07/20 | 380,000 | 353 | 1.29 |
| Annington Funding (EMTN) | 1.6500 | 12/07/24 | 100,000 | 88 | 0.32 |
| Aviva (EMTN) | VAR | 04/12/45 | 200,000 | 192 | 0.70 |
| Aviva (EMTN) | VAR | 05/07/43 | 130,000 | 142 | 0.52 |
| Barclays Bank (EMTN) | 1.8750 | 08/12/23 | 267,000 | 244 | 0.89 |
| Barclays Bank (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 225,000 | 238 | 0.87 |
| Barclays (EMTN) | VAR | 07/02/28 | 219,000 | 193 | 0.71 |
| BAT International Finance (EMTN) | 2.2500 | 16/01/30 | 150,000 | 134 | 0.49 |
| BP Capital Markets (EMTN) | 1.9530 | 03/03/25 | 300,000 | 281 | 1.03 |
| BP Capital Markets (EMTN) | 1.1170 | 25/01/24 | 192,000 | 172 | 0.63 |
| Channel Link Enterprises Finance | VAR | 30/06/50 | | 181 | 0.66 |
| • | VAK | | 200,000 | | |
| Diageo Finance (EMTN) | 1 2750 | 17/11/20 | 100,000 | 87 | 0.32 |
| Experian Finance (EMTN) | 1.3750 | 25/06/26 | 380,000 | 330 | 1.21 |
| FCE Bank (EMTN) | 1.1140 | 13/05/20 | 227,000 | 203 | 0.74 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|------------|------------|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| FCE Bank (EMTN) | 1.6150 | 11/05/23 | 100,000 | 90 | 0.33 |
| HBOS (EMTN) | VAR | 18/03/30 | 200,000 | 205 | 0.75 |
| Heathrow Funding (EMTN) | 1.8750 | 12/07/32 | 100,000 | 89 | 0.32 |
| HSBC | 0.8750 | 06/09/24 | 150,000 | 130 | 0.48 |
| Jaguar Land Rover Automotive | 2.2000 | 15/01/24 | 150,000 | 133 | 0.49 |
| Lloyds Bank (EMTN) | VAR | 12/02/24 | 320,000 | 310 | 1.13 |
| Lloyds Banking (EMTN) | 1.0000 | 09/11/23 | 275,000 | 241 | 0.88 |
| Motability Operations (EMTN) | 0.8750 | 14/03/25 | 160,000 | 139 | 0.51 |
| Motability Operations (EMTN) | 1.6250 | 09/06/23 | 100,000 | 92 | 0.34 |
| National Westminster Bank (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 250,000 | 216 | 0.79 |
| Nationwide Building Society (EMTN) | VAR | 20/03/23 | 315,000 | 277 | 1.01 |
| Nationwide Building Society (EMTN) | 1.1250 | 03/06/22 | 200,000 | 180 | 0.66 |
| Nationwide Building Society (EMTN) | 1.2500 | 03/03/25 | 170,000 | 152 | 0.55 |
| Nationwide Building Society (EMTN) | VAR | 25/07/29 | 150,000 | 134 | 0.49 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland (EMTN) | FRN | 08/06/20 | 100,000 | 88 | 0.32 |
| Santander UK | 1.1250 | 08/09/23 | 125,000 | 110 | 0.40 |
| SELP Finance | 1.5000 | 20/11/25 | 100,000 | 87 | 0.32 |
| Sky (EMTN) | 1.8750 | 24/11/23 | 150,000 | 139 | 0.51 |
| Sky (GMTN) | 2.2500 | 17/11/25 | 145,000 | 137 | 0.50 |
| Smiths (EMTN) | 2.0000 | 23/02/27 | 100,000 | 91 | 0.33 |
| SSE | VAR | PERP | 250,000 | 228 | 0.83 |
| SSE (EMTN) | 2.0000 | 17/06/20 | 200,000 | 183 | 0.67 |
| Vodafone (EMTN) | 2.8750 | 20/11/37 | 132,000 | 119 | 0.43 |
| , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | 2.07.50 | 20, 11, 5, | .52,666 | 6,408 | 23.42 |
| | | | | | |
| United States 7.74% (2017: 10.28%) | | | | | |
| Apple | 1.3750 | 24/05/29 | 257,000 | 228 | 0.83 |
| AT&T | 2.4000 | 15/03/24 | 400,000 | 377 | 1.38 |
| AT&T | 3.1500 | 04/09/36 | 110,000 | 100 | 0.37 |
| AT&T | 1.0500 | 04/09/23 | 100,000 | 88 | 0.32 |
| Bank of America (EMTN) | VAR | 07/02/25 | 150,000 | 134 | 0.49 |
| Brown-Forman | 1.2000 | 07/07/26 | 100,000 | 87 | 0.32 |
| General Electric | 2.1250 | 17/05/37 | 154,000 | 129 | 0.47 |
| General Motors Financial (EMTN) | 0.9550 | 07/09/23 | 150,000 | 130 | 0.48 |
| General Motors Financial International (EMTN) | 1.1680 | 18/05/20 | 100,000 | 90 | 0.33 |
| Goldman Sachs (EMTN) | 1.3750 | 15/05/24 | 300,000 | 267 | 0.97 |
| JPMorgan Chase (EMTN) | 0.6250 | 25/01/24 | 150,000 | 130 | 0.47 |
| Mylan | 3.1250 | 22/11/28 | 100,000 | 92 | 0.34 |
| Thermo Fisher Scientific | 1.4000 | 23/01/26 | 100,000 | 88 | 0.32 |
| Thermo Fisher Scientific | 1.3750 | 12/09/28 | 100,000 | 85 | 0.32 |
| Verizon Communications | 1.8750 | 26/10/29 | 108,000 | 94 | 0.34 |
| TC12011 COTTITUTIONS | 1.07.50 | LOTIOILS | 100,000 | 2,119 | 7.74 |
| | | | | _, | , |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | | |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|------------------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Government Bonds 0.43% (2017: 0.52%) | | | | | |
| China 0.43% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| China Development Bank (EMTN) | 0.3750 | 16/11/21 | 135,000 | 117 | 0.43 |
| Germany nil (2017: 0.52%) | | | | | |
| Total Government Bonds | | | | 117 | 0.43 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 26,253 | 95.93 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market in exchange listing or dealt on another regulated ma | | n official | | 26,253 | 95.93 |
| Other transferable securities and money market | instruments 1 65% (2013 | 7- 0 22%) | | | |
| Bonds 1.65% (2017: 0.33%) | 1113ti ui 11ei 115 1.05 /6 (20 1 / | . 0.33 /6) | | | |
| Corporate Bonds 1.65% (2017: 0.33%) | | | | | |
| Luxembourg nil (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Teksid Aluminum Luxembourg SARL | 11.3750 | 15/07/11 | 244,000 | 1 | - |
| United Kingdom 0.66% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| United Utilities Water (EMTN) | 4.2500 | 24/01/20 | 190,000 | 180 | 0.66 |
| United States 0.99% (2017: 0.33%) | | | | | |
| Fidelity National Information Services | 0.4000 | 15/01/21 | 100,000 | 88 | 0.32 |
| Lehman Brothers (EMTN) | 4.6250 | 14/03/19 | 2,000,000 | - | - |
| United Parcel Service | 0.3750 | 15/11/23 | 212,000 | 182 | 0.67 |
| | | | | 270 | 0.99 |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 451 | 1.65 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 451 | 1.65 |
| Total Other transferable securities and money m | arket instruments | | | 451 | 1.65 |

Derivatives (0.01%) (2017: 0.03%)

Forward currency exchange contracts (0.01%) (2017: 0.03%)

| | | | | | | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | £'000 | % |
| State Street | EUR | GBP | 06/03/18 | 252,751 | 223,000 | (1) | (0.01) |
| Unrealised losses on forward curren | cy exchang | e contra | cts | | | (1) | (0.01) |
| | | | | | | | |
| Unrealised losses on derivatives | | | | | | (1) | (0.01) |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total investments [≠] | | | | | | 26,703 | 97.57 |
| Other net assets | | | | | | 664 | 2.43 |
| Total net assets | | | | | | 27,367 | 100.00 |

^{*} Including derivative liabilities. Currently forward positions are not collateralised. Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital losses | | (505) | | (153) |
| Revenue | 226 | | 235 | |
| Expenses | (89) | | (97) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 137 | | 138 | |
| Taxation | - | | - | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 137 | | 138 |
| Total return before distributions | | (368) | | (15) |
| Distributions | | (137) | | (138) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | (505) | | (153) |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|--|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 27,838 | | 31,561 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 275 | | 1,504 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (242) | | (4,293) | |
| | | 33 | | (2,789) |
| Dilution adjustment | | - | | 2 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | (505) | | (153) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 1 | | 1 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 27,367 | | 28,622 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 26,704 | 27,625 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 394 | 629 |
| Cash and bank balances | 496 | 90 |
| Total assets | 27,594 | 28,344 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 1 | - |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 154 | 434 |
| Distribution payable | 72 | 72 |
| Total liabilities | 227 | 506 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 27,367 | 27,838 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

First Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 October 2017

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 31/01/18 | 31/01/17 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.19555 | - | 0.19555 | 0.15758 |
| Group 2 | 0.19551 | 0.00004 | 0.19555 | 0.15758 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.45095 | - | 0.45095 | 0.35803 |
| Group 2 | 0.42831 | 0.02264 | 0.45095 | 0.35803 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.34330 | - | 0.34330 | 0.27495 |
| Group 2 | 0.26189 | 0.08141 | 0.34330 | 0.27495 |

Second Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 November 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.22442 | - | 0.22442 | 0.14926 |
| Group 2 | 0.22433 | 0.00009 | 0.22442 | 0.14926 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.51606 | - | 0.51606 | 0.38043 |
| Group 2 | 0.43637 | 0.07969 | 0.51606 | 0.38043 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.39197 | - | 0.39197 | 0.29161 |
| Group 2 | 0.09992 | 0.29205 | 0.39197 | 0.29161 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims for maximum capital growth through investment in a broad spread of European securities. The Manager will invest in European companies which offer good prospects for capital growth. While the Fund will invest principally in companies incorporated in Europe, the Manager may also invest in companies which derive an important proportion of their earnings from European trade or operations. It is intended that the Fund will have minimal exposure to the UK. The Manager will also take opportunities as they arise to invest in European emerging markets.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen European Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 4.25% compared with an increase of 3.43% in the benchmark, the FTSE Europe ex UK Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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

European equities rose in the six months under review to round off an encouraging 2017. Markets buoyed by good corporate profits, positive economic data, firmer oil prices, the European Central Bank's decision to hold interest rates unchanged and US tax reforms. Eurozone third-quarter GDP expanded as investments and exports rose. The central bank kept monetary policy steady at its December meeting as "deflation risks have disappeared". Counterbalancing this was uncertainty from the ongoing Brexit negotiations, Spain's political turmoil as Catalonia attempted to breakaway and uncertainty over protracted talks to form a coalition government in Germany, which may hurt both Brexit negotiations and EU reform.

Portfolio Review

At the stock level, a key contributor to performance was Schoeller-Bleckmann Oilfield Equipment, as its shares rose on the back of improving market conditions for US shale production, which should stimulate demand for its specialist products. Also benefiting the Fund was Novo Nordisk, as it continued to show impressive growth across its insulin products and was further boosted by positive trial data. Meanwhile, Temenos shares did well, helped by earnings upgrades as well as from its winning key contracts for banking software, as lenders accelerate the shift to digital banking.

Conversely, among the detractors were GrandVision, with its shares hurt by recent quarterly results, as well as the impact of French regulatory changes that will affect its business there. Also costing the Fund was Unilever, which has underperformed after it failed to meet expectations of an acceleration in organic growth in its third-quarter trading update, in which it made some negative comments about increased competition. Last, Henkel detracted following evidence of weaker growth, both in its beauty segment, as well as in Western Europe.

In portfolio activity, we sold Givaudan, LafargeHolcim, Lin de, Nordea, Novartis, Royal Dutch Shell and Vopak in favour of better opportunities elsewhere. Against this, we introduced conservative reinsurer Hannover Re, given its experienced management team, robust balance sheet and solid track record of returns.; mature market bank ING Groep, which enjoys good growth opportunities, an attractive valuation, and a compelling dividend yield; architecture and construction industries software solutions provider Nemetschek, recognising its solid market positions, robust balance sheet and potential for growth; and Tecan, a leading provider of laboratory-automation systems, services and consumables for the life sciences and diagnostics industries. We believe it has solid prospects, supported by good levels of recurring revenue and a net cash balance sheet. We also initiated a holding in leading high-end vacuum valves developer, maker and supplier, VAT, because of its dominant market position, robust business model, and products that have broad technology application.

Outlook

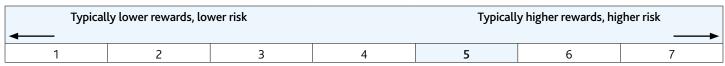
The outlook for European equities looks relatively rosy, with signs that the encouraging performance of 2017 will continue, buoyed by good corporate profits and positive economic data. Central bank policy remains relatively accommodative and this is reflected in the prospects for GDP growth, with expectations at their highest level in a decade. Notably, the ECB is likely to hold monetary policy steady as "deflation risks have disappeared". Although German Chancellor Angela Merkel's protracted coalition talks has finally concluded with a new coalition in place, political risks remain in focus in the year ahead. In Spain, tensions continue to simmer between Madrid and the Catalan parliament, with the latter insisting that exiled leader Carles Puigdemont should be installed as president. While we acknowledge there's still support for equity prices, namely a largely accommodative monetary policy environment and inferior yields on offer from other asset classes, valuations are nevertheless quite full. We must remain watchful. Having said that, we are still finding compelling long-term opportunities: quality businesses operating in high-growth markets that possess balance-sheet capacity and cash-flow strength, and are led by able management.

Pan European Equity Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- · This Fund is ranked at 5 because funds of this type have experienced medium to 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risk of investing in this Fund:
- Exchange Rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

Comparative tables

| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 147,862 | 193,627 | 225,537 | 226,235 |
| Closing number of shares | 75,970,984 | 103,754,518 | 142,512,091 | 158,166,348 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 194.63 | 186.62 | 158.26 | 143.04 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 4.29% | 17.92% | 10.64% | 5.35% |
| Operating charges | 1.66% | 1.66% | 1.66% | 1.64% |

| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 40,932 | 40,013 | 43,751 | 28,824 |
| Closing number of shares | 21,360,482 | 21,872,723 | 28,414,131 | 20,868,333 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 191.62 | 182.94 | 153.97 | 138.12 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 4.74% | 18.82% | 11.48% | 6.14% |
| Operating charges | 0.91% | 0.91% | 0.91% | 0.89% |

| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 9,721 | 8,545 | 40,509 | 3,200 |
| Closing number of shares | 4,250,829 | 3,928,429 | 22,294,029 | 1,977,968 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 228.69 | 217.51 | 181.70 | 161.78 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 5.14% | 19.71% | 12.31% | 6.93% |
| Operating charges | 0.16% | 0.16% | 0.16% | 0.14% |

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| Section Quantry E 1007 P 1008 | Total Net Assets | Market Value | Nominal/ | |
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| | | | Total Net |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| e W | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security Spain 3.24% (2017: 3.33%) | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Amadeus IT | 117,500 | 6,431 | 3.24 |
| Alliadeus II | 117,500 | 0,451 | 3.24 |
| Sweden 8.08% (2017: 10.36%) | | | |
| Assa Abloy 'B'∞ | 223,000 | 3,474 | 1.75 |
| Atlas Copco 'B' | 155,500 | 4,580 | 2.31 |
| Svenska Handelsbanken 'A'∞ | 380,000 | 3,899 | 1.96 |
| Swedish Match | 143,000 | 4,092 | 2.06 |
| | - | 16,045 | 8.08 |
| Switzerland 20 229/ (2017, 20 229/) | | | |
| Switzerland 29.23% (2017: 29.23%) | 16 700 | 4,368 | 2.20 |
| Burckhardt Compression™ Nestle | 16,700 150,000 | 4,500 9,124 | 4.59 |
| Partners | 7,100 | 3,880 | 4.39 1.95 |
| Roche | 21,200 | 3,680 | 1.95 |
| Schindler | | | 1.03 |
| Schindler | 13,800 | 2,434 | |
| | 11,000 | 1,886 | 0.95 |
| SGS | 2,150 | 4,071 | 2.05 |
| Swatch | 69,500 | 4,224 | 2.13 |
| Tecan | 37,000 | 5,760 | 2.90 |
| Temenos | 51,000 | 4,954 | 2.50 |
| UBS | 498,000 | 7,120 | 3.59 |
| VAT | 40,000 | 4,499 | 2.27 |
| VZ | 8,500 | 2,019 58,019 | 1.02 29.23 |
| | | 30,013 | 25.25 |
| United Kingdom 4.34% (2017: 4.77%) | | | |
| Unilever | 211,000 | 8,623 | 4.34 |
| Total Equities | | 194,267 | 97.86 |
| Total Equities | | 13 1,207 | 37.00 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 194,267 | 97.86 |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 2.90% (2017: 4.22%) | | | |
| Aberdeen European Smaller Companies Equity Fund Z-Acc† | 106,741 | 2,005 | 1.01 |
| Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Sterling Fund Z-1 [†] | 3,754 | 3,754 | 1.89 |
| , , , | • | 5,759 | 2.90 |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | 5,759 | 2.90 |
| | | • | |
| Total investments | | 200,026 | 100.76 |
| Other net liabilities | | (1,511) | (0.76) |
| Total net assets | | 198,515 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc. [~] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end. Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|--------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 16,633 | 8.32 | 8.38 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| UK Treasury | 524 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Glencore Xstrata | 506 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| CRH | 481 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria | 425 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Intesa Sanpaolo | 406 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Barratt Developments | 403 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Nestle | 403 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Carnival | 402 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Vinci | 401 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Iberdrola | 401 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| | | | | |
| Other Equity | 14,038 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Government Bond | 129 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 18,519 | | | |

| | | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Market value of | segregated |
| | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 18,519 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| AUD | 323 |
| CAD | 320 |
| CHF | 530 |
| EUR | 5,459 |
| GBP | 5,322 |
| JPY | 5,145 |
| SEK | 37 |
| USD | 1,383 |
| Total collateral received | 18,519 |

| | | Market value of securities lending | Countries of counterparty | Settlement |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Counterparties per type of SFT | | £'000 | establishment | and clearing |
| NATIXIS | | 7,247 | France | Tri-party |
| JPM Chase | | 2,721 | United States | Tri-party |
| Societe Generale | | 2,174 | France | Tri-party |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | | 2,030 | Canada | Tri-party |
| Citigroup | | 1,903 | United States | Tri-party |
| BNP Paribas | | 558 | France | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | | 16,633 | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | One day to one week | One week to one month | One to three months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | <u>-</u> | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 20 | 633 | 17,866 | 18,519 |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan (remaining period to maturity) | Less than one day £'000 | One day to one week £'000 | One week to one month £'000 | One to three months £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | 16,633 | 16,633 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be recalled | on demand | | | |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collateral. | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 36 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent costs |) | | (7) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operation | • | | - | 0.00 |
| Total costs | , | | (7) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 29 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 10,326 | | 18,023 |
| Revenue | 649 | | 1,318 | |
| Expenses | (1,514) | | (2,086) | |
| Net expense before taxation | (865) | | (768) | |
| Taxation | (61) | | (15) | |
| Net expense after taxation | | (926) | | (783) |
| Total return before distributions | | 9,400 | | 17,240 |
| Distributions | | (22) | | (100) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 9,378 | | 17,140 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 Janu | ary 2017 |
|--|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 242,185 | | 309,797 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 1,232 | | 1,603 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (54,323) | | (58,301) | |
| | | (53,091) | | (56,698) |
| Dilution adjustment | | 43 | | 74 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | 9,378 | | 17,140 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 198,515 | | 270,313 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 200,026 | 241,062 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 312 | 426 |
| Cash and bank balances | 1,265 | 1,327 |
| Total assets | 201,603 | 242,815 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 3,088 | 630 |
| Total liabilities | 3,088 | 630 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 198,515 | 242,185 |

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The investment objective is to provide an attractive level of income with the opportunity for some long-term capital return.

The Fund will be primarily invested in non-Investment grade Debt and debt related securities issued by companies, governments, government related bodies and supranational institutions that are domiciled in the UK or a European Country and/or non-Investment grade Debt and debt related securities issued by companies which conduct a significant proportion of their business activities in the UK or a European Country which, in the Investment Advisor's opinion, are likely to produce a high yield.

The Fund investments may be of any credit quality and may include securities not paying interest currently and securities in default following purchase.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money market instruments, cash, near cash, deposits, shares in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates). Derivatives may be used for efficient portfolio management and hedging purposes.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund may hold up to 10% of its net assets in cash or near cash assets. However, the Fund may from time to time adopt temporary defensive positions in response to adverse political, economic or bond market events in which case up to 100% of the Fund's net assets may be held in cash or near cash assets including short term Debt and debt related securities listed and traded on an eligible market or OTC market.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen European High Yield Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 2.10% compared to an increase of 2.39% in the benchmark, the BofA Merrill Lynch European Currency High Yield Constrained (Hedged GBP 100%) Index.

Source: Lipper, BofA Merrill Lynch, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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:

Following a period of electoral uncertainty in the first half of 2017 in France and the UK, a continuation of strong global growth into the second half left the markets free to rally. An improving economic environment triggered further monetary tightening by the world's most significant central banks. In the US, the Federal Reserve carried out the third rate hike of the year in December taking the base rate to 1.5%. Despite this, the US Dollar Index (dollar vs. a basket of currencies) continued to fall. In Europe, strong economic data led the European Central Bank (ECB) to tighten monetary conditions in the region by committing to cut its quantitative easing programme in half. From January 2018 the size of monthly purchases reduced from €60bn to €30bn. Lastly, the Bank of England hesitantly raised its base rate in November back to the level it was prior to the Brexit referendum. This was done despite the uncertainties posed by negotiations to exit the EU.

The oil price rallied strongly as bullish sentiment in the Brent Crude oil price was supported by the renewal of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries led production cuts and strong global economic growth. Political tensions in Iran at the end of December also reminded the market of the oil price's role as a barometer for political developments in the Middle East. The Brent crude oil benchmark ended the period at \$69.05 per barrel, an increase of 33.4% from the start of August.

Portfolio review

We have continued to have an overweight in B rated bonds at the expense of a BBs. In 2017 this provided a performance headwind given that BBs outperformed as the continuation of bond buying by the ECB (quantitative easing) both spurred demand for eligible BB names and pushed investment grade investors into higher quality high yield names. Although, we benefitted from our exposure to sterling high yield, which had its sixth consecutive year of outperformance over straight euro denominated high yield.

Over the long run we expect our strategy of overweighting B rated credits to outperform the index on a risk adjusted basis. The Fund continues to take credit risk over interest rate risk. This allows the Fund to generate a higher than market yield, while maintaining a low sensitivity to government bond yields which subdues the volatility of the Fund.

Outlook

The macro-economic environment in Europe is improving. Following strong issuance in 2017, most companies in the high yield market are very well capitalised and are under little pressure to refinance. Companies have been refinancing to take advantage of the yield environment. The biggest threat will come from a significant loosening of lending standards and weaker investor discipline.

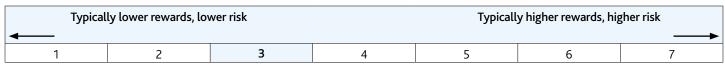
Market technicals are strong but the outlook is cooling. Valuations are full due to the interest rate and default rate environment. The trailing default rate is around 2% and Moody's are forecasting this will fall to close to 1% a year from now. Forecasts of investment bank strategists for 2018 have ranged from low single-digit negative to low single-digit positive returns. The key variable will be how much Bunds widen over the course of the year and strategists forecasting higher Bund yields have tended to expect a lower high yield return. The Fund is targeting a gross return of 2-5%.

Euro High Yield Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- · This Fund is ranked at 3 because funds of this type have experienced average 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Exchange rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

| Comparative tables | S |
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|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 3,939 | 3,927 | 3,805 | 2,782 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,845,339 | 2,884,152 | 3,005,655 | 2,274,432 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 138.44 | 136.16 | 126.58 | 122.33 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.67% | 7.57% | 3.47% | 2.95% |
| Operating charges | 1.40% | 1.40% | 1.40% | 1.40% |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 6,750 | 7,382 | 7,276 | 9,259 |
| Closing number of shares | 7,442,727 | 8,048,715 | 8,078,997 | 10,093,972 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 90.69 | 91.71 | 90.06 | 91.73 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.11%) | 1.83% | (1.82%) | (2.34%) |
| Operating charges | 1.40% | 1.40% | 1.40% | 1.40% |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 22,601 | 17,851 | 16,931 | 5,314 |
| Closing number of shares | 15,876,519 | 12,784,883 | 13,115,714 | 4,283,211 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 142.36 | 139.63 | 129.09 | 124.05 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.96% | 8.16% | 4.06% | 3.51% |
| Operating charges | 0.85% | 0.85% | 0.85% | 0.85% |
| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 34,130 | 33,696 | 29,641 | 17,253 |
| Closing number of shares | 32,535,860 | 31,856,704 | 28,693,851 | 16,487,711 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 104.90 | 105.77 | 103.30 | 104.64 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.82%) | 2.39% | (1.28%) | (1.80%) |
| Operating charges | 0.85% | 0.85% | 0.85% | 0.85% |
| Z Accumulation Shares ^A | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 24,840 | 30,156 | 88,571 | |
| Closing number of shares | 21,228,452 | 26,367,952 | 84,349,152 | |
| | | | | |

Closing net asset value per share (pence)

Change in net asset value per share

Operating charges

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

114.37

8.91%

0.15%

105.01

0.15%

117.01

2.31%

0.15%

^A Z Accumulation share class launched on 28 August 2015.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| Committee | Courses (04) | Makanika | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security Transferable securities and money market instru | Coupon (%) ments admitted to an offi | Maturity cial exchange list | Quantity ing or dealt on | £'000 | % market |
| 90.22% (2017: 94.14%) | | erat externating and | 8 0. 00 | | |
| Bonds 90.22% (2017: 94.14%) | | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds 90.22% (2017: 94.14%) | | | | | |
| Australia nil (2017: 1.03%) | | | | | |
| Austria 0.14% (2017: 0.14%) | | | | | |
| Wienerberger | VAR | PERP | 139,000 | 132 | 0.14 |
| Belgium 0.59% (2017: 0.60%) | | | | | |
| KBC | VAR | PERP | 600,000 | 548 | 0.59 |
| KDC . | VAIN | FLIXE | 000,000 | J40 | 0.55 |
| Brazil 0.11% (2017: 0.10%) | | | | | |
| Petrobras Global Finance | 4.7500 | 14/01/25 | 100,000 | 98 | 0.11 |
| | | | · | | |
| Canada 2.39% (2017: 1.62%) | | | | | |
| Cott Finance (EMTN) | 5.5000 | 01/07/24 | 838,000 | 792 | 0.86 |
| Entertainment One | 6.8750 | 15/12/22 | 1,324,000 | 1,415 | 1.53 |
| | | | | 2,207 | 2.39 |
| | | | | | |
| China 0.26% (2017: 0.44%) | | | | | |
| BiSoho | 5.8750 | 01/05/23 | 251,640 | 237 | 0.26 |
| | | | | | |
| Denmark 1.22% (2017: 0.53%) | | | | | |
| Nassa Topco [∞] | 2.8750 | 06/04/24 | 1,266,000 | 1,122 | 1.22 |
| France 5.64% (2017: 8.29%) | | | | | |
| La Financiere Atalian [∞] | 4.0000 | 15/05/24 | 654,000 | 597 | 0.65 |
| NewCo GB | 8.0000 | 15/03/24 | 258,000 | 232 | 0.03 |
| NewCo Sab MidCo | 5.3750 | 15/04/25 | 167,000 | 148 | 0.16 |
| Novafives [®] | 4.5000 | 30/06/21 | 1,250,000 | 1,114 | 1.21 |
| Novalis | 3.0000 | 30/04/22 | 420,000 | 374 | 0.41 |
| Paprec | 5.2500 | 01/04/22 | 866,000 | 782 | 0.85 |
| Paprec | 7.3750 | 01/04/23 | 331,000 | 308 | 0.33 |
| SFR | 5.6250 | 15/05/24 | 1,853,000 | 1,651 | 1.78 |
| 5.1K | 3.0230 | 13703721 | 1,033,000 | 5,206 | 5.64 |
| | | | | | |
| Germany 8.02% (2017: 5.60%) | | | | | |
| Adler Pezler | 4.1250 | 01/04/24 | 250,000 | 227 | 0.25 |
| CBR Fashion Finance | 5.1250 | 01/10/22 | 220,000 | 181 | 0.20 |
| CTC BondCo | 5.2500 | 15/12/25 | 148,000 | 130 | 0.14 |
| DEMIRE Deutsche Mittelstand Real Estate | 2.8750 | 15/07/22 | 638,000 | 573 | 0.62 |
| Nidda BondCo | 5.0000 | 30/09/25 | 143,000 | 125 | 0.14 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|------------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £′000 | % |
| Nidda Healthcare | 3.5000 | 30/09/24 | 351,000 | 310 | 0.34 |
| Platin 1426 | 5.3750 | 15/06/23 | 785,000 | 689 | 0.75 |
| PrestigeBidCo | 6.2500 | 15/12/23 | 360,000 | 335 | 0.36 |
| Safari Verwaltungs | 8.2500 | 15/02/21 | 1,102,400 | 984 | 1.07 |
| Safari Verwaltungs | 5.3750 | 30/11/22 | 400,000 | 356 | 0.39 |
| Senvion [∞] | 3.8750 | 25/10/22 | 1,540,000 | 1,261 | 1.36 |
| Unitymedia Hessen | 4.0000 | 15/01/25 | 1,410,000 | 1,304 | 1.40 |
| Unitymedia Hessen | 4.6250 | 15/02/26 | 966,000 | 920 | 1.00 |
| | | | | 7,395 | 8.02 |
| Greece 0.87% (2017: 0.49%) | | | | | |
| Intralot Capital Luxembourg | 6.7500 | 15/09/21 | 483,000 | 451 | 0.49 |
| Intralot Capital Luxembourg [∞] | 5.2500 | 15/09/24 | 395,000 | 350 | 0.38 |
| | | | | 801 | 0.87 |
| Guernsey 0.93% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Summit Germany | 2.0000 | 31/01/25 | 987,000 | 858 | 0.93 |
| Ireland 0.62% (2017: 0.81%) | | | | | |
| Ardagh Packaging Finance | 6.7500 | 15/05/24 | 599,000 | 575 | 0.62 |
| Israel 0.46% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II [∞] | 1.6250 | 15/10/28 | 600,000 | 425 | 0.46 |
| Italy 0.72% (2017: 5.16%) | | | | | |
| Gamenet | 6.0000 | 15/08/21 | 373,000 | 336 | 0.37 |
| Wind Tre | 2.6250 | 20/01/23 | 401,000 | 326 | 0.35 |
| | | | | 662 | 0.72 |
| Jersey 1.25% (2017: 1.04%) | 4 1 2 5 0 | 15/08/24 | 213,000 | 192 | 0.21 |
| LHC3 | 4.1250 | | · | | |
| Nemean Bondco [∞] | 7.3750 | 01/02/24 | 1,050,000 | 960 1,152 | 1.04 1.25 |
| Luxembourg 10.50% (2017: 11.22%) | | | | | |
| Altice® | 7.2500 | 15/05/22 | 2,370,000 | 2,035 | 2.20 |
| | | | | | |
| Altice DEA Finance | 6.2500 7.5000 | 15/02/25 15/10/22 | 630,000 | 539 1 260 | 0.58 |
| | | 15/10/22 15/06/21 | 1,319,000 | 1,269 1,073 | 1.38 1.16 |
| Galapagos® | 5.3750 | | 1,250,000 | 1,073 | |
| Garfunkelux Holdco 2 [∞] | 11.0000 | 01/11/23 | 600,000 | 626 | 0.68 |
| INEOS | 5.3750 | 01/08/24 | 556,000 | 516 | 0.56 |
| Kleopatra 1 | 8.5000 | 30/06/23 | 719,000 | 604 | 0.65 |
| Monitchem HoldCo 2 | 6.8750 | 15/06/22 | 703,000 | 579 | 0.63 |
| SES | VAR | PERP | 505,000 | 475 | 0.52 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| SIG Combibloc | 7.7500 | 15/02/23 | 600,000 | 545 | 0.59 |
| Telenet Finance VI Luxembourg | 4.8750 | 15/07/27 | 770,000 | 731 | 0.79 |
| Unilabs Subholding | 5.7500 | 15/05/25 | 790,000 | 699 | 0.76 |
| | | | | 9,691 | 10.50 |
| Mexico 0.35% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| CEMEX | 2.7500 | 05/12/24 | 359,000 | 320 | 0.35 |
| Netherlands 7.28% (2017: 8.22%) | | | | | |
| InterXion | 6.0000 | 15/07/20 | 1,066,000 | 962 | 1.04 |
| LGE HoldCo VI | 7.1250 | 15/05/24 | 1,300,000 | 1,247 | 1.35 |
| Lincoln Finance | 6.8750 | 15/04/21 | 1,562,000 | 1,428 | 1.54 |
| Maxeda DIY [∞] | 6.1250 | 15/07/22 | 380,000 | 329 | 0.36 |
| Nyrstar Netherlands (EMTN) | 6.8750 | 15/03/24 | 441,000 | 411 | 0.45 |
| United | 4.3750 | 01/07/22 | 471,000 | 424 | 0.46 |
| United | FRN | 01/07/23 | 303,000 | 268 | 0.29 |
| UPCB Finance IV | 4.0000 | 15/01/27 | 271,000 | 249 | 0.27 |
| Ziggo Secured Finance | 4.2500 | 15/01/27 | 1,557,000 | 1,402 | 1.52 |
| | | | | 6,720 | 7.28 |
| South Africa 0.73% (2017: 0.75%) Sappi Papier | 3.3750 | 01/04/22 | 756,000 | 674 | 0.73 |
| Spain 4.94% (2017: 7.11%) | | | | | |
| Aldesa Financial Services (EMTN) | 7.2500 | 01/04/21 | 620,000 | 514 | 0.56 |
| Cirsa Funding Luxembourg | 5.8750 | 15/05/23 | 536,000 | 487 | 0.53 |
| Cirsa Funding Luxembourg | 5.7500 | 15/05/21 | 244,000 | 222 | 0.24 |
| Codere Finance 2 Luxembourg | 6.7500 | 01/11/21 | 703,000 | 646 | 0.70 |
| Haya Finance 2017 [∞] | 5.2500 | 15/11/22 | 1,634,000 | 1,439 | 1.56 |
| Obrascon Huarte Lain | 4.7500 | 15/03/22 | 1,150,000 | 1,023 | 1.11 |
| Telefonica Europe | VAR | PERP | 200,000 | 223 | 0.24 |
| | | | | 4,554 | 4.94 |
| Switzerland 1.21% (2017: 1.23%) | 5.5000 | 45/06/20 | 4.250.000 | | 4.04 |
| Selecta [∞] | 6.5000 | 15/06/20 | 1,250,000 | 1,114 | 1.21 |
| United Kingdom 32.30% (2017: 32.47%) | | | | | |
| Arqiva Broadcast Finance (EMTN) | 9.5000 | 31/03/20 | 1,250,000 | 1,292 | 1.40 |
| Arrow Global Finance | 5.1250 | 15/09/24 | 460,000 | 469 | 0.51 |
| Barclays | VAR | PERP | 539,000 | 610 | 0.66 |
| Barclays | VAR | PERP | 650,000 | 609 | 0.66 |
| | | | 240,000 | 220 | 0.26 |
| Boparan Finance [∞] | 5.2500 | 15/07/19 | 240,000 | 239 | 0.26 |
| Boparan Finance [∞] Brighthouse (EMTN) [∞] | 5.2500 7.8750 | 15/07/19 15/05/18 | 240,000 1,475,000 | 239 1,151 | 1.25 |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| So a with | Couran (0/) | Matricita | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security Corral Petroleum | Coupon (%) 11.7500 | Maturity 15/05/21 | Quantity 670,000 | £'000 645 | 0.70 |
| CPUK Finance | 4.2500 | 28/02/47 | | 182 | 0.70 |
| | | | 178,000 | | |
| CYBG | VAR | PERP | 720,000 | 777 | 0.84 |
| CYBG | VAR | 09/02/26 | 471,000 | 500 | 0.54 |
| EC Finance | 2.3750 | 15/11/22 | 120,000 | 108 | 0.12 |
| Fiat Chrysler Finance Europe (EMTN) | 4.7500 | 15/07/22 | 600,000 | 598 | 0.65 |
| Galaxy Bidco | FRN | 15/11/19 | 100,000 | 100 | 0.11 |
| Galaxy Finco | 7.8750 | 15/11/21 | 1,450,000 | 1,451 | 1.58 |
| HBOS Capital Funding | VAR | PERP | 428,000 | 444 | 0.48 |
| Jaguar Land Rover Automotive | 5.0000 | 15/02/22 | 650,000 | 706 | 0.76 |
| Lloyds Bank (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 300,000 | 563 | 0.61 |
| Lloyds Banking | VAR | PERP | 1,371,000 | 1,447 | 1.58 |
| Merlin Entertainments | 2.7500 | 15/03/22 | 264,000 | 240 | 0.26 |
| Miller Homes | 5.5000 | 15/10/24 | 100,000 | 101 | 0.11 |
| Mizzen Bondco | 7.0000 | 01/05/21 | 1,358,945 | 1,407 | 1.53 |
| Moto Finance | 4.5000 | 01/10/22 | 727,000 | 732 | 0.79 |
| Moy Park Bondco [∞] | 6.2500 | 29/05/21 | 986,000 | 1,015 | 1.10 |
| Nationwide Building Society (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 715,000 | 753 | 0.82 |
| Nomad Foods Bondco∞ | 3.2500 | 15/05/24 | 444,000 | 398 | 0.43 |
| Ocado | 4.0000 | 15/06/24 | 312,000 | 316 | 0.34 |
| PGH Capital | 6.6250 | 18/12/25 | 1,076,000 | 1,295 | 1.40 |
| PGH Capital (EMTN) | 4.1250 | 20/07/22 | 132,000 | 140 | 0.15 |
| Pinewood Finco (EMTN) | 3.7500 | 01/12/23 | 691,000 | 701 | 0.76 |
| PizzaExpress Financing 2 | 6.6250 | 01/08/21 | 444,000 | 419 | 0.45 |
| RAC Bond | 5.0000 | 06/11/22 | 923,000 | 906 | 0.98 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland | 5.5000 | PERP | 200,000 | 178 | 0.19 |
| Saga [®] | 3.3750 | 12/05/24 | 855,000 | 813 | 0.88 |
| Shop Direct Funding | 7.7500 | 15/11/22 | 650,000 | 607 | 0.66 |
| Stonegate Pub Financing [∞] | 4.8750 | 15/03/22 | 799,000 | 803 | 0.87 |
| Synlab Bondco | 6.2500 | 01/07/22 | 900,000 | 826 | 0.90 |
| Synlab Unsecured Bondco | 8.2500 | 01/07/23 | 200,000 | 189 | 0.20 |
| Thomas Cook | 6.2500 | 15/06/22 | 363,000 | 344 | 0.37 |
| Thomas Cook Finance 2 | 3.8750 | 15/07/23 | 320,000 | 287 | 0.31 |
| TVL Finance | 8.5000 | 15/05/23 | 308,000 | 334 | 0.36 |
| Virgin Media Finance | 6.3750 | 15/10/24 | 710,000 | 759 | 0.82 |
| Virgin Media Secured Finance | 5.0000 | 15/04/27 | 300,000 | 306 | 0.33 |
| Voyage Care Bondco | 5.8750 | 01/05/23 | 629,000 | 636 | 0.69 |
| Voyage Care Bondco | 10.0000 | 01/03/23 | 270,000 | 273 | 0.30 |
| Vue International Bidco | 7.8750 | 15/07/20 | 570,000 | 581 | 0.63 |
| William Hill | 4.8750 | 07/09/23 | 525,000 | 554 | 0.60 |
| William Hill | 4.8730 | 07/09/23 | 100,000 | 554 104 | 0.60 |
| | | | | | |
| Worldpay Finance | 3.7500 | 15/11/22 | 1,217,000 | 1,165 | 1.26 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|--|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| United States 9.69% (2017: 7.29%) | | | | | |
| Adient Global | 3.5000 | 15/08/24 | 819,000 | 739 | 0.80 |
| Alliance Data Systems | 5.2500 | 15/11/23 | 1,150,000 | 1,055 | 1.14 |
| Avis Budget Finance [∞] | 4.5000 | 15/05/25 | 1,020,000 | 914 | 0.99 |
| Axalta Coating Systems | 4.2500 | 15/08/24 | 240,000 | 223 | 0.24 |
| Colfax | 3.2500 | 15/05/25 | 233,000 | 210 | 0.23 |
| Crown European [∞] | 3.3750 | 15/05/25 | 1,140,000 | 1,047 | 1.13 |
| Diamond BC | 5.6250 | 15/08/25 | 104,000 | 90 | 0.10 |
| Equinix | 2.8750 | 01/10/25 | 1,099,000 | 969 | 1.05 |
| International Game Technology | 4.7500 | 15/02/23 | 592,000 | 582 | 0.63 |
| Superior Industries International | 6.0000 | 15/06/25 | 600,000 | 522 | 0.57 |
| Valeant Pharmaceuticals | 4.5000 | 15/05/23 | 2,269,000 | 1,775 | 1.92 |
| Vantiv | 3.8750 | 15/11/25 | 500,000 | 503 | 0.55 |
| WMG Acquisition | 4.1250 | 01/11/24 | 334,000 | 309 | 0.34 |
| | | | | 8,938 | 9.69 |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 83,229 | 90.22 |
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| | | | | | Total Net |
|---|--------------------|----------|----------|--------------|-----------|
| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 4,607 | 4.99 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Bonds | | | | 4,607 | 4.99 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Other transferable securities and money | market instruments | | | 4,607 | 4.99 |

Derivatives 0.87% (2017: (1.20%))

Forward currency exchange contracts 0.87% (2017: (1.20%))

| | | | | | | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 59,034,201 | 66,459,000 | 806 | 0.87 |
| Unrealised gains on forward currence | y exchange | contrac | ts | | | 806 | 0.87 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Unrealised gains on derivatives | | | | | | 806 | 0.87 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total investments* | | | | | | 88,642 | 96.08 |
| Other net assets | | | | | | 3,618 | 3.92 |
| Total net assets | | | | | | 92,260 | 100.00 |

A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.
 Unapproved/unquoted security.
 Including derivative liabilities.
 Currently forward positions are not collateralised.
 Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|--------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 17,936 | 20.23 | 19.44 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| Australia (Commonwealth of) | 6,965 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| UK Treasury | 4,280 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| France (Government of) | 4,054 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Germany (Federal Republic of) | 3,440 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Norway (Kingdom of) | 288 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Netherlands (Kingdom of) | 26 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Denmark (Kingdom of) | 12 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 19,065 | | | |

| | Market value of collateral held | Proportion held in segregated accounts |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Collateral held per custodian | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 19,065 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| AUD | 6,965 |
| DKK | 12 |
| EUR | 7,520 |
| GBP | 4,280 |
| NOK | 288 |
| Total collateral received | 19,065 |

| Country parties part up of SET | Market value of securities lending | Countries of counterparty establishment | Settlement |
|--|------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Counterparties per type of SFT | £'000 | establishment | and clearing |
| JPM Chase | 9,380 | United States | Tri-party |
| Barclays | 3,885 | United Kingdom | Tri-party |
| BNP Paribas | 2,548 | France | Tri-party |
| Credit Suisse | 1,601 | Switzerland | Tri-party |
| Morgan Stanley | 388 | United States | Tri-party |
| Nomura | 134 | Japan | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | 17,936 | | |

| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
|---|-------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one day to | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | 20 | 99 |
| | | | | |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 17 | 18,929 | - | 19,065 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | 1,039 | 16,897 | - | 17,936 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be recalled o | on demand. | | | |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collateral. | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 78 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent costs) | | | (15) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operational costs) | | | - | - |
| Total costs | | | (15) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 63 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | ry 2018 | 31 Janua | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital (losses)/gains | | (469) | | 2,721 |
| Revenue | 2,626 | | 4,416 | |
| Expenses | (338) | | (339) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 2,288 | | 4,077 | |
| Taxation | - | | - | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 2,288 | | 4,077 |
| Total return before distributions | | 1,819 | | 6,798 |
| Distributions | | (2,555) | | (4,318) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | (736) | | 2,480 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|-----------------|---------|-----------------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 93,012 | | 146,224 |
| | | | | |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 10,228 | | 9,104 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (11,646) | | (45,764) | |
| | | (1,418) | | (36,660) |
| | | | | |
| Dilution adjustment | | 15 | | 201 |
| | | | | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | (736) | | 2,480 |
| | | | | |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 1,387 | | 2,359 |
| | | | | |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 92,260 | | 114,604 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 88,642 | 92,131 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 1,251 | 2,749 |
| Cash and bank balances | 3,572 | 7,014 |
| Total assets | 93,465 | 101,894 |
| | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | - | 1,116 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 1,017 | 7,591 |
| Distribution payable | 188 | 175 |
| Total liabilities | 1,205 | 8,882 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 92,260 | 93,012 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

First Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 August 2017

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/09/17 | 30/09/16 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.71088 | - | 0.71088 | 0.52007 |
| Group 2 | 0.27140 | 0.43948 | 0.71088 | 0.52007 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.47881 | - | 0.47881 | 0.37000 |
| Group 2 | 0.14979 | 0.32902 | 0.47881 | 0.37000 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.72914 | - | 0.72914 | 0.52487 |
| Group 2 | 0.30625 | 0.42289 | 0.72914 | 0.52487 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.55234 | - | 0.55234 | 0.42000 |
| Group 2 | 0.27448 | 0.27786 | 0.55234 | 0.42000 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.59713 | - | 0.59713 | 0.43187 |
| Group 2 | 0.59713 | - | 0.59713 | 0.43187 |

Second Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 September 2017 to 30 September 2017

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 31/10/17 | 31/10/16 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.54938 | - | 0.54938 | 0.55040 |
| Group 2 | 0.28621 | 0.26317 | 0.54938 | 0.55040 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.36812 | - | 0.36812 | 0.39000 |
| Group 2 | 0.22072 | 0.14740 | 0.36812 | 0.39000 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.56385 | - | 0.56385 | 0.55206 |
| Group 2 | 0.21590 | 0.34795 | 0.56385 | 0.55206 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.42491 | - | 0.42491 | 0.44000 |
| Group 2 | 0.18777 | 0.23714 | 0.42491 | 0.44000 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.46222 | - | 0.46222 | 0.45752 |
| Group 2 | 0.46222 | - | 0.46222 | 0.45752 |

Third Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 October 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 October 2017 to 31 October 2017

| | D | F. Page | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/11/17 | 30/11/16 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.65724 | - | 0.65724 | 0.62209 |
| Group 2 | 0.37095 | 0.28629 | 0.65724 | 0.62209 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.43863 | - | 0.43863 | 0.43890 |
| Group 2 | 0.18627 | 0.25236 | 0.43863 | 0.43890 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.67486 | - | 0.67486 | 0.62446 |
| Group 2 | 0.25685 | 0.41801 | 0.67486 | 0.62446 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.50654 | - | 0.50654 | 0.49561 |
| Group 2 | 0.19893 | 0.30761 | 0.50654 | 0.49561 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.55333 | - | 0.55333 | 0.50882 |
| Group 2 | 0.55333 | - | 0.55333 | 0.50882 |

Fourth Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 November 2017 to 30 November 2017

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 31/12/17 | 31/12/16 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.66327 | - | 0.66327 | 0.49204 |
| Group 2 | 0.35983 | 0.30344 | 0.66327 | 0.49204 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.44057 | - | 0.44057 | 0.34549 |
| Group 2 | 0.08100 | 0.35957 | 0.44057 | 0.34549 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.68130 | - | 0.68130 | 0.53605 |
| Group 2 | 0.20018 | 0.48112 | 0.68130 | 0.53605 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.50897 | - | 0.50897 | 0.42346 |
| Group 2 | 0.13300 | 0.37597 | 0.50897 | 0.42346 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.55904 | - | 0.55904 | 0.41621 |
| Group 2 | 0.55904 | - | 0.55904 | 0.41621 |

Fifth Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 December 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 December 2017 to 31 December 2017

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 31/01/18 | 31/01/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.61098 | - | 0.61098 | 0.53212 |
| Group 2 | 0.20891 | 0.40207 | 0.61098 | 0.53212 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.40388 | - | 0.40388 | 0.37222 |
| Group 2 | 0.24903 | 0.15485 | 0.40388 | 0.37222 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.62794 | - | 0.62794 | 0.54381 |
| Group 2 | 0.39463 | 0.23331 | 0.62794 | 0.54381 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.46687 | - | 0.46687 | 0.42786 |
| Group 2 | 0.14811 | 0.31876 | 0.46687 | 0.42786 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.51552 | - | 0.51552 | 0.44340 |
| Group 2 | 0.51552 | - | 0.51552 | 0.44340 |

Sixth Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 January 2018

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 January 2018 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 28/02/18 | 28/02/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.63483 | - | 0.63483 | 0.57236 |
| Group 2 | 0.32892 | 0.30591 | 0.63483 | 0.57236 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.41779 | - | 0.41779 | 0.39875 |
| Group 2 | 0.18376 | 0.23403 | 0.41779 | 0.39875 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.65256 | - | 0.65256 | 0.58509 |
| Group 2 | 0.32809 | 0.32447 | 0.65256 | 0.58509 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.48306 | - | 0.48306 | 0.45847 |
| Group 2 | 0.28918 | 0.19388 | 0.48306 | 0.45847 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.53611 | - | 0.53611 | 0.47706 |
| Group 2 | 0.53611 | - | 0.53611 | 0.47706 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

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Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in Equity and Equity-Related securities issued by companies that derive the majority of their income from the ownership, management or development of real estate located in Europe, including the United Kingdom.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen European Property Share Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 4.39% compared to an increase of 4.43% in the benchmark, the FTSE Epra Nareit Europe Ex-UK Re 10% Capped GBP Index.

Source: Lipper, BPSS Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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

European property shares rose in tandem with the broader stock market in the six months under review to round off an encouraging 2017. Markets were buoyed by good corporate profits, positive economic data, firmer oil prices, the European Central Bank's decision to hold interest rates unchanged and US tax reforms. Eurozone third-quarter GDP expanded as investments and exports rose. The central bank kept monetary policy steady at its December meeting as "deflation risks have disappeared". Counterbalancing this was uncertainty from the ongoing Brexit negotiations, Spain's political turmoil as Catalonia attempted to breakaway and uncertainty over protracted talks to form a coalition government in Germany, which may hurt both Brexit negotiations and EU reform.

Portfolio review

The Fund's six month return of 4.39% was just behind the 4.43% returned by the index. For the portfolio as a whole the largest positives came from our overweight to the UK, in particular owning a number of solidly performing specialist mid-caps, such as Unite Group, Workspace, and Hansteen, while not owning some of the largest UK REITs such as Hammerson, Landsec, and Intu Properties also aided. The Fund has the flexibility to invest up to 20% in companies not classified as property but nonetheless offering attractive property exposure, and our use of this flexibility once again aided performance, in large part due to the position in Irish housebuilder Cairn Homes. On the flip side the main detractors included our underweight to German residential, a thematic we find attractive and have a number of sizable holdings exposed to but which is worth approximately a quarter of the Fund's benchmark. Being overweight Sweden also hurt where investor sentiment deteriorated due to concerns that a slowdown in their housing market might hurt the commercial property sector, together with potential legislation to increase the tax burden on property stocks. At the stock level the largest single positive contributor was owning Cairn Homes, as it was in the prior period, as its shares performed well due to evidence of its successful execution of key developments together with a favourable supply/demand backdrop for housing in the greater Dublin area. UK mid-cap specialists Unite Group and Workspace Group also stood out positively. Unite Group is the leading listed owner of student accommodation and it reported both healthy trading during the period as well as a number of encouraging agreements with key universities to develop further blocks of student accommodation over the coming years. Workspace Group specialises in owning and managing London offices, and reported very robust results including rising occupancy and rents as it benefits from buoyant demand from small and mid-sized companies seeking more flexible office accommodation.

In terms of specific detractors our overweight to Hufvudstaden, an owner of prime office and retail space in Stockholm and Gothenburg, detracted due to the above mentioned factors while the stock was also affected by one property being destroyed in a fire. Despite having a large absolute weight to German residential specialist Vonovia the even greater representation of the stock in the benchmark caused our relative performance to lag as it reported continued healthy trading. Lastly the position in Deutsche Euroshop, an owner of prime shopping malls mostly in Germany also detracted as it sold-off alongside other retail owners. It is worth noting that in aggregate the Fund retains its long-standing underweight to retail, in particular towards more secondary retail locations, and this positioning contributed positively to performance.

In key portfolio activity we exited Helical and St Modwen. Both UK focused developers, the exit of St Modwen was due in particular to its robust recent share price performance which left the stock with a less compelling valuation than other opportunities, while with Helical we consolidated the small position in favour of our other London office specialists. We redeployed the proceeds by supporting equity increases by Assura and Shaftesbury, as both companies sought to add scale to their existing portfolios at what are anticipated to be attractive rates of incremental return. We raised our exposure to Sirius Real Estate, a recently introduced holding that specialises in owning and managing business parks across Germany. Towards the very end of the period we also added to Merlin Properties and Deutsche Wohnen, where we felt share price weakness provided an opportunity given what should remain solid fundamentals in both cases.

Outlook

The outlook for European equities looks relatively rosy, with signs that the encouraging performance of 2017 will continue, buoyed by good corporate profits and positive economic data. Central bank policy remains relatively accommodative and this is reflected in the prospects for GDP growth, with expectations at their highest level in a decade. Notably, the ECB is likely to hold monetary policy steady as "deflation risks have disappeared". Although German Chancellor Angela Merkel's protracted coalition talks has finally concluded with a new coalition in place, political risks remain in focus in the year ahead.

European-listed property, as measured by the Fund's index, has delivered very robust mid-teen per annum total returns for the nine years ending January 2018 and we are cognisant that some of the

drivers of this upbeat performance, such as the initial recovery in property values following the 2007-09 financial and property crash, and the dramatic drop in prevailing interest rates and corporate financing costs over that period, were one-off in nature. In the physical property market valuation yields for many properties across Europe are at record low levels and with most property stocks, with some exceptions in the UK and also retail segments, largely trading close to reported net asset value, we feel that implied total returns are likely to be more modest from here. This said we recognise that economic fundamentals are improving for most Continental European markets and that central bank interest rates are likely to be remain low and stable for some time making investor returns in the physical and listed property markets relatively more attractive.

In terms of fund positioning, we continue to find opportunities to introduce and add to relatively differentiated property stocks exposed to a diverse spread of European geographies and sub-sectors, whether that be improving fundamentals for office demand in Madrid, Paris, and Stockholm, the continued strength of demand for German housing, or the wide number of often UK-listed specialists exposed to segments including industrial/logistics, student accommodation, healthcare, and self-storage to name just a few. Allied to this we continue to utilise the Fund's flexibility to invest in non-property classified stocks which nonetheless offer attractive property exposure to help further diversify the Fund while also hopefully capturing positive shareholder returns. This gives us confidence in the Fund's positioning for the coming years.

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Risk and reward profile

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Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

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- Concentrated portfolio: The Fund may hold a limited number of investments. If one of these investments declines in value this can have a greater impact on the fund's value than if it held a larger number of investments.
- Specialist Sector: The Fund invests in a specialist sector and it will not perform in line with funds that have a broader investment policy.
- 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 the
 website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

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| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 5,629 | 5,217 | 5,123 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,633,783 | 2,562,974 | 2,749,902 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 213.71 | 203.55 | 186.30 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 4.99% | 9.26% | - |
| Operating charges | 1.62% | 1.62% | 1.62% |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 573 | 566 | 520 |
| Closing number of shares | 433,189 | 446,389 | 432,935 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 132.24 | 126.75 | 120.08 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 4.33% | 5.55% | - |
| Operating charges | 1.62% | 1.62% | 1.62% |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 38,921 | 21,168 | 15,255 |
| Closing number of shares | 23,103,652 | 13,232,469 | 10,483,332 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 168.46 | 159.97 | 145.52 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 5.31% | 9.93% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.87% | 0.87% | 0.87% |
| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 11,376 | 8,566 | 8,516 |
| Closing number of shares | 9,762,669 | 7,697,669 | 8,138,307 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 116.53 | 111.28 | 104.64 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 4.72% | 6.35% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.87% | 0.87% | 0.87% |
| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 42,149 | 41,803 | 44,026 |
| Closing number of shares | 16,978,208 | 17,788,908 | 20,717,308 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 248.25 | 235.00 | 212.51 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 5.64% | 10.58% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.12% | 0.12% | 0.12% |
| Fund launched on 28 August 2015. | | | |

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Security Transferrable association and associated to the desired transferrable associated as the desired transferrable associated as the desired transferrable associated as the desired transferrable as the desired a | Quantity | £'000 | <u>%</u> |
| Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an of 95.89% (2017: 95.32%) | ficial exchange listing or dealt on | another regulated | market |
| Equities 95.89% (2017: 95.32%) | | | |
| Austria 2.02% (2017: 1.85%) | | | |
| BUWOG | 79,000 | 1,996 | 2.02 |
| | | , | |
| France 21.61% (2017: 19.39%) | | | |
| Gecina | 37,500 | 5,154 | 5.22 |
| ICADE (REIT) | 40,700 | 3,100 | 3.14 |
| Klepierre (REIT) | 190,000 | 6,122 | 6.21 |
| Unibail-Rodamco (REIT) | 38,500 | 6,954 | 7.04 |
| | | 21,330 | 21.61 |
| | | | |
| Germany 15.18% (2017: 15.16%) | | | |
| Deutsche EuroShop | 88,500 | 2,442 | 2.48 |
| Deutsche Wohnen | 182,000 | 5,779 | 5.85 |
| LEG Immobilien | 47,000 | 3,724 | 3.78 |
| Vonovia | 87,000 | 3,026 | 3.07 |
| | | 14,971 | 15.18 |
| | | | |
| Ireland 4.06% (2017: 2.84%) | | | |
| Cairn Homes | 2,405,000 | 4,003 | 4.06 |
| | | | |
| Spain 3.92% (2017: 3.16%) | | | |
| Merlin | 381,000 | 3,863 | 3.92 |
| 5 1 10 Toy (Toy T 11 Toy () | | | |
| Sweden 10.75% (2017: 11.89%) | 402.000 | 4.074 | 404 |
| Castellum [∞] | 402,000 | 4,871 | 4.94 |
| Hufvudstaden 'A' | 262,000 | 2,965 | 3.01 |
| Wihlborgs Fastigheter | 161,500 | 2,765 10,601 | 2.80 10.75 |
| | | 10,001 | 10.73 |
| Switzerland 4.40% (2017: 4.94%) | | | |
| PSP Swiss Property | 44,500 | 3,082 | 3.13 |
| Zurich Airport | 7,000 | 1,255 | 1.27 |
| Zuici Aliport | 1,000 | 4,337 | 4.40 |
| | | , | |
| United Kingdom 33.95% (2017: 36.09%) | | | |
| Assura (REIT) | 5,343,000 | 3,291 | 3.34 |
| Big Yellow (REIT) | 245,000 | 2,125 | 2.15 |
| Derwent London (REIT) [∞] | 81,000 | 2,370 | 2.40 |
| , | | | |
| Great Portland Estates (REIT) | 133,000 | 884 | 0.90 |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Security | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Assets % |
| LondonMetric Property (REIT) | 1,070,050 | 1,918 | 1.94 |
| Rightmove [∞] | 47,000 | 2,074 | 2.10 |
| Savills | 203,000 | 2,079 | 2.11 |
| Segro (REIT) | 872,000 | 5,069 | 5.14 |
| Shaftesbury (REIT) [∞] | 313,000 | 3,130 | 3.17 |
| Sirius Real Estate | 3,150,993 | 1,891 | 1.92 |
| UNITE | 396,000 | 3,156 | 3.20 |
| Workspace (REIT) | 376,000 | 3,892 | 3.94 |
| | | 33,498 | 33.95 |
| | | | |
| Total Equities | | 94,599 | 95.89 |
| | | | |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 94,599 | 95.89 |
| | | | |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 1.95% (2017: nil) | | | |
| Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Sterling Fund Z-1 [†] | 1,920 | 1,920 | 1.95 |
| | | | |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | 1,920 | 1.95 |
| | | 0.5.54.0 | |
| Total investments | | 96,519 | 97.84 |
| Other net assets | | 2,129 | 2.16 |
| Total net assets | | 98,648 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc. [~] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end. Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 9,141 | 9.47 | 9.27 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| Intesa Sanpaolo | 291 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Eni | 291 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Recruit Holdings Co | 290 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Societe Generale | 282 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Commonwealth Bank of Australia | 281 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Assicurazioni Generali | 277 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Japan Tobacco Inc | 276 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Mizuho Financial | 273 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Yamaha Motor | 271 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Toyota Tsusho Corp | 269 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| | | | | |
| Other Equity | 7,442 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Government Bond | 85 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 10,328 | | | |

| | | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Market value of | segregated |
| | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 10,328 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| AUD | 604 |
| CAD | 640 |
| EUR | 3,114 |
| GBP | 2,860 |
| JPY | 2,775 |
| SEK | 64 |
| USD | 271 |
| Total collateral received | 10,328 |

| | | Market value of securities lending | Countries of counterparty | Settlement |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Counterparties per type of SFT | | £'000 | establishment | and clearing |
| JPM Chase | | 5,083 | United States | Tri-party |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | | 4,058 | Canada | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | | 9,141 | | |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 38 | 47 | 10,243 | 10,328 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | | - | 9,141 | 9,141 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be recalled on The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collateral. | n demand. | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 11 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent costs) ^A | | | - | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operation | al costs) | | - | - |
| Total costs | | | - | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 1 | 100.00 |

^AThe unrounded direct operational costs and fees incurred for securities lending for the period ended 31 January 2018 is £277.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains/(losses) | | 4,066 | | (3,331) |
| Revenue | 544 | | 574 | |
| Expenses | (236) | | (169) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 308 | | 405 | |
| Taxation | 7 | | 42 | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 315 | | 447 |
| Total return before distributions | | 4,381 | | (2,884) |
| Distributions | | (484) | | (555) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 3,897 | | (3,439) |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janu | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|--|---------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 77,320 | | 73,440 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 21,117 | | 1,660 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (4,168) | | (5,689) | |
| | | 16,949 | | (4,029) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 3,897 | | (3,439) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 482 | | 469 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 98,648 | | 66,441 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | 31 July 2017 |
|---|-----------------|--------------|
| | £'000 | £'000 |
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 96,519 | 73,701 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 2,009 | 292 |
| Cash and bank balances | 307 | 3,855 |
| Total assets | 98,835 | 77,848 |
| | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Provision for liabilities | 4 | 9 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 115 | 287 |
| Distribution payable | 68 | 232 |
| Total liabilities | 187 | 528 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 98,648 | 77,320 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

Interim dividend distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|----------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.32557 | - | 1.32557 | 1.56207 |
| Group 2 | 0.47132 | 0.85425 | 1.32557 | 1.56207 |
| A Income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.82539 | - | 0.82539 | 1.00688 |
| Group 2 | 0.32224 | 0.50315 | 0.82539 | 1.00688 |
| I Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.94618 | - | 0.94618 | 1.13369 |
| Group 2 | 0.35720 | 0.58898 | 0.94618 | 1.13369 |
| I Income | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.65817 | - | 0.65817 | 0.81520 |
| Group 2 | 0.19832 | 0.45985 | 0.65817 | 0.81520 |
| Z Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.34776 | - | 1.34776 | 1.63881 |
| Group 2 | 0.90020 | 0.44756 | 1.34776 | 1.63881 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth primarily by investing in Equity and Equity-Related Securities of European smaller companies. Income is not a consideration.

Investments will generally be confined to smaller companies. In this context, smaller companies generally means companies which are, at the time of investment, of a market capitalisation appropriate for a small company sector benchmark. Investments in companies which subsequently outgrow the appropriate small company sector benchmark will not be sold unless, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, this is in the best interests of Shareholders. This Fund may invest in companies listed or incorporated anywhere in the world, as long as the companies' principal activities are in, or their main economic exposure is to, Europe. The Fund may also hold ancillary liquid assets and Investment grade debt and debt-related securities.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen European Smaller Companies Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 6.86% compared to an increase of 4.49% in the benchmark, the HSBC Smaller Companies Europe inc UK Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested GRP

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

Small-cap European equities rose in the six months under review to round off an encouraging 2017. Markets buoyed by good corporate profits, positive economic data, firmer oil prices, the European Central Bank's decision to hold interest rates unchanged and US tax reforms. Eurozone third-quarter GDP expanded as investments and exports rose. The central bank kept monetary policy steady at its December meeting as "deflation risks have disappeared". Counterbalancing this was uncertainty from the ongoing Brexit negotiations, Spain's political turmoil as Catalonia attempted to breakaway and uncertainty over protracted talks to form a coalition government in Germany, which may hurt both Brexit negotiations and EU reform.

Portfolio Review

At the stock level, a key contributor was Aveva, which benefited from news of its £3-billion deal to combine with Schneider Electric's software division, creating a global leader in engineering and industrial software. Also benefiting the Fund was Schoeller-Bleckmann Oilfield Equipment, as its shares rose on the back of improving market conditions for US shale production, which should stimulate demand for its specialist products. Another holding that did well was Dechra Pharmaceuticals, which saw its shares buoyed by the positive market reception to its acquisitions of both AST Farma and Le Vet, as these additions strengthen its portfolio, as well as providing new opportunities through the direct-to-vet model.

In contrast, Dignity underperformed following an announcement that it would reset its pricing strategy to respond to greater competitive intensity. Also costing the Fund was Inmarsat, as its shares were dampened by negative sentiment amid fears that usage growth may not outpace price declines and the expected margin expansion in its maritime division may not materialise. Lastly, UK-based retailer Mothercare suffered further declines in its overseas business, posting an adjusted group pre-tax loss in its half-year report.

In portfolio activity, we sold Dignity, Essentra, GFT, Mothercare and Opus in favour of better opportunities elsewhere. Against this, we introduced leading biopharma company Bavarian Nordic which has secure revenues for its smallpox vaccine, funding multiple potential growth avenues. We initiated a holding in online mortgage platform operator Hypoport, given its solid market position and scope for continued growth. We also participated in GIMA TT's initial public offer. The company designs and assembles packaging machines used in the tobacco industry, offers upbeat growth prospects, an attractive yield and a sustainable competitive advantage, thanks to its intellectual property and customer relationships.

Outlook

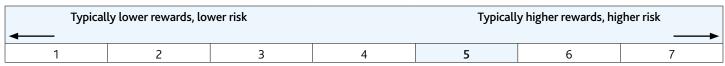
The outlook for European equities looks relatively rosy, with signs that the encouraging performance of 2017 will continue, buoyed by good corporate profits and positive economic data. Central bank policy remains relatively accommodative and this is reflected in the prospects for GDP growth, with expectations at their highest level in a decade. Notably, the ECB is likely to hold monetary policy steady as "deflation risks have disappeared". Although German Chancellor Angela Merkel's protracted coalition talks has finally concluded with a new coalition in place, political risks remain in focus in the year ahead. In Spain, tensions continue to simmer between Madrid and the Catalan parliament, with the latter insisting that exiled leader Carles Puigdemont should be installed as president. In the UK, economic resilience, despite the pall of uncertainty from Brexit talks, could well continue surprising investors. Inflation remains a bugbear and the central bank's first rate hike in a decade may have been somewhat imprudent, with sterling weakness the real source of price pressures and not an overheating economy. However, with recent climbs in energy prices, the BoE's decision may start to look prescient in the months ahead. While we acknowledge there's still support for equity prices, namely a largely accommodative monetary policy environment and inferior yields on offer from other asset classes, valuations are nevertheless quite full. We must remain watchful. Having said that, we are still finding compelling long-term opportunities: quality businesses operating in high-growth markets that possess balance-sheet capacity and cash-flow strength, and are led by able management.

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- Exchange rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- Smaller Companies: Shares of smaller companies may be more difficult to buy and sell than those of larger companies. This means that the Investment Manager may not be able to buy and sell at the best time or may suffer losses. This could reduce your returns.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

Comparative tables

| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 34,184 | 47,123 | 47,841 | 56,817 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,208,608 | 3,260,370 | 4,207,406 | 5,359,221 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 1,547.78 | 1,445.33 | 1,137.06 | 1,060.17 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 7.09% | 27.11% | 7.25% | 7.25% |
| Operating charges | 1.67% | 1.67% | 1.67% | 1.66% |
| | | | | |

| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 11,919 | 10,878 | 8,972 | 3,242 |
| Closing number of shares | 6,296,844 | 6,177,710 | 6,525,397 | 2,547,696 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 189.28 | 176.08 | 137.49 | 127.24 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 7.50% | 28.07% | 8.06% | 8.04% |
| Operating charges | 0.92% | 0.92% | 0.92% | 0.91% |

| K Accumulation Shares ^A | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|--|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 74 | 8 | 6 | |
| Closing number of shares | 49,446 | 5,800 | 6,000 | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 149.06 | 138.60 | 108.14 | |
| Change in net asset value per share | 7.55% | 28.17% | - | |
| Operating charges | 0.85% | 0.85% | 0.85% | |

| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 8,004 | 35,763 | 51,139 | 47,439 |
| Closing number of shares | 426,413 | 2,055,713 | 3,792,913 | 3,830,613 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 1,877.05 | 1,739.70 | 1,348.29 | 1,238.43 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 7.90% | 29.03% | 8.87% | 8.84% |
| Operating charges | 0.17% | 0.17% | 0.17% | 0.16% |

A K Accumulation share class launched on 23 March 2016.
The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.
The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.
Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| Contract to | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|--|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Security Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted | Quantity to an official exchange listing or dealt on | £'000 another regulated | % market |
| 97.79% (2017: 99.70%) | | | |
| Equities 97.79% (2017: 99.70%) | | | |
| Austria 8.00% (2017: 7.30%) | | | |
| Do & Co | 29,200 | 1,376 | 2.54 |
| Schoeller-Bleckmann Oilfield Equipment | 21,600 | 1,661 | 3.07 |
| Vienna Insurance | 51,900 | 1,296 | 2.39 |
| | | 4,333 | 8.00 |
| Denmark 3.01% (2017: 2.21%) | | | |
| Bavarian Nordic | 18,900 | 515 | 0.95 |
| Scandinavian Tobacco | 78,000 | 1,113 | 2.06 |
| | · | 1,628 | 3.01 |
| France 2.04% (2017: 1.96%) | | | |
| Inter Parfums | 33,600 | 1,105 | 2.04 |
| Germany 14.57% (2017: 13.53%) | | | |
| CANCOM | 8,800 | 585 | 1.08 |
| CTS Eventim | 36,600 | 1,288 | 2.38 |
| Gerresheimer | 16,400 | 1,009 | 1.86 |
| GRENKE Leasing | 20,500 | 1,708 | 3.15 |
| Hypoport | 5,100 | 568 | 1.05 |
| Nemetschek | 25,300 | 1,752 | 3.23 |
| XING | 4,000 | 986 | 1.82 |
| AING | 4,000 | 7,896 | 14.57 |
| Ireland 2.88% (2017: 2.92%) | | | |
| Cairn Homes | 937,000 | 1,560 | 2.88 |
| Italy 11.64% (2017: 9.10%) | | | |
| Amplifon | 149,100 | 1,864 | 3.45 |
| Brunello Cucinelli | 64,600 | 1,528 | 2.82 |
| Cerved Information Solutions | 122,800 | 1,220 | 2.25 |
| GIMATT | 66,100 | 1,009 | 1.86 |
| Reply | 14,900 | 683 | 1.26 |
| перу | 14,300 | 6,304 | 11.64 |
| Netherlands 2.39% (2017: 2.59%) | | | |
| Fugro | 110,400 | 1,297 | 2.39 |
| 0 | 1.13,100 | .,=5. | |

| | | Maril 1941 | Total Net |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Security | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Assets |
| Norway 2.02% (2017: 2.97%) | Quantity | 2 000 | 70 |
| Kongsberg Gruppen | 76,200 | 1,092 | 2.02 |
| Kongsberg Gruppen | 70,200 | 1,032 | 2.02 |
| Spain 1.89% (2017: 2.21%) | | | |
| Viscofan | 20,800 | 1,025 | 1.89 |
| | | | |
| Sweden 10.72% (2017: 12.25%) | | | |
| AddLife | 37,300 | 604 | 1.12 |
| Addtech 'B' | 78,500 | 1,364 | 2.51 |
| Cloetta | 222,500 | 645 | 1.19 |
| Coor Service Management | 202,700 | 1,196 | 2.21 |
| Elekta 'B' | 145,300 | 979 | 1.81 |
| Lagercrantz 'B' | 136,761 | 1,019 | 1.88 |
| | | 5,807 | 10.72 |
| Switzerland 12.44% (2017: 13.03%) | | | |
| Belimo | 317 | 1,047 | 1.93 |
| Burckhardt Compression | 5,200 | 1,360 | 2.51 |
| dorma+kaba | 1,300 | 842 | 1.55 |
| Tecan | 9,600 | 1,495 | 2.76 |
| Temenos | 10,300 | 1,000 | 1.85 |
| VZ | | 998 | 1.84 |
| VZ | 4,200 | 6,742 | 12.44 |
| | | • | |
| United Kingdom 26.19% (2017: 29.63%) | | | |
| Abcam | 100,500 | 1,236 | 2.28 |
| Aveva | 79,300 | 2,367 | 4.36 |
| Burford Capital | 91,900 | 1,130 | 2.09 |
| Close Brothers | 35,400 | 557 | 1.03 |
| Dechra Pharmaceuticals | 80,572 | 1,934 | 3.57 |
| Euromoney Institutional Investor | 126,100 | 1,488 | 2.75 |
| Genus | 49,300 | 1,193 | 2.20 |
| Inmarsat [®] | 203,400 | 945 | 1.74 |
| Mothercare | 594,223 | 266 | 0.49 |
| Oxford Instruments | 110,060 | 1,013 | 1.87 |
| Ultra Electronics [∞] | 57,400 | 876 | 1.62 |
| Victrex | 46,600 | 1,189 | 2.19 |
| | 10,000 | 14,194 | 26.19 |
| Total Equities | | 52,983 | 97.79 |
| | | 32,303 | 3,.,, |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | F2 002 | 07.70 |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 52,983 | 97.7 |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|--------------|---------------|-----------|
| | Name in al / | Maulcat Value | |
| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Other transferable securities and money market instruments nil (2017: nil) | | | |
| Equities nil (2017: nil) | | | |
| United States nil (2017: nil) | | | |
| Ashurst Technology $^{\Omega}$ | 3,184,500 | - | - |
| | | | |
| Total Equities | | - | - |
| | | | |
| Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments | | | - |
| | | | |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 0.88% (2017: nil) | | | |
| Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Sterling Fund Z-1 [†] | 478 | 478 | 0.88 |
| | | | |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | 478 | 0.88 |
| | | | |
| Total investments | | 53,461 | 98.67 |
| Other net assets | | 720 | 1.33 |
| Total net assets | | 54,181 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.

Unapproved/unquoted security.

Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 1,722 | 3.22 | 3.18 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| Glencore Xstrata | 93 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| CRH | 92 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Smith & Nephew | 57 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| DCC | 50 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Toronto-Dominion Bank | 50 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Deutsche Boerse | 50 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Fresenius Medical Care | 50 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Royal Bank of Canada | 50 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| British Sky Broadcasting | 49 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Barratt Developments | 48 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| | | | | |
| Other Equity | 1,323 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 1,912 | | | |

| | | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Market value of | segregated |
| | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | £′000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 1,912 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| CAD | 142 |
| CHF | 49 |
| EUR | 478 |
| GBP | 860 |
| JPY | 323 |
| USD | 60 |
| Total collateral received | 1,912 |

| Counterparties per type of SFT | | Market value of securities lending £'000 | Countries of counterparty establishment | Settlement and clearing |
|---|-------------------|--|---|-------------------------|
| Bank of Nova Scotia | | 901 | Canada | Tri-party |
| NATIXIS | | 821 | France | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | | 1,722 | | 1 2 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | 1,912 | 1,912 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | 1,722 | 1,722 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be recalled or The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collateral. | n demand. | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 11 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent costs) | | | (2) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operational | al costs) | | <u>-</u> | - |
| Total costs | | | (2) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 9 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 5,391 | | 11,894 |
| Revenue | 394 | | 472 | |
| Expenses | (406) | | (494) | |
| Net expense before taxation | (12) | | (22) | |
| Taxation | 8 | | (33) | |
| Net expense after taxation | | (4) | | (55) |
| Total return before distributions | | 5,387 | | 11,839 |
| Distributions | | (95) | | (12) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 5,292 | | 11,827 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 Janu | uary 2017 |
|--|-----------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 93,772 | | 107,958 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 623 | | 382 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (45,571) | | (10,233) | |
| | | (44,948) | | (9,851) |
| Dilution adjustment | | 65 | | - |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 5,292 | | 11,827 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 54,181 | | 109,934 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 53,461 | 93,494 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 314 | 168 |
| Cash and bank balances | 656 | 2,708 |
| Total assets | 54,431 | 96,370 |
| | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 250 | 2,598 |
| Total liabilities | 250 | 2,598 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 54,181 | 93,772 |

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide capital growth, whilst not excluding the occurrence of income, by investing predominantly in Equity and Equity-Related securities issued by financial institutions, such as banking, insurance, financial services and property companies, domiciled globally.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the year ended 31 July 2017, the value of Aberdeen Financial Equity Fund – A Income Shares increased by 6.30% compared to an increase of 5.98% in the benchmark, the FTSE World Financials Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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

Global equities rose during the interim period, buoyed by optimism over earnings on the back of an ongoing global growth recovery, benign inflation and low stockmarket volatility. In the US, corporate tax reforms bolstered sentiment, and Jerome Powell's appointment as the next Federal Reserve chair suggested continuity in the gradual tightening of monetary policy. European central bankers appeared similarly hawkish, inching closer towards ending quantitative easing and raising interest rates as continental economic activity picked up. Meanwhile, Japanese stocks were boosted by Shinzo Abe's re-election victory that strengthened his mandate, and better business prospects. Most emerging markets were lifted by US dollar weakness. Chinese shares rose on mostly resilient growth, heralded in the widely-watched National congress, and a sharp rise in internet stocks. The tech-heavy Korean and Taiwanese markets also rallied. Oil prices were robust, with Brent crude briefly trading above US\$70 a barrel towards period-end.

Investors shrugged off a brief US government shutdown, as well as renewed concerns over trade protectionism after President Donald Trump imposed import tariffs on washing machines and solar panels. Japan and ten other Pacific Rim countries announced they would press on with a Trans-Pacific Partnership free-trade agreement without the US. An unresolved Brexit continued to beleaguer the UK politically, although the economy remained largely resilient. Geopolitical tensions between the US and North Korea, as well as protracted talks to form a coalition government in Germany and Catalonia's push for independence from Spain added to the pall of uncertainty. However, stocks remained buoyant in spite of these developments.

Portfolio review

Canadian Western Bank was the biggest contributor to relative performance. It was boosted by better-than-expected profits after maintaining focus on providing exceptional banking services for business owners. Banco Bradesco was another key outperformer, as investors began to price in the lender's further interest rate cuts and potentially better growth outlook. In addition, Bradesco rode the broader Brazilian market rally after an appeals court upheld former leftist President Lula da Silva's graft conviction, reducing the chances of his candidacy in the upcoming presidential elections. Elsewhere, Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing benefited from China's relaxation of capital controls that have resulted in brisk north- and south-bound Fund flows.

Conversely, Suruga Bank's shares fell following news that a real-estate company connected with its housing-loan business had suspended rent payments to property owners. Not holding Bank of America and JP Morgan hurt Fund performance, as they were buoyed by expectations that they would be beneficiaries of US tax reforms.

In portfolio activity, we exited Rathbones to fund better opportunities elsewhere. We also sold the B3 Brasil Bolsa Balcao to reduce our exposure to stock exchanges, and to fund the introduction of Bank Pekao. The lender is a solid franchise in Poland with a history of conservative lending and balance sheet management. In addition, we initiated a position in First Republic Bank while it was trading at attractive valuations. The San Francisco-based lender is well-managed and has a good growth profile.

Outlook

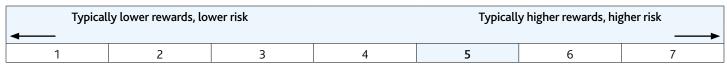
In many major financial markets, share prices gains have been relentless, and there could be momentum for growth to continue despite the sudden spike in volatility at the time of writing. Within the US, tax reform is expected to manifest itself in renewed corporate buybacks, following a period of more subdued activity, on the back of rising levels of indebtedness. Nonetheless, the operating environment is in flux. Economic reforms are largely still in gestation, Brexit negotiations are being staggered, and political leadership in the West seems unsettled. Central banks also continue to mull over lifting interest rates amid muted inflation. Against this volatile operating landscape, we are anchored by our bottom-up analysis of business models and valuations. We also develop clarity and foresight by monitoring our investments diligently, while maintaining a long-term investment outlook. Through this process, we have built a portfolio that comprises businesses with capable management, robust operations, and the potential for intrinsic earnings growth.

Global Equity Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- This Fund is ranked at 5 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Exchange Rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- Specialist sector: The Fund invests in a specialist sector and it will not perform in line with funds that have a broader investment policy.
- A full list of risks applicable to this Fund can be found in the Prospectus. x
- The latest risk and reward profile can be found on the Key Investor Information Document (KIID) for this Fund which is available on the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

Comparative tables

| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 50,270 | 49,531 | 44,515 | 56,699 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,379,289 | 1,440,975 | 1,575,271 | 2,275,922 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 3,644.60 | 3,437.31 | 2,825.85 | 2,491.25 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 6.03% | 21.64% | 13.43% | - |
| Operating charges | 1.65% | 1.65% | 1.65% | 1.65% |

| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1,310 | 967 | 679 | 143 |
| Closing number of shares | 855,420 | 670,340 | 573,014 | 136,564 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 153.15 | 144.28 | 118.58 | 104.51 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 6.15% | 21.67% | 13.46% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.90% | 0.90% | 0.90% | 0.90% |

Fund launched on 19 June 2015.
The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | Noinal/ | Maylest Value | Total Net |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Security | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Assets % |
| Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted t | | | |
| 99.18% (2017: 99.18%) | | | |
| Equities 99.18% (2017: 99.18%) | | | |
| Brazil 5.62% (2017: 7.07%) | | | |
| Banco Bradesco (ADR) | 182,689 | 1,630 | 3.16 |
| Iguatemi Empresa de Shopping Centers | 132,900 | 1,269 | 2.46 |
| | | 2,899 | 5.62 |
| Canada 5.98% (2017: 5.87%) | | | |
| Canadian Western Bank | 78,000 | 1,725 | 3.35 |
| Royal Bank of Canada | 22,500 | 1,358 | 2.63 |
| Noyal Bank of Canada | 22,300 | 3,083 | 5.98 |
| | | • | |
| Chile 1.86% (2017: 1.63%) | | | |
| Parque Arauco | 414,073 | 959 | 1.86 |
| France 1.61% (2017: 1.72%) | | | |
| Unibail-Rodamco (REIT) | 4,600 | 831 | 1.61 |
| | | | |
| Hong Kong 9.05% (2017: 9.17%) | | | |
| AIA | 381,600 | 2,298 | 4.46 |
| Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing | 60,285 | 1,607 | 3.11 |
| Swire Pacific 'A' | 108,800 | 765 | 1.48 |
| | | 4,670 | 9.05 |
| India 4.76% (2017: 4.75%) | | | |
| Housing Development Finance | 113,500 | 2,455 | 4.76 |
| 5 . | | | |
| Ireland 2.92% (2017: 2.77%) | | | |
| Experian | 92,900 | 1,508 | 2.92 |
| Japan 9.71% (2017: 10.99%) | | | |
| Daito Trust Construction Co | 11,100 | 1,363 | 2.64 |
| Japan Exchange Group Inc | 108,300 | 1,366 | 2.65 |
| Mitsubishi Estate Co | 95,245 | 1,280 | 2.48 |
| Suruga Bank | 70,600 | 1,001 | 1.94 |
| | ,,,,, | 5,010 | 9.71 |
| | | | |
| Mexico 1.60% (2017: 1.82%) | | | |
| Grupo Financiero Banorte | 182,900 | 825 | 1.60 |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Security | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Assets % |
| Philippines 3.09% (2017: 3.28%) | Quantity | £ 000 | 70 |
| Ayala Land | 2,629,800 | 1,595 | 3.09 |
| Ayata Lanu | 2,023,000 | 1,555 | 3.03 |
| Poland 1.04% (2017: nil) | | | |
| Bank Pekao | 18,800 | 539 | 1.04 |
| | , | | |
| Singapore 4.61% (2017: 4.36%) | | | |
| City Developments | 154,900 | 1,102 | 2.14 |
| Oversea-Chinese Banking | 183,424 | 1,274 | 2.47 |
| | | 2,376 | 4.61 |
| | | | |
| Sweden 0.89% (2017: 0.99%) | | | |
| Svenska Handelsbanken 'A' | 44,500 | 457 | 0.89 |
| | | | |
| Switzerland 1.80% (2017: 1.70%) | | | |
| UBS | 65,000 | 929 | 1.80 |
| | | | |
| Thailand 4.36% (2017: 4.03%) | | | |
| Kasikornbank (Alien) | 239,800 | 1,244 | 2.42 |
| Tesco Lotus Retail Growth Freehold & Leasehold Property Fund | 2,523,400 | 1,003 | 1.94 |
| | | 2,247 | 4.36 |
| T. J. 4 000/ /2047 4 500/\ | | | |
| Turkey 1.80% (2017: 1.50%) | 455.200 | 021 | 1.00 |
| Akbank | 455,200 | 931 | 1.80 |
| United Kingdom 7.61% (2017: 9.53%) | | | |
| HSBC | 92,100 | 692 | 1.34 |
| Prudential | 108,400 | 2,066 | 4.01 |
| Standard Chartered | 142.442 | 1,167 | 2.26 |
| Standard Chartered | 112,112 | 3,925 | 7.61 |
| | | | |
| United States 30.87% (2017: 28.00%) | | | |
| Aetna | 7,600 | 1,000 | 1.94 |
| Boston Private Financial | 49,500 | 534 | 1.04 |
| Charles Schwab | 51,100 | 1,917 | 3.72 |
| CME | 12,400 | 1,338 | 2.59 |
| Fair Isaac | 11,800 | 1,433 | 2.78 |
| First Republic Bank | 8,200 | 516 | 1.00 |
| Intercontinental Exchange | 36,000 | 1,870 | 3.62 |
| Jones Lang LaSalle | 12,400 | 1,364 | 2.64 |
| M&T Bank | 16,400 | 2,200 | 4.27 |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|----------|--------------|-----------|
| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Regions Financial | 72,300 | 978 | 1.90 |
| Visa 'A'∞ | 31,700 | 2,770 | 5.37 |
| | | 15,920 | 30.87 |
| | | | |
| Total Equities | | 51,159 | 99.18 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 51,159 | 99.18 |
| | | | |
| Total investments | | 51,159 | 99.18 |
| Other net assets | | 421 | 0.82 |
| Total net assets | | 51,580 | 100.00 |

[∞] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end. Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 2,629 | 5.14 | 5.10 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|-------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| CRH | 146 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Toronto-Dominion Bank | 146 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| DCC | 146 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Deutsche Boerse | 146 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Royal Bank of Canada | 146 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Fresenius Medical Care | 146 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Smith & Nephew | 145 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| British Sky Broadcasting | 142 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Associated British Foods | 140 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Glencore Xstrata | 140 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| | | | | |
| Other Equity | 1,475 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 2,918 | | | |

| | | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Market value of | segregated |
| | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 2,918 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| CAD | 414 |
| EUR | 718 |
| GBP | 1,636 |
| USD | 150 |
| Total collateral received | 2,918 |

| | Market value of securities lending | Countries of counterparty | Settlement |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Counterparties per type of SFT | £'000 | establishment | and clearing |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | 2,629 | Canada | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | 2,629 | | |

| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
|--|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | 2,918 | 2,918 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | <u>-</u> | | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | <u>-</u> | - | 2,629 | 2,629 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be reca | lled on demand | | | |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collater | | | | |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collater | di. | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 1 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent c | osts) ^A | | - | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser oper | rational costs) | | - | 0.00 |
| Total costs | | | - | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 1 | 100.00 |

^AThe unrounded direct operational costs and fees incurred for securities lending for the six months ended 31 January 2018 is £175.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 3,034 | | 5,196 |
| Revenue | 417 | | 497 | |
| Expenses | (419) | | (389) | |
| Net (expense)/revenue before taxation | (2) | | 108 | |
| Taxation | (44) | | (46) | |
| Net (expense)/revenue after taxation | | (46) | | 62 |
| Total return before distributions | | 2,988 | | 5,258 |
| Distributions | | (4) | | (62) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 2,984 | | 5,196 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janu | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|--|---------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 50,498 | | 45,194 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 414 | | 222 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (2,317) | | (2,128) | |
| | | (1,903) | | (1,906) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | 2,984 | | 5,196 |
| Unclaimed distributions > 6 years | | 1 | | 1 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 51,580 | | 48,485 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 51,159 | 50,086 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 90 | 44 |
| Cash and bank balances | 476 | 643 |
| Total assets | 51,725 | 50,773 |
| | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 141 | 72 |
| Distribution payable | 4 | 203 |
| Total liabilities | 145 | 275 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 51,580 | 50,498 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

Interim dividend distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | - | - | - | 3.68438 |
| Group 2 | - | - | - | 3.68438 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.41356 | - | 0.41356 | 0.63585 |
| Group 2 | 0.06298 | 0.35058 | 0.41356 | 0.63585 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in a portfolio of sub-investment grade debt and debt-related securities, denominated in or hedged back to sterling.

A majority of the portfolio will invest in debt and debt-related securities issued by companies based in Europe and/or North America.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including investment-grade debt and debt-related securities, equity and equity-related securities, money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

The Fund may also invest to a minority extent in debt and debt-related securities of companies and governments based in developing countries.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Global High Yield Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 1.49% compared to an increase of 1.61% in the benchmark, the Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield Corporate Index (hedged to GBP).

Source: Lipper, basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK net income reinvested, GBP.

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

The high yield market returned 1.55% over the six months, which is below the market income yield. This performance was more respectable when considering the weakness in underlying government bonds yields. 10-year Treasury yields widened from 2.3% to 2.7% driven by improving growth, a fifth rate hike in December and, more latterly, increasing inflation expectations. The growth outlook is improving in the most synchronized fashion since the financial crisis, which is putting pressure on central banks to remove stimulus. The performance of high yield demonstrated the relatively low sensitivity of the asset class to interest rate risk as spreads benefit from an improving fundamental picture and a decline in default rate expectations. The changes to United States tax policy announced in December should also provide a tail-wind to most high yield issuers that market while encouraging capital expenditure which should elongate the economic cycle further.

Portfolio review

Performance was driven by a modest overweight credit position and good security selection. The Fund garnered 0.32% of relative performance from a Treasury short position, using futures, and 0.16% of relative performance from sector allocation with the rest stemming from strong stock selection. At a stock level, the biggest winners were Obrascon, which delivered 0.19% of relative performance, and a Unicredit subordinated bank bond which rallied from the high 50s to 83 delivering 0.17% of relative performance. Obrascon benefitted from a sale of the concessions business at a much higher value than the

market was attributing to those assets prior to the deal whilst Unicredit benefitted from an improving macro environment for the Italian banks and better results as well as increasing probability of the coupon being reinstated. Other strong contributors were Cengage and Golden nugget, which generated 0.14% and 0.09% respectively. On the negative side, New Look cost the Fund 0.22%, as the UK clothing retailer seemingly heads towards restructuring. Petsmart cost the Fund 0.14% as the competitive environment worsened and growth in the online business created a drag on cash flow. We exited New Look but continue to believe there is value in Petsmart on the basis that the online business will help the company grow into its capital structure.

Outlook

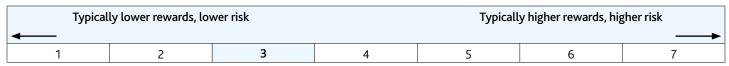
Risk asset values faded at the beginning of February. Government bonds are not performing as well as one might expect during this sell-off, which suggests that they are at the heart of the issue. Risk assets need to be able to compensate investors for higher volatility and higher risk-free rates and as such it is no surprise to see equities, in particular, and high yield to a much lesser extent, fall. Given our positioning we would expect the Fund to outperform the market in the event the weakness continues. If the opportunity arises, we will take advantage of this by rotating out of bonds that have held up into companies we like but previously did not think traded at the right price. With a slightly longer-term view, we believe the improving environment will provide support to the market but are aware that the technicals are deteriorating. Given tight valuations we are unwilling to take too much relative risk.

Global High Yield Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- This Fund is ranked at 3 because funds of this type have experienced average 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Exchange Rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

| Comparative tables | | | | |
|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 80 | 93 | 127 | 350 |
| Closing number of shares | 49,913 | 58,991 | 87,713 | 239,460 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 160.07 | 157.42 | 144.67 | 146.36 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.68% | 8.81% | (1.15%) | - |
| Operating charges | 1.37% | 1.37% | 1.62% | 1.61% |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 102,588 | 95,371 | 189,152 | 278,408 |
| Closing number of shares | 108,792,986 | 100,540,625 | 207,159,202 | 289,502,487 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 94.30 | 94.86 | 91.31 | 96.17 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.59%) | 3.89% | (5.05%) | - |
| Operating charges | 1.37% | 1.37% | 1.62% | 1.61% |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 3,298 | 3,286 | 1,232 | 478 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,945,974 | 1,977,530 | 811,203 | 313,066 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 169.47 | 166.17 | 151.84 | 152.57 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.99% | 9.44% | (0.48%) | _ |
| Operating charges | 0.77% | 0.77% | 0.77% | 0.76% |
| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 6,879 | 3,994 | 4,643 | 3,391 |
| Closing number of shares | 7,656,344 | 4,418,778 | 5,336,974 | 3,700,660 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 89.85 | 90.39 | 87.00 | 91.62 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.60%) | 3.90% | (5.04%) | - |
| Operating charges | 0.77% | 0.77% | 0.77% | 0.76% |
| P Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 14,822 | 21,276 | 27,547 | 29,260 |
| Closing number of shares | 16,376,699 | 23,370,310 | 31,433,323 | 31,701,326 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 90.50 | 91.04 | 87.64 | 92.30 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.59%) | 3.88% | (5.05%) | - |
| Operating charges | 0.58% | 0.58% | 0.58% | 0.57% |
| Sperdering charges | 0.5070 | 0.5070 | 0.5070 | 0.51 70 |
| P Gross Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 674 | 953 | 1,285 | 1,390 |
| Closing number of shares | 774,283 | 1,088,038 | 1,524,195 | 1,565,801 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 87.07 | 87.59 | 84.32 | 88.80 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.59%) | 3.88% | (5.05%) | - |
| Operating charges | 0.58% | 0.58% | 0.58% | 0.57% |

| Q Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 19,814 | 22,057 | 173,213 | 443,455 |
| Closing number of shares | 21,892,898 | 24,225,284 | 197,666,577 | 480,502,811 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 90.51 | 91.05 | 87.63 | 92.29 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.59%) | 3.90% | (5.05%) | - |
| Operating charges | 0.48% | 0.48% | 0.48% | 0.47% |

| Q Gross Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 150 | 271 | 8,866 | 33,094 |
| Closing number of shares | 172,620 | 309,195 | 10,514,224 | 37,262,224 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 87.12 | 87.64 | 84.32 | 88.81 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.59%) | 3.94% | (5.06%) | - |
| Operating charges | 0.48% | 0.48% | 0.48% | 0.47% |

| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 485,361 | 526,188 | 552,307 | 539,354 |
| Closing number of shares | 293,352,242 | 325,401,058 | 376,092,763 | 367,405,182 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 165.45 | 161.70 | 146.85 | 146.80 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 2.32% | 10.11% | 0.03% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.12% | 0.12% | 0.12% | 0.11% |

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | Coupen | | Namainal/ | Mayleat Value | Total Net |
|--|---------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Assets % |
| Transferable securities and money market instruments a | <u>`</u> | | | | |
| 85.11% (2017: 92.22%) | | | | | |
| Bonds 85.11% (2017: 92.22%) | | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds 84.56% (2017: 91.52%) | | | | | |
| Argentina 0.60% (2017: 0.60%) | | | | | |
| Aeropuertos Argentina 2000 | 6.8750 | 01/02/27 | 2,460,000 | 1,849 | 0.30 |
| Cablevision | 6.5000 | 15/06/21 | 1,900,000 | 1,410 | 0.22 |
| IRSA Propiedades Comerciales | 8.7500 | 23/03/23 | 670,000 | 526 3,785 | 0.08 |
| | | | | 3,763 | 0.00 |
| Australia 0.15% (2017: 0.15%) | | | | | |
| FMG Resources August 2006 | 4.7500 | 15/05/22 | 1,295,000 | 924 | 0.15 |
| Barbados nil (2017: 0.44%) | | | | | |
| Brazil 3.04% (2017: 2.95%) | | | | | |
| Azul Investments | 5.8750 | 26/10/24 | 2,223,000 | 1,555 | 0.25 |
| Banco Do Brasil | VAR | PERP | 2,663,000 | 2,022 | 0.32 |
| JBS USA Finance | 5.7500 | 15/06/25 | 6,930,000 | 4,826 | 0.76 |
| Petrobras Global Finance | 8.7500 | 23/05/26 | 12,800,000 | 10,831 | 1.71 |
| | | | | 19,234 | 3.04 |
| Canada 3.69% (2017: 3.98%) | | | | | |
| Cenovus Energy | 3.8000 | 15/09/23 | 611,000 | 433 | 0.07 |
| Gateway Casinos & Entertainment | 8.2500 | 01/03/24 | 8,515,000 | 6,452 | 1.01 |
| GFL Environmental | 9.8750 | 01/02/21 | 6,184,000 | 4,588 | 0.71 |
| GFL Environmental | 5.6250 | 01/05/22 | 985,000 | 717 | 0.11 |
| MEG Energy | 6.3750 | 30/01/23 | 5,419,000 | 3,277 | 0.52 |
| MEG Energy | 7.0000 | 31/03/24 | 3,414,000 | 2,080 | 0.33 |
| MEG Energy | 6.5000 | 15/01/25 | 1,750,000 | 1,203 | 0.19 |
| Taseko Mines | 8.7500 | 15/06/22 | 3,632,000 | 2,663 | 0.42 |
| Teine Energy | 6.8750 | 30/09/22 | 500,000 | 364 | 0.06 |
| Telesat | 8.8750 | 15/11/24 | 2,169,000 | 1,697 | 0.27 |
| | | | | 23,474 | 3.69 |
| Chile 0.28% (2017: 0.27%) | | | | | |
| Latam Finance | 6.8750 | 11/04/24 | 2,372,000 | 1,768 | 0.28 |
| China 0.09% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| eHi Car Services | 5.8750 | 14/08/22 | 775,000 | 543 | 0.09 |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo 0.09% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| HTA | 9.1250 | 08/03/22 | 740,000 | 554 | 0.09 |
| | | | | | |

| | _ | | | | Total Net |
|--|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Assets % |
| Dominican Republic 0.40% (2017: 0.41%) | (70) | Maturity | Quantity | £ 000 | /0 |
| AES Andres Dominican Power | 7.9500 | 11/05/26 | 3,332,000 | 2,533 | 0.40 |
| ALS Alidies Dollillicali Fowel | 7.9300 | 11/03/20 | 3,332,000 | 2,333 | 0.40 |
| France 2.79% (2017: 3.43%) | | | | | |
| BNP Paribas [∞] | VAR | PERP | 2,667,000 | 2,047 | 0.32 |
| La Financiere Atalian | 4.0000 | 15/05/24 | 3,455,000 | 3,155 | 0.50 |
| SFR∞ | 6.0000 | 15/05/22 | 7,605,000 | 5,219 | 0.83 |
| SFR∞ | 5.3750 | 15/05/22 | 2,290,000 | 2,048 | 0.32 |
| SFR | 7.3750 | 01/05/26 | 1,478,000 | 1,024 | 0.16 |
| SPCM | 4.8750 | 15/09/25 | 5,965,000 | 4,205 | 0.66 |
| | | | | 17,698 | 2.79 |
| Germany 1.47% (2017: 0.92%) | | | | | |
| Nidda BondCo | 5.0000 | 30/09/25 | 737,000 | 643 | 0.10 |
| Nidda Healthcare | 3.5000 | 30/09/24 | 1,522,000 | 1,344 | 0.21 |
| PrestigeBidCo [®] | 6.2500 | 15/12/23 | 1,312,000 | 1,220 | 0.19 |
| Senvion | 3.8750 | 25/10/22 | 7,441,000 | 6,111 | 0.97 |
| | | | .,, | 9,318 | 1.47 |
| Greece 0.55% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Intralot Capital Luxembourg | 5.2500 | 15/09/24 | 3,939,000 | 3,494 | 0.55 |
| | 3.2300 | 13/03/24 | | 3,434 | 0.55 |
| Guatemala nil (2017: 0.08%) | | | | | |
| India 0.47% (2017: 0.48%) | | | | | |
| Vedanta Resources | 6.1250 | 09/08/24 | 4,195,000 | 2,976 | 0.47 |
| Indonesia 0.40% (2017: 0.40%) | | | | | |
| Pertamina Persero (EMTN) | 4.3000 | 20/05/23 | 3,440,000 | 2,506 | 0.40 |
| Junior d 0 0207 (2017, 0 7007) | | | | | |
| Ireland 0.93% (2017: 0.70%) | 7.2500 | 15/05/24 | 2.075.000 | 2.004 | 0.47 |
| Ardagh Packaging Finance | | | 3,975,000 | 3,004 | |
| Ardagh Packaging Finance | 4.7500 | 15/07/27 15/09/27 | 1,382,000 | 1,391 | 0.22 |
| C&W Senior Financing Designated Activity | 6.8750 | 13/09/21 | 2,055,000 | 1,523 5,918 | 0.24 0.93 |
| | | | | | |
| Italy 0.53% (2017: 2.27%) | | | | | |
| Gamenet | 6.0000 | 15/08/21 | 1,120,000 | 1,009 | 0.16 |
| Wind Tre [∞] | 5.0000 | 20/01/26 | 3,666,000 | 2,340 | 0.37 |
| | | | | 3,349 | 0.53 |
| Jersey 1.26% (2017: 1.24%) | | | | | |
| LHC3 | 4.1250 | 15/08/24 | 1,804,000 | 1,624 | 0.26 |
| Nemean Bondco [∞] | 7.3750 | 01/02/24 | 6,950,000 | 6,359 | 1.00 |
| | | | | 7,983 | 1.26 |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|-------------------------------------|--------|----------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| | Coupon | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Kazakhstan 0.17% (2017: 0.16%) | | | | | |
| Nostrum Oil & Gas Finance | 8.0000 | 25/07/22 | 1,430,000 | 1,064 | 0.17 |
| | | | | | |
| Luxembourg 2.28% (2017: 2.83%) | | | | | |
| Altice Financing | 7.5000 | 15/05/26 | 3,615,000 | 2,641 | 0.42 |
| Altice Finco | 8.1250 | 15/01/24 | 2,000,000 | 1,449 | 0.23 |
| Galapagos∞ | 5.3750 | 15/06/21 | 2,000,000 | 1,717 | 0.27 |
| INEOS | 5.3750 | 01/08/24 | 3,320,000 | 3,080 | 0.49 |
| Kleopatra 1 | 8.5000 | 30/06/23 | 1,712,000 | 1,438 | 0.23 |
| Unilabs Subholding | 5.7500 | 15/05/25 | 4,640,000 | 4,104 | 0.64 |
| | | | | 14,429 | 2.28 |
| | | | | | |
| Mauritius 0.31% (2017: 0.30%) | | | | | |
| Liquid Telecommunications Financing | 8.5000 | 13/07/22 | 2,590,000 | 1,945 | 0.31 |
| | | | | | |
| Mexico 0.94% (2017: 0.97%) | | | | | |
| Axtel | 6.3750 | 14/11/24 | 2,226,000 | 1,624 | 0.26 |
| CEMEX | 7.7500 | 16/04/26 | 4,065,000 | 3,238 | 0.51 |
| Elementia | 5.5000 | 15/01/25 | 740,000 | 531 | 0.08 |
| Grupo Posadas | 7.8750 | 30/06/22 | 740,000 | 541 | 0.09 |
| | | | | 5,934 | 0.94 |
| | | | | | |
| Netherlands 3.10% (2017: 3.82%) | | | | | |
| Constellium | 6.6250 | 01/03/25 | 4,435,000 | 3,290 | 0.52 |
| Constellium | 5.8750 | 15/02/26 | 937,000 | 672 | 0.11 |
| ING Groep [∞] | VAR | PERP | 3,756,000 | 2,846 | 0.45 |
| Lincoln Finance | 6.8750 | 15/04/21 | 4,145,000 | 3,788 | 0.59 |
| VEON | 4.9500 | 16/06/24 | 2,439,000 | 1,722 | 0.27 |
| Ziggo Secured Finance | 5.5000 | 15/01/27 | 10,590,000 | 7,392 | 1.16 |
| | | | | 19,710 | 3.10 |
| Nigeria 0.69% (2017: 0.66%) | | | | | |
| IHS Netherlands | 9.5000 | 27/10/21 | 1,960,000 | 1,470 | 0.23 |
| United Bank for Africa | 7.7500 | 08/06/22 | 2,650,000 | 1,470 | 0.23 |
| Zenith Bank | 7.7300 | 30/05/22 | 1,304,000 | 966 | 0.51 |
| ACHILI DAIR | 1.5130 | 30/03/22 | 1,304,000 | 4,381 | 0.15 |
| | | | | 1,301 | 0.03 |
| Peru 0.33% (2017: 0.42%) | | | | | |
| InRetail Consumer | 5.2500 | 10/10/21 | 2,330,000 | 1,689 | 0.27 |
| InRetail Shopping Malls | 6.5000 | 09/07/21 | 512,000 | 375 | 0.06 |
| | | | | 2,064 | 0.33 |

| | Coupon | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|---------|----------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Russian Federation 0.32% (2017: 0.32%) | | | | | |
| Credit Bank of Moscow | 5.8750 | 07/11/21 | 705,000 | 516 | 0.08 |
| Evraz | 6.5000 | 22/04/20 | 1,360,000 | 1,010 | 0.16 |
| Sberbank of Russia | 6.1250 | 07/02/22 | 655,000 | 500 | 0.08 |
| | | | | 2,026 | 0.32 |
| South Africa nil (2017: 0.32%) | | | | | |
| Spain 1.74% (2017: 1.49%) | | | | | |
| Codere Finance 2 Luxembourg | 6.7500 | 01/11/21 | 3,490,000 | 3,208 | 0.51 |
| Haya Finance 2017 | 5.2500 | 15/11/22 | 3,840,000 | 3,381 | 0.53 |
| Obrascon Huarte Lain | 4.7500 | 15/03/22 | 3,889,000 | 3,460 | 0.55 |
| Obrascon Huarte Lain [∞] | 5.5000 | 15/03/23 | 1,083,000 | 976 | 0.15 |
| | | | | 11,025 | 1.74 |
| Switzerland 0.29% (2017: 0.29%) | | | | | |
| UBS | VAR | PERP | 2,291,000 | 1,820 | 0.29 |
| | | | · · · | · | |
| Turkey 0.20% (2017: 0.72%) | | | | | |
| Akbank∞ | 7.2000 | 16/03/27 | 1,694,000 | 1,243 | 0.20 |
| | | | | | |
| United Arab Emirates 0.30% (2017: nil) Shelf Drilling | 8.2500 | 15/02/25 | 2,695,000 | 1,921 | 0.30 |
| Shell Dhilling | 8.2300 | 13/02/23 | 2,093,000 | 1,321 | 0.50 |
| United Kingdom 10.62% (2017: 9.60%) | | | | | |
| Barclays | VAR | PERP | 2,970,000 | 2,781 | 0.44 |
| Boparan Finance [∞] | 5.2500 | 15/07/19 | 1,755,000 | 1,749 | 0.28 |
| Cabot Financial Luxembourg (EMTN) | 8.3750 | 01/08/20 | 1,762,000 | 1,829 | 0.29 |
| Corral Petroleum | 11.7500 | 15/05/21 | 4,365,000 | 4,212 | 0.66 |
| CPUK Finance | 4.2500 | 28/02/47 | 1,597,000 | 1,629 | 0.26 |
| CYBG | VAR | PERP | 4,085,000 | 4,406 | 0.70 |
| CYBG | VAR | 09/02/26 | 4,030,000 | 4,276 | 0.67 |
| Fiat Chrysler Finance Europe (EMTN) | 4.7500 | 15/07/22 | 6,150,000 | 6,129 | 0.97 |
| Galaxy Finco | 7.8750 | 15/11/21 | 3,500,000 | 3,502 | 0.55 |
| Inmarsat Finance | 4.8750 | 15/05/22 | 4,126,000 | 2,880 | 0.45 |
| Jaguar Land Rover Automotive | 5.0000 | 15/02/22 | 1,440,000 | 1,564 | 0.25 |
| Lloyds Banking | VAR | PERP | 2,998,000 | 3,798 | 0.60 |
| Nationwide Building Society (EMTN) [∞] | VAR | PERP | 2,055,000 | 2,165 | 0.34 |
| Ocado | 4.0000 | 15/06/24 | 1,715,000 | 1,728 | 0.27 |
| PGH Capital | 6.6250 | 18/12/25 | 2,956,000 | 3,559 | 0.56 |
| PizzaExpress Financing 2 [∞] | 6.6250 | 01/08/21 | 2,573,000 | 2,428 | 0.38 |
| RAC Bond [∞] | 5.0000 | 06/11/22 | 3,400,000 | 3,337 | 0.53 |
| Saga® | 3.3750 | 12/05/24 | 1,969,000 | 1,873 | 0.30 |
| Synlab Bondco | 6.2500 | 01/07/22 | 6,800,000 | 6,242 | 0.98 |

| | Coupon | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|---------|----------|------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Security | (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Thomas Cook | 6.2500 | 15/06/22 | 2,074,000 | 1,967 | 0.31 |
| TVL Finance | 8.5000 | 15/05/23 | 1,327,200 | 1,440 | 0.23 |
| Virgin Media Finance | 7.0000 | 15/04/23 | 500,000 | 522 | 0.08 |
| William Hill∞ | 4.2500 | 05/06/20 | 3,200,000 | 3,316 67,332 | 0.52 10.62 |
| United States 46.53% (2017: 51.30%) | | | | | |
| Airxcel | 8.5000 | 15/02/22 | 5,879,000 | 4,398 | 0.69 |
| Albertsons | 5.7500 | 15/03/25 | 7,055,000 | 4,428 | 0.70 |
| Albertsons | 6.6250 | 15/06/24 | 2,402,000 | 1,605 | 0.25 |
| Alliance Data Systems | 5.8750 | 01/11/21 | 1,754,000 | 1,267 | 0.20 |
| Alliance Data Systems | 5.2500 | 15/11/23 | 1,250,000 | 1,147 | 0.18 |
| Altice US Finance I | 5.3750 | 15/07/23 | 2,875,000 | 2,070 | 0.33 |
| Altice US Finance I [∞] | 5.5000 | 15/05/26 | 1,481,000 | 1,065 | 0.17 |
| American Axle & Manufacturing [∞] | 6.2500 | 01/04/25 | 9,990,000 | 7,341 | 1.16 |
| AmeriGas Finance | 5.8750 | 20/08/26 | 1,937,000 | 1,410 | 0.22 |
| Antero Resources | 5.1250 | 01/12/22 | 1,044,000 | 750 | 0.12 |
| Aramark Services | 5.0000 | 01/02/28 | 1,017,000 | 729 | 0.12 |
| Argos Merger | 7.1250 | 15/03/23 | 5,661,000 | 2,503 | 0.39 |
| Ascend Learning | 6.8750 | 01/08/25 | 1,611,000 | 1,173 | 0.19 |
| Avis Budget Car Rental | 5.5000 | 01/04/23 | 5,942,000 | 4,210 | 0.66 |
| Avis Budget Car Rental | 6.3750 | 01/04/24 | 1,766,000 | 1,272 | 0.20 |
| Avis Budget Car Rental | 5.2500 | 15/03/25 | 1,037,000 | 716 | 0.11 |
| Axalta Coating Systems | 4.8750 | 15/08/24 | 1,470,000 | 1,067 | 0.17 |
| Bank of America | VAR | PERP | 2,685,000 | 2,042 | 0.32 |
| Blue Racer Finance | 6.1250 | 15/11/22 | 9,445,000 | 6,891 | 1.09 |
| Boyd Gaming | 6.3750 | 01/04/26 | 4,414,000 | 3,329 | 0.53 |
| Callon Petroleum | 6.1250 | 01/10/24 | 956,000 | 697 | 0.11 |
| Calpine | 5.7500 | 15/01/25 | 9,440,000 | 6,290 | 0.99 |
| Carrizo Oil & Gas | 6.2500 | 15/04/23 | 1,833,000 | 1,331 | 0.21 |
| CCO Capital | 5.7500 | 15/02/26 | 15,025,000 | 10,937 | 1.72 |
| Cengage Learning | 9.5000 | 15/06/24 | 9,409,000 | 6,269 | 0.99 |
| CenturyLink | 5.6250 | 01/04/20 | 1,978,000 | 1,410 | 0.22 |
| Cenveo | 6.0000 | 01/08/19 | 2,497,000 | 1,216 | 0.19 |
| Change Healthcare Finance | 5.7500 | 01/03/25 | 3,002,000 | 2,148 | 0.34 |
| Cheniere Corpus Christi | 5.8750 | 31/03/25 | 8,093,000 | 6,132 | 0.97 |
| Cheniere Energy Partners | 5.2500 | 01/10/25 | 1,001,000 | 717 | 0.11 |
| Citgo | 10.7500 | 15/02/20 | 3,808,000 | 2,865 | 0.45 |
| Continental Resources | 3.8000 | 01/06/24 | 7,263,000 | 5,005 | 0.79 |
| CSVC Acquisition | 7.7500 | 15/06/25 | 7,645,000 | 4,971 | 0.78 |
| Diamond BC | 5.6250 | 15/08/25 | 1,813,000 | 1,563 | 0.25 |
| Diebold Nixdorf | 8.5000 | 15/04/24 | 1,009,000 | 750 | 0.12 |
| Dynegy | 7.6250 | 01/11/24 | 4,675,000 | 3,552 | 0.56 |
| Dynegy | 8.1250 | 30/01/26 | 2,620,000 | 2,032 | 0.32 |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| C | Coupon | Maria | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Dynegy | 7.3750 | 01/11/22 | 1,240,000 | 921 | 0.15 |
| EMI Music Publishing | 7.6250 | 15/06/24 | 2,974,000 | 2,300 | 0.36 |
| Endo Finance | 6.0000 | 15/07/23 | 1,902,000 | 1,048 | 0.17 |
| Endo Finance | 5.8750 | 15/10/24 | 300,000 | 214 | 0.03 |
| Equinix | 5.3750 | 01/04/23 | 7,236,000 | 5,228 | 0.83 |
| Frontier Communications | 6.8750 | 15/01/25 | 5,765,000 | 2,544 | 0.40 |
| GCP Applied Technologies | 9.5000 | 01/02/23 | 2,325,000 | 1,803 | 0.28 |
| Golden Nugget | 8.7500 | 01/10/25 | 8,795,000 | 6,602 | 1.04 |
| Golden Nugget | 6.7500 | 15/10/24 | 5,895,000 | 4,285 | 0.68 |
| Goldman Sachs | VAR | PERP | 5,185,000 | 3,765 | 0.59 |
| Hardwoods Acquisition | 7.5000 | 01/08/21 | 6,895,000 | 4,497 | 0.71 |
| HCA | 5.8750 | 15/02/26 | 3,200,000 | 2,363 | 0.37 |
| Hilcorp Energy Finance | 5.7500 | 01/10/25 | 3,736,000 | 2,706 | 0.43 |
| JPMorgan Chase | VAR | PERP | 4,480,000 | 3,062 | 0.48 |
| KB Home | 7.0000 | 15/12/21 | 4,347,000 | 3,363 | 0.53 |
| Lennar | 4.5000 | 30/04/24 | 1,302,000 | 926 | 0.15 |
| Level 3 Financing | 5.3750 | 01/05/25 | 8,065,000 | 5,649 | 0.89 |
| Meredith | 6.8750 | 01/02/26 | 4,456,000 | 3,208 | 0.51 |
| MGM Resorts International | 4.6250 | 01/09/26 | 4,214,000 | 2,993 | 0.47 |
| MPT Operating Partnership Finance | 5.0000 | 15/10/27 | 2,666,000 | 1,856 | 0.29 |
| Nationstar Mortgage | 6.5000 | 01/07/21 | 4,390,000 | 3,123 | 0.49 |
| Nationstar Mortgage | 6.5000 | 01/06/22 | 4,240,000 | 3,011 | 0.48 |
| Neiman Marcus | 8.0000 | 15/10/21 | 4,470,000 | 2,004 | 0.32 |
| New Enterprise Stone & Lime | 10.1250 | 01/04/22 | 4,128,000 | 3,153 | 0.50 |
| NRG Energy | 7.2500 | 15/05/26 | 2,060,000 | 1,578 | 0.25 |
| Oasis Petroleum [∞] | 6.5000 | 01/11/21 | 4,853,000 | 3,485 | 0.55 |
| Oasis Petroleum | 6.8750 | 15/01/23 | 3,592,000 | 2,602 | 0.41 |
| Park-Ohio Industries | 6.6250 | 15/04/27 | 446,000 | 335 | 0.05 |
| PBF Finance | 7.0000 | 15/11/23 | 4,081,000 | 3,013 | 0.48 |
| PBF Logistics Finance | 6.8750 | 15/05/23 | 1,975,000 | 1,444 | 0.23 |
| PetSmart | 8.8750 | 01/06/25 | 1,049,000 | 467 | 0.07 |
| PetSmart | 5.8750 | 01/06/25 | 224,000 | 121 | 0.02 |
| Plastipak | 6.2500 | 15/10/25 | 1,184,000 | 864 | 0.14 |
| Post | 5.0000 | 15/08/26 | 4,410,000 | 3,028 | 0.48 |
| Prestige Brands | 6.3750 | 01/03/24 | 840,000 | 608 | 0.10 |
| | 6.1250 | 01/03/24 | 10,030,000 | 6,577 | 1.04 |
| Rite Aid Sabina Pass Liquefaction | 5.8750 | 30/06/26 | | | 0.44 |
| Sabine Pass Liquefaction | | | 3,531,000 | 2,765 | |
| Sabine Pass Liquefaction | 5.0000 | 15/03/27 | 3,300,000 | 2,464 | 0.39 |
| Sabine Pass Liquefaction | 5.6250 | 01/02/21 | 2,500,000 | 1,872 | 0.30 |
| Sable International Finance | 6.8750 | 01/08/22 | 4,070,000 | 3,016 | 0.48 |
| Sanchez Energy | 6.1250 | 15/01/23 | 4,786,000 | 2,936 | 0.46 |
| Scientific Games International | 7.0000 | 01/01/22 | 8,612,000 | 6,389 | 1.01 |
| Service International | 5.3750 | 15/05/24 | 7,496,000 | 5,541 | 0.87 |
| Sinclair Television | 5.8750 | 15/03/26 | 8,553,000 | 6,240 | 0.98 |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|--|---------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| | Coupon | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Sinclair Television [∞] | 5.6250 | 01/08/24 | 1,437,000 | 1,041 | 0.16 |
| Sprint | 7.8750 | 15/09/23 | 7,235,000 | 5,389 | 0.85 |
| Staples | 8.5000 | 15/09/25 | 2,160,000 | 1,468 | 0.23 |
| Steel Dynamics | 5.5000 | 01/10/24 | 1,595,000 | 1,166 | 0.18 |
| Steel Dynamics | 5.1250 | 01/10/21 | 1,095,000 | 789 | 0.12 |
| Summit Materials Finance | 5.1250 | 01/06/25 | 51,000 | 37 | 0.01 |
| Tenet Healthcare | 8.1250 | 01/04/22 | 10,624,000 | 7,709 | 1.22 |
| Tenet Healthcare | 4.6250 | 15/07/24 | 3,006,000 | 2,077 | 0.33 |
| 「enet Healthcare∞ | 6.7500 | 15/06/23 | 1,770,000 | 1,226 | 0.19 |
| Γ-Mobile USA | 6.0000 | 15/04/24 | 6,710,000 | 5,016 | 0.79 |
| TransDigm | 6.5000 | 15/07/24 | 2,130,000 | 1,541 | 0.24 |
| Jltra Resources | 6.8750 | 15/04/22 | 4,462,000 | 3,169 | 0.50 |
| Jnited Rentals North America | 5.7500 | 15/11/24 | 4,705,000 | 3,482 | 0.55 |
| Valeant Pharmaceuticals | 5.8750 | 15/05/23 | 4,320,000 | 2,745 | 0.43 |
| /alvoline | 5.5000 | 15/07/24 | 4,867,000 | 3,602 | 0.57 |
| Warrior Met Coal | 8.0000 | 01/11/24 | 1,825,000 | 1,351 | 0.21 |
| Neight Watchers International | 8.6250 | 01/12/25 | 2,945,000 | 2,216 | 0.35 |
| - Whiting Petroleum | 5.7500 | 15/03/21 | 610,000 | 444 | 0.07 |
| WR Grace & Co-Conn | 5.6250 | 01/10/24 | 6,755,000 | 5,118 | 0.81 |
| WR Grace & Co-Conn | 5.1250 | 01/10/21 | 5,363,000 | 3,950 | 0.62 |
| XPO Logistics | 6.1250 | 01/09/23 | 2,414,000 | 1,791 | 0.28 |
| Zayo Capital | 6.0000 | 01/04/23 | 8,649,000 | 6,341 | 1.00 |
| | | | | 294,935 | 46.53 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 535,886 | 84.56 |
| Corporate Convertible Bonds 0.55% (2017: 0.35%) | | | | | |
| Luxembourg 0.55% (2017: 0.35%) | | | | | |
| Bank of New York Mellon Luxembourg (EMTN) | FRN | 15/12/50 | 4,800,000 | 3,469 | 0.55 |
| Total Corporate Convertible Bonds | | | | 3,469 | 0.55 |
| | | | | | |
| Government Bonds nil (2017: 0.35%) | | | | | |
| Paraguay nil (2017: 0.35%) | | | | | |
| Total Government Bonds | | | | | |
| otal Bonds | | | | 539,355 | 85.11 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instrur | ments admitted to a | n official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | nents admitted to d | iii Jiiiciat | | 539,355 | 85.11 |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|---|------------------------|-----------|---|--------------|-----------|
| | Coupon | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Other transferable securities and money market in | nstruments 3.36% (2017 | 7: 1.70%) | | | |
| Equities nil (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| United States nil (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| New Cotal Participation | | | 20 | - | - |
| Bonds 3.36% (2017: 1.70%) | | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds 3.18% (2017: 1.70%) | | | | | |
| Luxembourg 0.01% (2017: 0.01%) | | | | | |
| Teksid Aluminum Luxembourg SARL | 11.3750 | 15/07/11 | 12,974,000 | 57 | 0.01 |
| | | | , | | |
| Netherlands 0.26% (2017: 0.24%) | | | | | |
| United | 4.3750 | 01/07/22 | 1,811,000 | 1,631 | 0.26 |
| | | | | | |
| South Africa 0.40% (2017: 0.39%) | | | | | |
| Sappi Papier | 7.5000 | 15/06/32 | 3,470,000 | 2,559 | 0.40 |
| | | | | | |
| United Kingdom 0.35% (2017: 0.76%) | F 27F0 | 45/04/22 | 2 2 4 2 2 2 2 | 2.400 | 0.25 |
| TalkTalk Telecom [∞] | 5.3750 | 15/01/22 | 2,248,000 | 2,198 | 0.35 |
| United States 2.16% (2017: 0.30%) | | | | | |
| AMC Entertainment [∞] | 6.3750 | 15/11/24 | 6,456,000 | 6,480 | 1.02 |
| Momentive Performance | 8.8750 | 15/10/20 | 21,698,000 | - | - |
| Moss Creek Resources | 7.5000 | 15/01/26 | 3,860,000 | 2,826 | 0.45 |
| Radiate Finance | 6.8750 | 15/02/23 | 1,301,000 | 919 | 0.15 |
| Silgan | 3.2500 | 15/03/25 | 3,794,000 | 3,445 | 0.54 |
| | | | | 13,670 | 2.16 |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 20,115 | 3.18 |
| | | | | 20, | 3 |
| Government Bonds 0.18% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Venezuela 0.18% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Petroleos de Venezuela | 6.0000 | 16/05/24 | 7,000,000 | 1,149 | 0.18 |
| | | | | 4.440 | 0.40 |
| Total Government Bonds | | | | 1,149 | 0.18 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 21,264 | 3.36 |
| | | | | • | |
| Total Other transferable securities and money ma | rket instruments | | | 21,264 | 3.36 |

Derivatives 3.84% (2017: 1.68%) Future contracts 0.10% (2017: nil)

| | | | Unrealised | Total Net |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------------|-----------|
| | | | Gains/(Losses) | Assets |
| Future | Maturity | Notional | £'000 | % |
| CBT US 5 Year Note | 29/03/18 | (461) | 623 | 0.10 |
| Unrealised gains on future contracts | | | 623 | 0.10 |

Forward currency exchange contracts 3.74% (2017: 1.68%)

| | | | | | | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 1,935,080 | 2,175,000 | 29 | - |
| BNP Paribas | USD | GBP | 09/02/18 | 15,000,000 | 11,054,773 | (509) | (0.08) |
| Citigroup | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 64,351,623 | 72,413,000 | 907 | 0.14 |
| Citigroup | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 2,243,158 | 2,541,000 | 17 | - |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 09/02/18 | 115,063,438 | 155,951,000 | 5,424 | 0.86 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 09/02/18 | 115,063,438 | 155,951,000 | 5,424 | 0.86 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 09/02/18 | 115,063,438 | 155,951,000 | 5,423 | 0.85 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 09/02/18 | 115,063,438 | 155,951,000 | 5,424 | 0.86 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 09/02/18 | 23,937,764 | 32,444,000 | 1,128 | 0.18 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 441,459 | 500,000 | 3 | - |
| HSBC | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 10,574,914 | 11,905,000 | 144 | 0.02 |
| HSBC | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 1,193,471 | 1,345,000 | 15 | - |
| JPM Chase | GBP | USD | 09/02/18 | 5,915,414 | 8,000,000 | 291 | 0.05 |
| Royal Bank of Canada | USD | GBP | 09/02/18 | 2,000,000 | 1,406,006 | - | - |
| Unrealised gains on forward currence | y exchange | contrac | ts | | | 23,720 | 3.74 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Unrealised gains on derivatives | | | | | | 24,343 | 3.84 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total investments [≠] | | | | | | 584,962 | 92.31 |
| Other net assets | | | | | | 48,704 | 7.69 |
| Total net assets | | | | | | 633,666 | 100.00 |

[™] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.
^{*} Including derivative liabilities.
Currently forward positions are not collateralised.
Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|--------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 34,635 | 5.92 | 5.47 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| Australia (Commonwealth of) | 10,499 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Germany (Federal Republic of) | 8,954 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| UK Treasury | 8,792 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| France (Government of) | 7,054 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Netherlands (Kingdom of) | 1,002 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Norway (Kingdom of) | 434 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Denmark (Kingdom of) | 19 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 36,754 | | | |

| | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Market value o | f segregated |
| collateral hel | d accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas 36,75 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £′000 |
| AUD | 10,499 |
| DKK | 19 |
| EUR | 17,010 |
| GBP | 8,792 |
| NOK | 434 |
| Total collateral received | 36,754 |

| Counterparties per type of SFT | Market value of securities lending £'000 | Countries of counterparty establishment | Settlement and clearing |
|--|--|---|-------------------------|
| JPM Chase | 12,573 | United States | Tri-party |
| Barclays | 8,068 | United Kingdom | Tri-party |
| Nomura | 5,972 | Japan | Tri-party |
| BNP Paribas | 4,599 | France | Tri-party |
| Credit Suisse | 3,423 | Switzerland | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | 34,635 | | |

| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
|---|-------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | 17 | 4,416 |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 26 | 32,295 | - | 36,754 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | 34,635 | - | 34,635 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be reco | alled on demand. | | | |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collate | ral. | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 193 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent | costs) | | (39) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operational costs) | erational costs) | | - | - |
| Total costs | | | (39) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 154 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital (losses)/gains | | (4,362) | | 22,111 |
| Revenue | 19,552 | | 25,465 | |
| Expenses | (1,149) | | (1,460) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 18,403 | | 24,005 | |
| Taxation | (32) | | (56) | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 18,371 | | 23,949 |
| Total return before distributions | | 14,009 | | 46,060 |
| Distributions | | (18,371) | | (23,974) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | (4,362) | | 22,086 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|-----------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 673,489 | | 958,372 |
| | | | | |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 12,850 | | 3,202 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (63,054) | | (319,089) | |
| | | (50,204) | | (315,887) |
| | | | | |
| Dilution adjustment | | 122 | | 914 |
| | | | | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | (4,362) | | 22,086 |
| | | | | |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 14,620 | | 14,971 |
| | | | | |
| Unclaimed distributions > 6 years | | 1 | | 1 |
| | | | | |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 633,666 | | 680,457 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 585,471 | 645,028 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 11,519 | 16,747 |
| Cash and bank balances | 42,178 | 18,524 |
| Total assets | 639,168 | 680,299 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 509 | 1,167 |
| Provision for liabilities | - | 81 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers | 623 | - |
| Other creditors | 2,690 | 3,703 |
| Distribution payable | 1,680 | 1,859 |
| Total liabilities | 5,502 | 6,810 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 633,666 | 673,489 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

First Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 October 2017

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 31/01/18 | 31/01/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.85848 | - | 1.85848 | 1.61295 |
| Group 2 | 0.79353 | 1.06495 | 1.85848 | 1.61295 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.11984 | - | 1.11984 | 1.01796 |
| Group 2 | 0.34626 | 0.77358 | 1.11984 | 1.01796 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.21609 | - | 2.21609 | 1.87738 |
| Group 2 | 0.63028 | 1.58581 | 2.21609 | 1.87738 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.20538 | - | 1.20538 | 1.07568 |
| Group 2 | 0.46548 | 0.73990 | 1.20538 | 1.07568 |
| P Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.25728 | - | 1.25728 | 1.12151 |
| Group 2 | 0.61692 | 0.64036 | 1.25728 | 1.12151 |
| P Gross Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.20937 | - | 1.20937 | 1.34926 |
| Group 2 | 1.20937 | - | 1.20937 | 1.34926 |
| Q Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.28109 | - | 1.28109 | 1.13078 |
| Group 2 | 0.71353 | 0.56756 | 1.28109 | 1.13078 |
| Q Gross Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.22812 | - | 1.22812 | 1.32105 |
| Group 2 | 1.22812 | - | 1.22812 | 1.32105 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.42342 | - | 2.42342 | 2.00751 |
| Group 2 | 0.96661 | 1.45681 | 2.42342 | 2.00751 |

Second Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 November 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.73984 | - | 1.73984 | 1.80529 |
| Group 2 | 0.60475 | 1.13509 | 1.73984 | 1.80529 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.03618 | - | 1.03618 | 1.12704 |
| Group 2 | 0.18663 | 0.84955 | 1.03618 | 1.12704 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.09628 | - | 2.09628 | 2.14013 |
| Group 2 | 0.74978 | 1.34650 | 2.09628 | 2.14013 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.12528 | - | 1.12528 | 1.21151 |
| Group 2 | 0.35755 | 0.76773 | 1.12528 | 1.21151 |
| P Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.17800 | - | 1.17800 | 1.26290 |
| Group 2 | 0.57336 | 0.60464 | 1.17800 | 1.26290 |
| P Gross Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.13316 | - | 1.13316 | 1.21627 |
| Group 2 | 0.82611 | 0.30705 | 1.13316 | 1.21627 |
| Q Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.20109 | - | 1.20109 | 1.29492 |
| Group 2 | 0.58361 | 0.61748 | 1.20109 | 1.29492 |
| Q Gross Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.15650 | - | 1.15650 | 1.24132 |
| Group 2 | 1.15650 | - | 1.15650 | 1.24132 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.31528 | - | 2.31528 | 2.32555 |
| Group 2 | 1.27885 | 1.03643 | 2.31528 | 2.32555 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Aberdeen Japan Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

To produce capital growth. The objective will be achieved through investment in a diversified portfolio of Japanese securities.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Japan Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 5.63% compared to an increase of 7.51% in the benchmark, the Topix (Tokyo FirstSection) Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested. GBP.

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

Japanese equities rose in the six months under review, but took off in earnest after September, as investors tried to play catch-up with the rest of the world, and as it became increasingly clear that voters would deliver a solid mandate for Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's administration in the October general elections, after a series of political missteps.

Portfolio Review

At the stock level, Suruga Bank was a key detractor. Its shares weakened on concerns over a slowdown in its high-margin unsecured loan business. However, we like the lender as it is probably the most progressively run bank in Japan. Meanwhile, Japan Tobacco came under pressure, as competing novel nicotine products continued to take market share from its domestic cigarette sales. Calbee's results missed expectations, as the snack producer saw weaker-than-anticipated orders from key customers in the US, its most profitable market outside of Japan.

Mitigating the underperformance was gear-reduction maker Nabtesco and sheet-metal machinery manufacturer Amada. Both reported better-than-expected results and solid orders, underpinned by the rising demand for automation. Sysmex's shares rose, on good results and comments by the company that inventory corrections in China have run their course.

During the review period, we introduced several holdings, including automotive chip-maker Renesas Electronics, construction and mining equipment maker Komatsu and e-commerce platform operator Start Today. Renesas Electronics is well-positioned to benefit from growing focus on vehicle electrification, autonomous driving, and the increasing connectivity between industrial applications. This is underpinned by its cutting-edge technology in miniaturised microcontrollers, which improves energy consumption and enhances memory size, while its analogue semiconductor technology is used in a broad range of applications. Meanwhile, Komatsu has a progressive management which sets clear targets for financial and shareholder returns. It made a well-timed acquisition to expand its mining equipment business when the industry was still undergoing consolidation. We believe that the heavy-equipment replacement cycle is still in its early stages, after a protracted four-year decline. Start Today has a sizable user base and attracts a broad range of brands. We are confident in Start Today's ability to continue growing both its user base and transaction volumes, while the rising penetration of e-commerce in the Japanese market will serve as a tailwind. Finally, we initiated Yamaha. After years of difficult restructuring, the company has narrowed its focus to music instruments, where it has a solid global market share, and audio equipment, given its competitive edge in sound-synthesis technology. We expect Yamaha to be in a good position to benefit from healthy market growth in developed and emerging markets, even as it continues to restructure its production facilities.

Against this, we exited gas appliances maker Rinnai in favour of better opportunities, auto-components supplier Aisin Seiki after a period of outperformance and sportswear manufacturer Asics as its operating environment became increasingly challenging. We also sold Astellas Pharma, due to the slowing growth of its key prostate cancer drug Xtandi, looming expiring patents for other core drugs, coupled with a lack of promising treatments in the pipeline.

Outlook

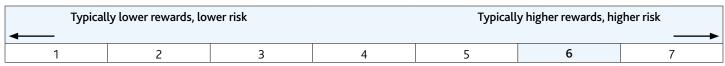
Looking ahead, market sentiment across the world is likely to be lifted by the passage of the US tax reforms, which in turn will help Japanese equities stay on an upward trajectory in the near term. Japanese share prices will also be supported by the export sector, which is being underpinned by healthy global demand and continued yen weakness, as well as the domestic sector, which should benefit from improving domestic consumption. In the medium term, Prime Minister Abe's solid mandate following his snap-election win should enable him to enact expansionary policies and economic reforms, which should also bode well for the stock market. However, the stock market's recent rally has left valuations looking stretched, especially in light of the various concerns that investors have chosen to disregard. As a result, we would rather take a cautious stance. That said the carefully-constructed portfolio is imbued with sufficient defensiveness that would help it overcome whatever challenges that may lie ahead.

Asian Equities Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- · 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Exchange rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- Concentrated portfolio: The Fund may hold a limited number of investments. If one of these investments declines in value this can have a greater impact on the fund's value than if it held a larger number of investments.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

Comparative tables

| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 35,361 | 35,634 | 44,768 | 53,216 |
| Closing number of shares | 14,718,174 | 15,599,268 | 20,989,289 | 31,059,196 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 240.25 | 228.44 | 213.29 | 171.34 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 5.17% | 7.10% | 24.48% | 15.16% |
| Operating charges | 1.62% | 1.61% | 1.61% | 1.63% |

| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 127,484 | 424,674 | 653,880 | 463,868 |
| Closing number of shares | 49,177,715 | 172,941,989 | 287,353,306 | 255,687,055 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 259.23 | 245.56 | 227.55 | 181.42 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 5.57% | 7.91% | 25.43% | 16.04% |
| Operating charges | 0.87% | 0.86% | 0.86% | 0.88% |

| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 58 | 55 | 346 | 8,654 |
| Closing number of shares | 20,368 | 20,368 | 140,268 | 4,428,713 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 284.33 | 268.31 | 246.79 | 195.40 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 5.97% | 8.72% | 26.30% | 16.91% |
| Operating charges | 0.12% | 0.11% | 0.11% | 0.13% |

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|---------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing (2017: 99.24%) | or dealt on a | nother regulated m | narket 99.73% |
| Equities 99.73% (2017: 99.24%) | | | |
| Basic Materials 8.90% (2017: 8.79%) | | | |
| Chemicals 8.90% (2017: 8.79%) | | | |
| Kansai Paint Co [∞] | 128,000 | 2,222 | 1.36 |
| Nippon Paint Holdings Co [∞] | 84,800 | 2,131 | 1.31 |
| Shin-Etsu Chemical Co | 127,000 | 10,141 | 6.23 |
| | | 14,494 | 8.90 |
| Total Basic Materials | | 14,494 | 8.90 |
| Consumer Goods 28.42% (2017: 29.49%) | | | |
| Automobiles & Parts 8.96% (2017: 7.72%) | | | |
| Denso Corp | 110,000 | 4,830 | 2.96 |
| Honda Motor Co | 123,500 | 3,038 | 1.87 |
| Stanley Electric Co Ltd | 141,500 | 4,021 | 2.47 |
| Toyota Motor Corp | 56,200 | 2,699 | 1.66 |
| Toyota Motor Corp | 30,200 | 14,588 | 8.96 |
| Fig. 1.D. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 2.00 (2017, 2.240) | | | |
| Food Producers 1.70% (2017: 2.21%) Calbee Inc [∞] | 112,000 | 2,767 | 1.70 |
| | | | |
| Household Goods & Home Construction 4.22% (2017: 5.08%) | | | |
| Makita Corp | 164,500 | 5,437 | 3.34 |
| Sekisui House [∞] | 112,000 | 1,440 | 0.88 |
| | | 6,877 | 4.22 |
| Leisure Goods 2.92% (2017: 2.32%) | | | |
| Shimano Inc∞ | 23,200 | 2,329 | 1.43 |
| Yamaha Corporation | 84,000 | 2,429 | 1.49 |
| | | 4,758 | 2.92 |
| Personal Goods 6.58% (2017: 7.17%) | | | |
| Mandom Corp | 102,000 | 2,553 | 1.57 |
| Pigeon Corp [∞] | 174,000 | 4,775 | 2.93 |
| Shiseido | 94,000 | 3,391 | 2.08 |
| | | 10,719 | 6.58 |
| Tobacco 4.04% (2017: 4.99%) | | | |
| Japan Tobacco Inc | 283,000 | 6,582 | 4.04 |
| Total Consumer Goods | | 46,291 | 28.42 |

| | | | Total Net |
|---|----------|----------------|-----------|
| Society | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £′000 | % |
| Consumer Services 9.81% (2017: 9.83%) | | | |
| General Retailers 7.34% (2017: 7.15%) | 22.500 | 2.540 | 4 55 |
| Nitori Holdings Co Ltd | 22,500 | 2,519 | 1.55 |
| Seven & i Holdings Co | 198,760 | 5,742 | 3.51 |
| Start Today Co Ltd | 81,000 | 1,670 | 1.03 |
| USS Co | 130,000 | 2,034 | 1.25 |
| | | 11,965 | 7.34 |
| Travel & Leisure 2.47% (2017: 2.68%) | | | |
| East Japan Railway Co | 57,600 | 4,017 | 2.47 |
| Total Consumer Services | | 15,982 | 9.81 |
| Financials 11.94% (2017: 13.34%) | | | |
| Banks 2.43% (2017: 3.00%) | | | |
| Suruga Bank | 279,600 | 3,963 | 2.43 |
| Financial Services 5.69% (2017: 5.17%) | | | |
| AEON Financial Service Co [®] | 173,000 | 3,031 | 1.86 |
| Concordia Financial | 513,300 | 2,183 | 1.34 |
| Japan Exchange Group Inc | 320,800 | 2,163 4,047 | 2.49 |
| рарап Exchange Group ніс | 320,800 | 9,261 | 5.69 |
| Real Estate Investment & Services 3.82% (2017: 5.17%) | | | |
| Daito Trust Construction Co | 33,800 | 4,150 | 2.55 |
| Mitsubishi Estate Co | 154,000 | 2,070 | 1.27 |
| i iliaabisiii Estate eo | 13 1,000 | 6,220 | 3.82 |
| Total Financials | | 19,444 | 11.94 |
| Health Care 8.18% (2017: 9.11%) | | | |
| Health Care Equipment & Services 3.62% (2017: 3.34%) | | | |
| Sysmex Corp | 107,000 | 5,901 | 3.62 |
| Dhawaaaytiaala 9 Diataahaalam, 4 FC9/ (2017, F 779/) | | | |
| Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology 4.56% (2017: 5.77%) | 122,000 | 4.526 | 2.70 |
| Chugai Pharmaceutical Co∞ | 122,000 | 4,526 | 2.78 |
| Shionogi & Co [∞] | 74,500 | 2,897 | 1.78 |
| | | 7,423 | 4.56 |
| Total Health Care | | 13,324 | 8.18 |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Industrials 22.10% (2017: 19.37%) | | | |
| Electronic & Electrical Equipment 4.73% (2017: 4.74%) | 10.014 | 7 700 | 4 === |
| Keyence Corp | 18,014 | 7,708 | 4.73 |
| Industrial Engineering 17.37% (2017: 14.63%) | | | |
| Amada Co | 639,000 | 6,648 | 4.08 |
| Daikin Industries Ltd | 61,020 | 5,146 | 3.16 |
| FANUC Corp | 37,000 | 7,014 | 4.30 |
| Komatsu Ltd | 104,000 | 2,831 | 1.74 |
| Nabtesco Corp | 201,000 | 6,656 | 4.09 |
| ' | , | 28,295 | 17.37 |
| Total Industrials | | 36,003 | 22.10 |
| Technology 7.41% (2017: 5.52%) | | | |
| Software & Computer Services 5.38% (2017: 5.52%) | | | |
| SCSK Corp | 97,000 | 3,131 | 1.92 |
| Yahoo Japan Corp∞ | 1,670,500 | 5,639 | 3.46 |
| | | 8,770 | 5.38 |
| Technology Hardware & Equipment 2.03% (2017: nil) | | | |
| Renesas Electronics Corp | 400,000 | 3,306 | 2.03 |
| Total Technology | | 12,076 | 7.41 |
| Total recimology | | 12,010 | 7.41 |
| Telecommunications 2.97% (2017: 3.79%) | | | |
| Mobile Telecommunications 2.97% (2017: 3.79%) | | | |
| KDDI Corp | 273,400 | 4,844 | 2.97 |
| Total Telecommunications | | 4,844 | 2.97 |
| | | 460.450 | |
| Total Equities | | 162,458 | 99.73 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 162,458 | 99.73 |
| Open Ended Investment Funds nil (2017: nil) | | | |
| Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Sterling Fund Z-1† | 1 | 1 | |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | 1 | |
| Total investments | | 162,459 | 99.73 |
| Other net assets | | 444 | 0.27 |
| Total net assets | | 162,903 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc. ^o A portion of this security is on loan at the period end. Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

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| Market value of securities on loan | 22,520 | 13.86 | 13.82 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Collateral issuers | £′000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| UK Treasury | 2,591 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Germany (Federal Republic of) | 1,450 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| France (Government of) | 982 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Intesa Sanpaolo | 800 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Eni | 790 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| HSBC | 765 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Societe Generale | 680 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| SAP | 629 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Paddy Power Betfair | 523 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Banco de Sabadell | 521 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Equity | 15,048 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Government Bond | 114 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 24,893 | | | |

| | | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Market value of | segregated |
| | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 24,893 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| AUD | 583 |
| CHF | 282 |
| DKK | 10 |
| EUR | 12,312 |
| GBP | 4,341 |
| JPY | 3,238 |
| SEK | 62 |
| USD | 4,065 |
| Total collateral received | 24,893 |

| | | Market value of securities lending | Countries of counterparty | Settlement |
|--|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Counterparties per type of SFT | | £'000 | establishment | and clearing |
| Citigroup | | 9,410 | United States | Tri-party |
| BNP Paribas | | 5,032 | France | Tri-party |
| JPM Chase | | 4,909 | United States | Tri-party |
| Merrill Lynch | | 3,169 | United States | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | | 22,520 | | |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | - | |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 182 | 4,956 | 19,755 | 24,893 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £′000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | 22,520 | 22,520 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be recommended. The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collateral transactions. | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 10 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent | costs) | | (2) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operational costs) | erational costs) | | - | 0.00 |
| Total costs | | | (2) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 8 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 14,251 | | 30,870 |
| Revenue | 1,484 | | 6,674 | |
| Expenses | (1,088) | | (3,242) | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 396 | | 3,432 | |
| Taxation | (148) | | (665) | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 248 | | 2,767 |
| | | | | |
| Total return before distributions | | 14,499 | | 33,637 |
| | | | | |
| Distributions | | (29) | | (42) |
| | | | | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 14,470 | | 33,595 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 Janı | uary 2017 |
|--|-----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 460,363 | | 698,994 |
| | | | | |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 11,311 | | 31,739 | |
| Amount payable on in specie transfers ^A | (296,241) | | - | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (27,000) | | (49,875) | |
| | | (311,930) | | (18,136) |
| | | | | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | 14,470 | | 33,595 |
| | | | | |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 162,903 | | 714,453 |

 $^{^{\}rm A}$ Relating to in specie transfer to HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Limited on 29 August 2017.

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 162,459 | 456,885 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 550 | 12,600 |
| Cash and bank balances | 803 | 1,056 |
| Total assets | 163,812 | 470,541 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 909 | 10,178 |
| Total liabilities | 909 | 10,178 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 162,903 | 460,363 |

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund's investment objective is long-term total return to be achieved by investing in equities and equity-related securities of Latin American companies or companies with significant activities in Latin America.

Note: The term 'total return' means a combination of income and capital growth and no positive return is implied.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Latin American Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 6.96% compared to an increase of 8.87% in the benchmark, the MSCI EM Latin America 10/40 NR Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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Market review

Latin American equities rose in sterling terms in the six months under review. Brazil led the gainers on positive economic growth. The central bank cut interest rates to its lowest level in almost three decades, as inflation continued to fall to more manageable levels. However, President Michel Temer was unable to garner enough support for a crucial pension reform bill, resulting in a credit-rating downgrade by S&P. Subsequently, the court rejected former president Lula da Silva's appeal against corruption charges, diminishing his chances of running for president again. In contrast, Argentine President Mauricio Macri scored a major victory when pension reform was passed, paving the way for a package of policy changes aimed at reducing the fiscal deficit. Peru recovered after President Kuczynski survived an impeachment attempt. Mexican markets fell, on the slow progress of North American Free Trade Agreement renegotiations. Its economy contracted by 0.2% in the third quarter following two earthquakes. There were also fears that the US tax cuts could reduce Mexico's relative attractiveness as a foreign-investment destination.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, the underweight to Brazilian state-owned Petrobras detracted, as it continued to benefit from rising oil prices and upbeat sentiment following the government's proposed privatisation of 57 public assets. We do not own the company on concerns about governance shortcomings, escalating leverage, and the increasing politicisation. Conversely, Multiplan lagged the broader Brazilian market. Elsewhere, Mexican airport operator OMA fell after reporting softer passenger traffic.

On a positive note, the off-benchmark exposure to Brazilian footwear retailer Arezzo aided performance, as its shares rose, along with the broad-based rally on improving political outlook. Arezzo posted healthy results with better margins and expansion prospects. The underweight to Mexico and by implication, the peso, was positive as they underperformed during the period. In particular, the lack of exposure to Grupo Televisa and Cemex helped, as they led the market decline on disappointing results.

During the review period, we introduced two companies: Argentine bank BBVA Frances and IT services company Globant. BBVA is a well-run and conservative lender with good opportunities for growth that was trading at attractive valuations, while Globant is a well-positioned digitalisation player that was trading at attractive valuations.

We added to BRF and Grupo Lala on the back of an improving outlook for profitability, as well as Arca Continental, Grana y Montero, Bradesco and OMA on their attractive valuations. We also increased our holdings in Banorte and Santander Mexico following relative weakness.

Against this, we took profits from Arezzo, trimmed Santander Chile and SACI Falabella on rich valuations, as well as Tenaris and Andina on relative strength.

Outlook

Politics will play a significant role in shaping Latin American markets in the year to come. Some countries, such as Chile, have just voted in new business-friendly leadership that could help steer the economy in the right direction through more pro-market policies, although the lack of a legislative majority merits some caution. Other countries in the region, most notably Brazil and Mexico, are set to go to the polls later this year and a certain amount of market volatility should be expected ahead of their uncertain outcomes.

External factors will continue to influence share prices too. The pace at which developed countries, particularly the US and Europe, normalise monetary policy could have some bearing on Latin America, as will the health of Chinese demand. Although oil prices have stabilised recently, it also remains to be seen where they will head in 2018.

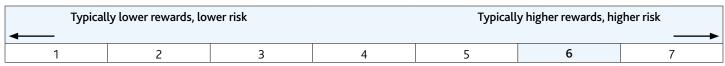
At the company level, moves to deleverage and assert greater capital discipline amid Brazil's recent recession, along with the region's more supportive macroeconomic environment, should continue to reinforce corporate profitability. A broadening recovery in global growth and earnings should further benefit our Latin American holdings, and drive Fund performance. We continue to favour domestically-focused businesses that are able to tap into Latin America's immense potential. Our investment style remains focused on seeking and holding companies backed by solid balance sheets and experienced management. This should hold us in good stead in the long term.

Global Emerging Markets Equity Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- · 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Exchange rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- Emerging markets: Emerging markets or less developed countries may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries and this may mean your money is at greater risk.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

Comparative tables

| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 137,790 | 142,237 | 123,160 | 97,693 |
| Closing number of shares | 120,512,344 | 133,186,933 | 137,300,880 | 147,926,209 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 114.34 | 106.80 | 89.70 | 66.04 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 7.06% | 19.06% | 35.83% | (25.77%) |
| Operating charges | 2.02% | 2.02% | 2.02% | 2.03% |

| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 95,756 | 84,439 | 55,911 | 33,619 |
| Closing number of shares | 78,933,658 | 74,802,023 | 59,413,095 | 48,887,729 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 121.31 | 112.88 | 94.11 | 68.77 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 7.47% | 19.94% | 36.85% | (25.23%) |
| Operating charges | 1.27% | 1.27% | 1.27% | 1.28% |

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| Committee | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|---|-------------------|---------------------|
| Security Transferable securities and manay market instruments admitted | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted 96.89% (2017: 98.33%) | to an official exchange listing of dealt on | another regulated | market |
| Equities 96.89% (2017: 98.33%) | | | |
| Argentina 2.48% (2017: 2.08%) | | | |
| BBVA Francés (ADR) | 170,700 | 3,036 | 1.30 |
| Tenaris (ADR) | 112,300 | 2,763 | 1.18 |
| | | 5,799 | 2.48 |
| Brazil 59.89% (2017: 59.69%) | | | |
| AmBev | 2,328,544 | 11,349 | 4.86 |
| Arezzo Industria e Comercio | 464,487 | 6,165 | 2.64 |
| Banco Bradesco | 178,400 | 1,558 | 0.67 |
| Banco Bradesco (ADR) | 910,201 | 8,122 | 3.48 |
| Banco Bradesco (PREF) | 1,095,805 | 9,908 | 4.24 |
| BM&F Bovespa | 975,250 | 5,645 | 2.42 |
| Bradespar (PREF) | 1,092,200 | 7,581 | 3.25 |
| BRF | 171,986 | 1,350 | 0.58 |
| BRF (ADR) | 498,550 | 3,902 | 1.67 |
| Cia Hering | 294,650 | 1,461 | 0.63 |
| Iguatemi Empresa de Shopping Centers | 304,450 | 2,907 | 1.24 |
| Itau Unibanco | 1,175,535 | 11,574 | 4.96 |
| Itau Unibanco (ADR) | 740,651 | 8,547 | 3.66 |
| Itausa Investimentos Itau (PREF) | 245,661 | 722 | 0.31 |
| LINX | 619,800 | 2,890 | 1.24 |
| Localiza Rent a Car | 842,186 | 4,819 | 2.06 |
| Lojas Renner | 1,405,970 | 11,821 | 5.05 |
| Multiplan Empreendimentos Imobiliarios | 544,990 | 8,778 | 3.76 |
| OdontoPrev | 863,035 | 3,185 | 1.36 |
| TOTVS | 407,021 | 2,937 | 1.26 |
| Ultrapar Participacoes | 110,100 | 1,993 | 0.85 |
| Ultrapar Participacoes (ADR) | 356,100 | 6,406 | 2.74 |
| Vale (ADR) | 751,120 | 6,914 | 2.96 |
| Valid Solucoes | 520,407 | 2,350 | 1.01 |
| WEG | 787,600 | 4,140 | 1.77 |
| Wilson Sons (BDR) | 326,407 | 2,848 | 1.22 |
| | | 139,872 | 59.89 |
| Chile 9.73% (2017: 10.71%) | | | |
| Banco Santander Chile (ADR) | 206,492 | 4,946 | 2.12 |
| Embotelladora Andina 'A' (PREF) | 1,837,244 | 5,740 | 2.46 |
| Parque Arauco | 2,038,470 | 4,722 | 2.02 |
| SACI Falabella | 989,900 | 7,313 | 3.13 |
| | | 22,721 | 9.73 |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security (2007 4 476) | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Colombia nil (2017: 1.47%) | | | |
| Mexico 21.94% (2017: 22.64%) | | | |
| Arca Continental | 996,500 | 5,096 | 2.18 |
| Banco Santander (Mexico) | 2,308,300 | 2,559 | 1.10 |
| FEMSA (ADR) | 141,800 | 9,725 | 4.17 |
| Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte (ADR) | 150,948 | 4,341 | 1.86 |
| Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste | 8,980 | 123 | 0.0 |
| Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste (ADR) | 39,228 | 5,373 | 2.30 |
| Grupo Financiero Banorte | 2,144,167 | 9,669 | 4.15 |
| Grupo Lala | 1,786,710 | 2,016 | 0.86 |
| Hoteles City Express | 2,541,800 | 2,275 | 0.97 |
| Kimberly-Clark de Mexico | 1,468,000 | 1,937 | 0.83 |
| Organizacion Soriana 'B' | 556,873 | 849 | 0.36 |
| Wal-Mart de Mexico | 4,123,550 | 7,266 | 3.11 |
| | | 51,229 | 21.94 |
| | | | |
| Peru 1.80% (2017: 1.74%) | | | |
| Cementos Pacasmayo | 1,774,427 | 3,241 | 1.39 |
| Fossal | 413,937 | 23 | 0.01 |
| Grana y Montero (ADR) | 460,205 | 942 | 0.40 |
| | | 4,206 | 1.80 |
| United States 1 059/ (2017, pil) | | | |
| United States 1.05% (2017: nil) Globant | 76,900 | 2,457 | 1.05 |
| Globalit | 70,300 | 2,431 | 1.03 |
| Total Equities | | 226,284 | 96.89 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 226,284 | 96.89 |
| • | | | |
| Other transferable securities and money market instruments 1.54% (2017: nil) | | | |
| Equities 1.54% (2017: nil) | | | |
| Colombia 1.54% (2017: nil) | | | |
| Bancolombia | 445,000 | 3,596 | 1.54 |
| Total Equities | | 3,596 | 1.54 |
| | | | |
| Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments | | 3,596 | 1.54 |
| Total investments | | 229,880 | 98.43 |
| Other net assets | | 3,666 | 1.57 |
| Total net assets | | 233,546 | 100.00 |

Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 Janu | ary 2017 |
|---|-----------------|--------|---------|----------|
| | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 15,933 | | 12,461 |
| Revenue | 2,771 | | 2,725 | |
| Expenses | (1,989) | | (1,712) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 782 | | 1,013 | |
| Taxation | (288) | | (220) | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 494 | | 793 |
| Total return before distributions | | 16,427 | | 13,254 |
| Distributions | | 9 | | 19 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 16,436 | | 13,273 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 Janu | iary 2017 |
|--|-----------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 226,676 | | 179,071 |
| | | | | |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 13,644 | | 20,469 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (23,210) | | (12,453) | |
| | | (9,566) | | 8,016 |
| | | | | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | 16,436 | | 13,273 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 233,546 | | 200,360 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 229,880 | 222,880 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 1,940 | 3,641 |
| Cash and bank balances | 2,878 | 3,250 |
| Total assets | 234,698 | 229,771 |
| Liabilities: Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 1,152 | 3,095 |
| Total liabilities | 1,152 | 3,095 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 233,546 | 226,676 |

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The investment objective of Aberdeen Multi-Asset Fund is to provide long term total return from a diversified portfolio. The Fund may invest in transferable securities and may also hold units in collective investment schemes (in particular, schemes managed by the Investment Adviser), money market instruments, warrants, derivatives and forward transactions, cash and near cash and deposits.

Note: The term 'total return' means a combination of income and capital growth and no positive return is implied.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Multi-Asset Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 1.6% compared to an increase of 3.23% in the composite benchmark (40% FTSE ALL Share, 25% MSCI World ex UK, 15% FTSE A Brit All Stocks, 5% HFRI Offshore Conservative, 5% FTSE Small Cap, 7.5% 7 Day Libid, 2.5% Macquarie Global Infrastructure 100 Index).

Source: Lipper, BPSS, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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Market Review

Most major stock markets rose over the six months under review. Japanese and emerging markets were among the best performers, while the US also did well. European markets made more modest progress. The UK underperformed its global peers.

The economic background was characterised by continued global growth but more signs of rising inflation. In November, the Bank of England raised its benchmark interest rate for the first time since the global financial crisis. The US Federal Reserve raised rates in December, the third time in calendar 2017. In the accompanying policy statement, it reiterated its forecast of three more rate rises in 2018.

Given rising inflation and interest rates, which put upward pressure on yields, bonds underperformed equities over the period. They benefited from a flight to safety in August as the war of words between the US and North Korea escalated. However, as investors factored in the likelihood of faster-than-anticipated interest rate hikes, bond yields rose sharply and prices retreated. Corporate bonds outperformed government bonds but still produced a negative return in aggregate.

Commercial property in the UK continued to post positive returns and outperformed the local equity and bond markets for most of the review period. The sector delivered double-digit returns over 2017, despite

initial forecasts that it would struggle. Over the review period, logistics hubs and warehouses continued to lead the market higher, with the traditional retail and office segments lagging. The start of 2018 brought further difficulties for retail as higher import costs and food prices forced consumers to tighten their belts. Disappointing Christmas sales raised concerns over further store closures.

Portfolio Review

With UK equities proving increasingly expensive and longer-term uncertainty persisting over the Brexit negotiations, we maintained a preference for global equities over UK equities at the start of the reporting period. During September, we increased the risk profile of the fund by raising our allocation to European equities and paring our position in UK government bonds. We also reduced our alternatives exposure, trimming our holding in the Aberdeen Alternative Strategies Fund and some of our infrastructure holdings. Proceeds were redeployed by introducing the Aberdeen Global - Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Fund.

Performance fluctuated in the first two months of the reporting period. In August, negative stock selection in UK equities caused the Fund to underperform. A profit warning from Friends Provident after a failed reorganisation of its home-collected credit business and the financial regulator's investigations into the mis-selling of insurance products detracted from our UK equity holdings. However, this was reversed in September when the Fund outperformed, led by positive selection in UK equities.

Our tactical positioning remained untouched until November, when we reduced our exposure to Japanese equities. Our research indicated that a correction could be due as share prices were starting to look expensive. We invested the proceeds in US equities as that market was more defensive with greater growth visibility.

An underweight to the oil-and-gas sector hampered returns during the last quarter of the year as the oil price recovered. There were also some stock-specific issues, with Ultra Electronics announcing a profit warning, while Inmarsat was vulnerable to margin weakness as the company ramped up investments to grow its aviation network. This was mitigated by our exposure to alternatives, where our allocation to hedge funds drove positive relative returns.

As we moved into the new calendar year, we maintained our progressive view of equities as longer-term fundamentals remained positive, albeit with a more cautious outlook. We continue to favour the asset class, underscored by the portfolio's overweight to global equities. Against this, we are underweight to the fixed income and alternative strategies.

After a promising start to the new year, the broader UK equity market weakened, mainly because of the strengthening pound and liquidation of construction giant Carillion. However, positive stock selection within our UK equity allocation, along with strong performance from our Asian and US equity allocations, helped the Fund outperform modestly in January.

Outlook

Despite stock markets reaching record highs, the rise in share prices has been largely justified, based on improving earnings and prospects for future growth. The recent volatility was unsurprising, given the long period of uninterrupted gains. Nevertheless, we still think equities offer the best option for long-term growth.

Our overall outlook for government bonds remains negative. We are particularly pessimistic about the prospects for European government bonds as the yield offered by some of them is close to zero. We are also cautious about the US, where the Fed is raising interest rates. Our favoured market within government bonds is the UK. Economic uncertainty due to the upcoming departure from the European Union means the BoE will likely be wary about raising rates too quickly.

Since the vote to leave the EU in 2016, we have had some concerns about the outlook for UK commercial property, especially the extent to which the decision would affect the segment for offices rented by financial companies. So far, however, this segment has not been as badly hurt as we had feared. In addition, prices have been rising among industrial properties. Rental growth in this area is above long-term averages and expected to remain so. The shift to online shopping is driving demand for warehouses and delivery depots, especially in urban areas where limited land restricts supply.

Portfolio Management - Strategy

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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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- · This Fund is ranked at 4 because funds of this type have experienced medium to 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Exchange rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

Comparative tables

| A Accumulation Shares 31 Janu | ary 18 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 81,907 329,375 | 333,184 | 372,666 |
| Closing number of shares 30,8 | 57,629 126,035,030 | 141,416,848 | 168,551,467 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 265.43 261.34 | 235.60 | 221.10 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.57% 10.93% | 6.56% | 3.07% |
| Operating charges | 1.67% 1.68% | 1.68% | 1.69% |

| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 3,732 | 3,750 | 3,786 | 11,593 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,666,224 | 1,696,103 | 1,875,550 | 6,052,048 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 223.98 | 221.06 | 201.84 | 191.55 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.32% | 9.52% | 5.37% | 1.42% |
| Operating charges | 1.67% | 1.68% | 1.68% | 1.69% |

| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 45,193 | 45,327 | 210,446 | 265,479 |
| Closing number of shares | 15,730,638 | 16,087,733 | 83,473,139 | 113,057,543 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 287.29 | 281.75 | 252.11 | 234.82 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.97% | 11.76% | 7.36% | 3.83% |
| Operating charges | 0.92% | 0.93% | 0.93% | 0.96% |

| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 11,452 | 11,743 | 10,991 | 5,001 |
| Closing number of shares | 8,657,097 | 8,994,243 | 9,220,192 | 4,422,361 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 132.29 | 130.56 | 119.20 | 113.09 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.33% | 9.53% | 5.40% | 1.43% |
| Operating charges | 0.92% | 0.93% | 0.93% | 0.96% |

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| 6 11 | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Security Transferable convision and more approximately instruments admitted to an efficiency | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an office (2017: 66.27%) | ial exchange listing or dealt on a | inotner regulated m | larket 64.28% |
| Equities 64.28% (2017: 66.27%) | | | |
| Alternative Investments 11.86% (2017: 11.21%) | | | |
| Aberdeen Private Equity Fund [†] | 1,118,930 | 1,583 | 1.11 |
| Bluefield Solar Income Fund [∞] | 241,824 | 277 | 0.19 |
| Foresight Solar Fund | 630,029 | 674 | 0.47 |
| Funding Circle SME Income Fund | 739,597 | 784 | 0.55 |
| Greencoat UK Wind | 2,105,460 | 2,535 | 1.79 |
| HICL Infrastructure | 1,351,053 | 2,001 | 1.41 |
| John Laing Infrastructure Fund | 1,299,106 | , 1,538 | 1.08 |
| NextEnergy Solar Fund | 793,521 | 901 | 0.63 |
| Pantheon International | 156,481 | 2,926 | 2.07 |
| Renewables Infrastructure | 2,126,413 | 2,263 | 1.59 |
| Sequoia Economic Infrastructure Income Fund [∞] | 396,490 | 432 | 0.30 |
| 3i Infrastructure | 477,757 | 960 | 0.67 |
| | | 16,874 | 11.86 |
| | | | |
| Asia Pacific 3.45% (2017: 3.89%) | | | |
| AIA | 41,900 | 252 | 0.18 |
| BHP Billiton (UK Listing) | 77,000 | 1,205 | 0.84 |
| BHP Billiton (Australia Listing) | 7,300 | 125 | 0.09 |
| Housing Development Finance | 13,000 | 281 | 0.20 |
| ITC | 64,350 | 193 | 0.14 |
| Jardine Matheson | 5,800 | 258 | 0.18 |
| Kasikornbank (Alien) | 48,100 | 249 | 0.18 |
| Oversea-Chinese Banking | 18,400 | 128 | 0.09 |
| Rio Tinto | 26,000 | 1,020 | 0.71 |
| Samsung Electronics (GDR) (PREF) | 501 | 350 | 0.25 |
| Singapore Telecommunications | 133,100 | 252 | 0.18 |
| Swire Pacific 'B' | 108,600 | 131 | 0.09 |
| TSMC (ADR) | 14,500 | 462 | 0.32 |
| | | 4,906 | 3.45 |
| | | | |
| Europe, Middle East & Africa (ex United Kingdom) 3.12% (2017: 3.70%) | | | |
| Atlas Copco 'A' | 5,800 | 192 | 0.14 |
| Check Point Software Technologies | 3,500 | 255 | 0.18 |
| Experian | 97,000 | 1,574 | 1.11 |
| Fresenius Medical Care | 3,300 | 269 | 0.19 |
| Henkel (non voting) (PREF) | 3,484 | 343 | 0.24 |
| Linde | 700 | 121 | 0.08 |
| L'Oreal | 800 | 128 | 0.09 |
| MTN | 16,800 | 131 | 0.09 |

| Security | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| MTR | 32,500 | 131 | 0.09 |
| Nestle | 5,300 | 322 | 0.03 |
| Novartis | 6,300 | 401 | 0.28 |
| Roche | | | |
| | 1,500 | 260 | 0.18 |
| Royal Dutch Shell 'A' | 7,629 | 189 | 0.13 |
| Tenaris (ADR) | 5,200 | 128 4,444 | 0.09 3.12 |
| Japan 1.03% (2017: 1.30%) | | | |
| Daito Trust Construction Co | 1,500 | 184 | 0.13 |
| | | | 0.13 |
| FANUC Corp | 1,000 | 190 | |
| Japan Tobacco Inc | 11,100 600 | 258 257 | 0.18 0.18 |
| Keyence Corp Shin-Etsu Chemical Co | 4,200 | 257 335 | 0.18 |
| | | | |
| Sysmex Corp | 4,300 | 237 1,461 | 0.17 1.03 |
| Latin America 0.44% (2017: 0.57%) | | | |
| Banco Bradesco (ADR) | 41,045 | 366 | 0.26 |
| FEMSA (ADR) | 3,800 | 261 | 0.18 |
| TELION (NOT) | 3,000 | 627 | 0.44 |
| North America 3.46% (2017: 4.45%) | | | |
| Amdocs | 4,000 | 192 | 0.14 |
| Cognizant Technology Solutions 'A' | 3,600 | 197 | 0.14 |
| Comcast 'A' | 6,400 | 192 | 0.13 |
| CVS Health | 3,400 | 188 | 0.13 |
| EOG Resources | 3,900 | 315 | 0.22 |
| Intercontinental Exchange | 4,875 | 253 | 0.18 |
| Johnson & Johnson | 1,900 | 185 | 0.13 |
| M&T Bank | 3,021 | 405 | 0.28 |
| Nutrien | 5,040 | 186 | 0.13 |
| Oracle | 12,800 | 465 | 0.32 |
| PepsiCo | 3,800 | 322 | 0.23 |
| Perrigo | 3,900 | 248 | 0.17 |
| Philip Morris International | 2,600 | 196 | 0.17 |
| Praxair [∞] | 2,200 | 250 | 0.14 |
| Samsonite International | 102,000 | 310 | 0.18 |
| Schlumberger | 4,600 | 238 | 0.22 |
| TJX | 4,600 | 260 | 0.17 |
| rij∧ Visa 'A' [∞] | 4,500 | 393 | 0.18 |
| Yum China | 3,900 | 595 127 | 0.28 |
| ram Chillia | 3,900 | 4,922 | 3.46 |

| | No. 17 | MaulcatiVal | Total Net |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Security | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Assets % |
| United Kingdom 40.92% (2017: 41.15%) | Quantity | 1 000 | 70 |
| Abcam | 115,000 | 1,415 | 0.99 |
| Aberdeen Diversified Income and Growth Trust [†] | 636,178 | 773 | 0.54 |
| Aggreko [®] | 75,000 | 605 | 0.43 |
| Amedeo Air Four Plus | 668,906 | 709 | 0.50 |
| Associated British Foods | 39,600 | 1,082 | 0.76 |
| AstraZeneca | 22,500 | 1,099 | 0.77 |
| Aveva | 63,500 | 1,895 | 1.33 |
| BBA Aviation | 318,000 | 1,119 | 0.79 |
| | | | |
| British American Tobacco | 47,000 | 2,265 | 1.59 |
| BTG | 173,000 | 1,286 | 0.90 |
| Bunzl∞ | 56,600 | 1,166 | 0.82 |
| Compass | 146,000 | 2,164 | 1.52 |
| Croda International | 39,200 | 1,758 | 1.24 |
| Dechra Pharmaceuticals | 31,642 | 759 | 0.53 |
| Diageo | 72,000 | 1,823 | 1.28 |
| Dignity [®] | 88,300 | 723 | 0.51 |
| DP Aircraft | 311,594 | 228 | 0.16 |
| Dunedin Smaller Companies Investment Trust [†] | 847,000 | 2,339 | 1.63 |
| Euromoney Institutional Investor | 101,479 | 1,197 | 0.84 |
| Genus [∞] | 47,000 | 1,137 | 0.80 |
| GlaxoSmithKline | 89,500 | 1,182 | 0.83 |
| Inchcape [∞] | 125,000 | 906 | 0.64 |
| Inmarsat | 192,400 | 894 | 0.63 |
| InterContinental Hotels | 28,000 | 1,319 | 0.93 |
| Intertek | 22,000 | 1,105 | 0.78 |
| John Laing Environmental | 1,307,468 | 1,392 | 0.98 |
| John Wood Group [∞] | 128,000 | , 829 | 0.58 |
| Just Eat | 140,000 | 1,141 | 0.80 |
| Pearson [∞] | 133,000 | 923 | 0.65 |
| Prudential | 120,000 | 2,288 | 1.61 |
| RELX | 67,500 | 1,052 | 0.74 |
| Riverstone Energy | 169,178 | 2,115 | 1.49 |
| Rolls-Royce | 174,000 | 1,517 | 1.43 |
| Rotork™ | 435,000 | 1,285 | 0.90 |
| | | | |
| Royal Dutch Shell 'B' | 47,500 125,700 | 1,186 1 155 | 0.83 |
| RPC | 135,700 | 1,155 | 0.81 |
| Sage | 220,300 | 1,650 | 1.16 |
| Schroders (non voting) | 41,000 | 1,093 | 0.77 |
| Smart Metering Systems | 125,850 | 948 | 0.67 |
| Spirax-Sarco Engineering [∞] | 20,000 | 1,135 | 0.80 |
| Standard Chartered (UK Listing) | 140,000 | 1,147 | 0.81 |
| Standard Chartered (Hong Kong Listing) | 24,135 | 196 | 0.14 |
| Tritax Big Box (REIT) | 367,599 | 548 | 0.39 |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|------------|--------------|-----------|
| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Ultra Electronics∞ | 59,000 | 900 | 0.63 |
| Unilever | 71,000 | 2,841 | 1.99 |
| Weir | 59,000 | 1,303 | 0.92 |
| Whitbread | 16,000 | 621 | 0.44 |
| | | 58,213 | 40.92 |
| Total Equities | | 91,447 | 64.28 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | 24.47 | 54.20 |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 91,447 | 64.28 |
| Other transferable securities and money market instruments nil (2017: nil) | | | |
| Equities nil (2017: nil) | | | |
| United Kingdom nil (2017: nil) | | | |
| HIE Ventures | 769 | - | - |
| Total Equities | | <u>-</u> | |
| Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments | | - | - |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 35.21% (2017: 32.78%) | | | |
| Aberdeen Alternative Strategies Fund Z-Acc† | 384,714 | 3,874 | 2.72 |
| Aberdeen European Equity Enhanced Index Fund X Acc† | 5,532,120 | 7,168 | 5.04 |
| Aberdeen Global - Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Fund Z-2 [†] | 194,615 | 1,376 | 0.97 |
| Aberdeen Global - Japanese Equity Fund X-2 [†] | 639,840 | 2,248 | 1.58 |
| Aberdeen Global - North American Equity Fund Z-2† | 138,932 | 2,402 | 1.69 |
| Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Sterling Fund Z-1† | 184 | 184 | 0.13 |
| Aberdeen Northern American Equity Enhanced Index Fund X-Acc [†] | 10,237,397 | 15,702 | 11.03 |
| Aberdeen Sterling Government Bond Fund Z-Acc [†] | 12,026,586 | 12,546 | 8.82 |
| iShares Core UK Gilts UCITS ETF GBP Dist | 355,629 | 4,602 | 3.23 |
| | | 50,102 | 35.21 |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | 50,102 | 35.21 |

Derivatives 0.14% (2017: nil)

Forward currency exchange contracts 0.14% (2017: nil)

| | | | | | | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 3,756,810 | 5,060,000 | 203 | 0.14 |
| Unrealised gains on forward currency | y exchange | e contrac | ts | | | 203 | 0.14 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Unrealised gains on derivatives | | | | | | 203 | 0.14 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total investments | | | | | | 141,752 | 99.63 |
| Other net assets | | | | | | 532 | 0.37 |
| Total net assets | | | | | | 142.284 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc. [∞] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end. Currently forward positions are not collateralised. Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 7,252 | 5.12 | 5.10 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Collateral issuers | £′000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| CRH | 315 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Glencore Xstrata | 283 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Smith & Nephew | 219 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Deutsche Boerse | 208 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Royal Bank of Canada | 208 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Toronto-Dominion Bank | 208 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| DCC | 208 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Fresenius Medical Care | 208 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| British Sky Broadcasting | 205 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Associated British Foods | 200 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Equity | 5,720 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Government Bond | 162 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 8,144 | | | |

| | | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Market value of | segregated |
| | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | £′000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 8,144 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| AUD | 87 |
| CAD | 590 |
| CHF | 159 |
| EUR | 2,369 |
| GBP | 3,366 |
| JPY | 1,137 |
| SEK | 12 |
| USD | 424 |
| Total collateral received | 8,144 |

| | | Market value of securities lending | Countries of counterparty | Settlement |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Counterparties per type of SFT | | £'000 | establishment | and clearing |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | | 3,742 | Canada | Tri-party |
| NATIXIS | | 1,521 | France | Tri-party |
| JPM Chase | | 732 | United States | Tri-party |
| ABN Amro | | 475 | Netherlands | Tri-party |
| Citigroup | | 428 | United States | Tri-party |
| BNP Paribas | | 354 | France | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | | 7,252 | | |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £′000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 6 | 156 | 7,982 | 8,144 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | 7,252 | 7,252 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be recalled | ed on demand. | | | |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collateral | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | ,, |
| Gross return | | | 30 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent cos | sts) | | (6) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser opera | tional costs) | | - | - |
| Total costs | | | (6) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 24 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 4,668 | | 21,514 |
| Revenue | 2,974 | | 7,399 | |
| Expenses | (2,070) | | (3,673) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 904 | | 3,726 | |
| Taxation | (56) | | (31) | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 848 | | 3,695 |
| Total return before distributions | | 5,516 | | 25,209 |
| Distributions | | (851) | | (3,723) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 4,665 | | 21,486 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 390,195 | | 558,407 |
| | | | | |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 1,069 | | 2,451 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (254,751) | | (32,601) | |
| | | (253,682) | | (30,150) |
| Dilution adjustment | | 618 | | |
| Dilution adjustment | | 010 | | - |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | 4,665 | | 21,486 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 488 | | 3,434 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 142,284 | | 553,177 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 141,752 | 386,473 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 406 | 466 |
| Cash and bank balances | 575 | 4,738 |
| Total assets | 142,733 | 391,677 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 367 | 1,318 |
| Distribution payable | 82 | 164 |
| Total liabilities | 449 | 1,482 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 142,284 | 390,195 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

Interim dividend distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.65260 | - | 0.65260 | 1.21360 |
| Group 2 | 0.29181 | 0.36079 | 0.65260 | 1.21360 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.55203 | - | 0.55203 | 1.03967 |
| Group 2 | 0.12400 | 0.42803 | 0.55203 | 1.03967 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.81938 | - | 1.81938 | 2.29722 |
| Group 2 | 0.86109 | 0.95829 | 1.81938 | 2.29722 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.84309 | - | 0.84309 | 1.08616 |
| Group 2 | 0.45088 | 0.39221 | 0.84309 | 1.08616 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to achieve capital growth from a portfolio of North American securities.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen North American Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 5.62% compared to an increase of 6.88% in the benchmark, the S&P 500 Index (lagged by 1 day).

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested. GRP

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

Major North American equity market indices reached new highs during the six-month period ended 31 January 2018, buoyed by generally positive economic data and corporate earnings, as well as President Donald Trump's tax reforms. Information technology and financials were the top-performing sectors within the S&P 500 Index for the reporting period. Conversely, the relatively higher dividend-paying utilities and real estate sectors posted negative returns as US Treasury yields rose across the curve. Regarding US monetary policy, the Federal Reserve (Fed) raised the federal funds target rate by 25 basis points (bps) to a range of 1.25%-1.50% in December 2017. In its statement accompanying the announcement of the rate hike-the third increase of the year-the central bank anticipated that the US economic environment will warrant gradual increases in its benchmark interest rate going forward. During the six-month period, the US economy added roughly 153,000 jobs per month, and the unemployment rate dipped by 0.2 percentage points to 4.1%—its lowest level in 17 years. US GDP grew by 3.2% and 2.6% for the third and fourth quarters of 2017, respectively. The modest deceleration in the growth rate during the fourth quarter was attributable primarily to a downturn in private inventory investment and an increase in imports. Meanwhile, oil prices were robust, with Brent crude briefly trading above US\$70 a barrel towards period-end, and shale reached record levels of production.

Portfolio review

Both stock selection and underweight allocations to the information technology and industrials sectors weighed on Fund performance for the reporting period. The Fund's holding in Equifax was the largest detractor from performance among individual positions. Shares of the credit-reporting services provider fell sharply after it failed to disclose that hackers had stolen personal information for approximately 143 million US consumers between mid-May and late July 2017 due to a flaw in the software created by a third-party vendor. Energy services company TransCanada's stock price declined following the company's decision not to proceed with its Energy East Pipeline and Eastern Mainline projects. Instead, management indicated that it would focus on TransCanada's US\$24 billion near-term capital programme, which it anticipates will generate sufficient earnings and cash flow to support an annual dividend growth rate of 8-10% through 2020. Molson Coors Brewing revenues decreased for the third quarter of its 2017 fiscal year

compared to the same period in 2016. Relative pricing strength mitigated a decline in volumes, including for contract brewing and non-owned distributed brands, over which the company did not have direct control.

Fund performance for the reporting period was bolstered mainly by stock selection and an underweight position in the healthcare sector, as well as stock selection in the consumer staples and consumer discretionary sectors. The primary individual stock contributor was the lack of exposure to General Electric. The conglomerate's quarterly results over the period were hampered by significant weakness in its energy-related businesses. Furthermore, GE announced a 50% cut in its quarterly dividend. The Fund's holding in Estee Lauder also enhanced performance. The cosmetics maker saw double-digit, year-on-year revenue growth for the first quarter of its 2018 fiscal year, benefiting from strength in its skincare and makeup segments, and in the Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) region. Finally, semiconductor manufacturer Texas Instruments posted robust year-on-year profit and revenue growth for the third quarter of its 2017 fiscal year, attributable mainly to strength in its analog and embedded segments. Furthermore, the company boosted its quarterly dividend by 24% to US\$0.62 per share.

Outlook

We remain upbeat regarding the state of the US economy that underpins corporate fundamentals. The fourth-quarter 2017 corporate results season is off to a good start, with sales and earnings growth for S&P 500 Index member companies in the high-single-digit and low-double-digit ranges, respectively.* This represents notable acceleration from what we have seen over the past several quarters. However, there are growing concerns in the US market that inflation may accelerate or that the Fed eventually may be too aggressive in its approach to removing liquidity and raising interest rates. Our Global Strategy team believes that US inflation should come in at roughly 2% in 2018.

Feedback from companies we have visited suggests a balanced approach to thinking about the "windfall" from the recently-enacted corporate Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA), with many considering strategies to pursue growth by "investing" in lower prices for their products and services. We continue to monitor this situation, preferring shares of companies with consistent profitability or rising margins, and we intend to be cautious about aggressive attempts at price competition. However, we do agree that pricing power is still hard to generate, and we seek companies that we expect to be more successful at that endeavour. In the near term, dividends appear well supported, and we believe that the secondary benefit to investors from the TCJA likely will be more dividend growth this year compared to 2017, albeit a one-off gain.

Separately, we believe that the tailwinds to the financial sector from rising interest rates and to segments of the industrials and information technology sectors from accelerating investment are likely to provide the groundwork for solid revenue and earnings growth in 2018.

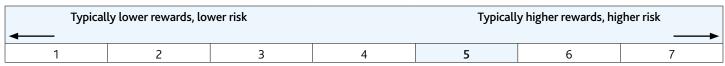
* Source: Earnings Insight, FactSet, 2 February 2018.

North American Equity Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- · This Fund is ranked at 5 because funds of this type have experienced medium to 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risk of investing in this Fund:
- Exchange Rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

Comparative tables

| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 68,279 | 103,277 | 116,768 | 134,064 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,845,975 | 4,541,987 | 5,918,387 | 7,998,545 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 2,399.14 | 2,273.82 | 1,972.97 | 1,676.10 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 5.51% | 15.25% | 17.71% | 11.56% |
| Operating charges | 1.62% | 1.62% | 1.62% | 1.62% |

| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 43,944 | 40,206 | 42,653 | 25,369 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,671,440 | 1,619,700 | 1,995,213 | 1,407,466 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 2,629.11 | 2,482.31 | 2,137.77 | 1,802.48 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 5.91% | 16.12% | 18.60% | 12.39% |
| Operating charges | 0.87% | 0.87% | 0.87% | 0.87% |

| Z Accumulation Shares ^A | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 7,931 | 7,460 | 7,528 | 6 |
| Closing number of shares | 5,334,400 | 5,334,400 | 6,297,400 | 6,000 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 148.68 | 139.85 | 119.54 | 100.04 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 6.31% | 16.99% | 19.49% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.12% | 0.12% | 0.12% | 0.12% |

^A Z Accumulation share class launched on 13 July 2015.

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

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| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Energy 7.62% (2017: 8.22%) | | | |
| ConocoPhillips | 51,730 | 2,140 | 1.78 |
| EOG Resources | 30,140 | 2,437 | 2.03 |
| Schlumberger [®] | 43,539 | 2,253 | 1.87 |
| TransCanada | 71,660 | 2,326 | 1.94 |
| | | 9,156 | 7.62 |
| Total Energy | | 9,156 | 7.62 |
| Financials 15.88% (2017: 17.67%) | | | |
| Banks 6.38% (2017: 5.90%) | | | |
| M&T Bank | 16,840 | 2,259 | 1.88 |
| Regions Financial | 213,522 | 2,888 | 2.40 |
| Royal Bank of Canada | 41,848 | 2,525 | 2.10 |
| | | 7,672 | 6.38 |
| Diversified Financials 7.55% (2017: 9.51%) | | | |
| American Express | 34,881 | 2,438 | 2.03 |
| Charles Schwab | 78,633 | 2,950 | 2.46 |
| Intercontinental Exchange | 70,858 | 3,680 | 3.06 |
| | ., | 9,068 | 7.55 |
| Insurance 1.95% (2017: 2.26%) | | | |
| AIG | 52,071 | 2,340 | 1.95 |
| Total Financials | | 19,080 | 15.88 |
| | | , | |
| Health Care 10.38% (2017: 10.14%) | | | |
| Health Care Equipment & Services 5.57% (2017: 4.57%) | 42.400 | 4 777 | 4.40 |
| Aetna | 13,498 | 1,777 | 1.48 |
| Baxter International | 50,164 | 2,541 | 2.11 |
| Cerner | 48,956 | 2,380 6,698 | 1.98 5.57 |
| | | | |
| Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences 4.81% (2017: 5.57%) | | | |
| Gilead Sciences | 29,407 | 1,733 | 1.44 |
| Johnson & Johnson | 17,451 | 1,696 | 1.41 |
| Pfizer | 90,173 | 2,350 | 1.96 |
| T HZCI | | 5,779 | 4.81 |
| THE | | | |
| | | 12,477 | 10.38 |
| Total Health Care | | | 10.38 |
| | | | 10.38 |

| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Commercial & Professional Services 3.61% (2017: 4.09%) | | | |
| Equifax | 22,099 | 1,941 | 1.62 |
| Verisk Analytics [∞] | 33,976 | 2,392 | 1.99 |
| | | 4,333 | 3.61 |
| Transportation 1.39% (2017: 1.55%) | | | |
| Canadian National Railway | 29,547 | 1,665 | 1.39 |
| Total Industrials | | 7,794 | 6.49 |
| Information Technology 19.56% (2017: 17.38%) | | | |
| Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment 2.68% (2017: 2.45%) | | | |
| Texas Instruments | 41,721 | 3,218 | 2.68 |
| Software & Services 14.71% (2017: 13.42%) | | | |
| Alphabet | 4,875 | 4,056 | 3.38 |
| Cognizant Technology Solutions 'A' | 46,520 | 2,551 | 2.12 |
| Microsoft | 55,420 | 3,710 | 3.09 |
| Oracle | 82,351 | 2,988 | 2.49 |
| Visa 'A' [∞] | 50,026 | 4,370 | 3.63 |
| , | 33,020 | 17,675 | 14.71 |
| Technology Hardware & Equipment 2.17% (2017: 1.51%) | | | |
| CDW | 49,597 | 2,608 | 2.17 |
| Total Information Technology | | 23,501 | 19.56 |
| Materials 7.70% (2017: 9.05%) | | | |
| Ecolab | 23,689 | 2,293 | 1.91 |
| International Flavors & Fragrances | 16,981 | 1,795 | 1.49 |
| Nutrien | 59,306 | 2,183 | 1.82 |
| Praxair [®] | 26,218 | 2,975 | 2.48 |
| TOXAII | 20,210 | 9,246 | 7.70 |
| Total Materials | | 9,246 | 7.70 |
| Telecommunication Services 2.16% (2017: 2.16%) | | | |
| TELUS (New York Listing) | 23,051 | 610 | 0.51 |
| TELUS (Toronto Listing) | 74,753 | 1,983 | 1.65 |
| | 1 1,1 33 | 2,593 | 2.16 |
| Total Telecommunication Services | | 2,593 | 2.16 |
| Total Equities | | 118,627 | 98.73 |
| | | | |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | | |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|----------|--------------|-----------|
| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 1.48% (2017: nil) | | | |
| United Kingdom 1.48% (2017: nil) | | | |
| Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Sterling Fund Z-1 [†] | 1,778 | 1,778 | 1.48 |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | 1,778 | 1.48 |
| Total investments | | 120,405 | 100.21 |
| Other net liabilities | | (251) | (0.21) |
| Total net assets | | 120,154 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

[∞] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.

Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|--------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 13,972 | 11.60 | 11.63 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Collateral issuers | £′000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| Glencore Xstrata | 378 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Societe Generale | 371 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| CRH | 359 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Barratt Developments | 293 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Nestle | 292 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Carnival | 291 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Vinci | 291 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Iberdrola | 290 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria | 290 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| easyjet | 290 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| | | | | |
| Other Equity | 12,470 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Government Bond | 83 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 15,698 | | | |

| | | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Market value of | segregated |
| | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 15,698 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| AUD | 589 |
| CAD | 266 |
| CHF | 432 |
| EUR | 4,971 |
| GBP | 3,285 |
| JPY | 5,007 |
| SEK | 62 |
| USD | 1,086 |
| Total collateral received | 15,698 |

| | | Market value of securities lending | Countries of counterparty | Settlement |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Counterparties per type of SFT | | £'000 | establishment | and clearing |
| NATIXIS | | 5,250 | France | Tri-party |
| JPM Chase | | 4,963 | United States | Tri-party |
| BNP Paribas | | 2,078 | France | Tri-party |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | | 1,681 | Canada | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | | 13,972 | | |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | <u>-</u> | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 37 | 46 | 15,615 | 15,698 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | 13,972 | 13,972 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be rec The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collate | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 5 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent | costs) | | (1) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operational costs) | erational costs) | | - | 0.00 |
| Total costs | | | (1) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 4 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 7,264 | | 16,443 |
| Revenue | 1,148 | | 1,592 | |
| Expenses | (883) | | (1,193) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 265 | | 399 | |
| Taxation | (156) | | (219) | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 109 | | 180 |
| Total return before distributions | | 7,373 | | 16,623 |
| Distributions | | (3) | | (9) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 7,370 | | 16,614 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|-----------------|----------|-----------------|---------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 150,943 | | 166,949 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 14,888 | | 17,051 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (53,064) | | (24,733) | |
| | | (38,176) | | (7,682) |
| Dilution adjustment | | 17 | | - |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | 7,370 | | 16,614 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 120,154 | | 175,881 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 120,405 | 149,736 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 122 | 1,500 |
| Cash and bank balances | 642 | 1,755 |
| Total assets | 121,169 | 152,991 |
| | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 1,015 | 2,048 |
| Total liabilities | 1,015 | 2,048 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 120,154 | 150,943 |

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The objective of the Fund is to provide long term total return, from a diversified portfolio of property company securities or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from property, or have a significant proportion of their assets in property. Holdings will be concentrated in the United Kingdom, though investment overseas is permitted.

Note: The term 'total return' means a combination of income and capital growth and no positive return is implied.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of the Aberdeen Property Share Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 5.72% compared to an increase of 4.32% in the benchmark, the FTSE 350 Real Estate Index.

Source: Lipper & Factset, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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 property stocks rose in the six months under review, rounding off an encouraging 2017. Initially, the wider UK stock market was buoyed by good corporate profits, resilient economic data, firmer oil prices, US tax reforms and the continued sterling weakness. Sentiment was dented towards the period end by a recovering pound, which took a toll on large caps reliant on overseas revenues, while a lack of clear leadership within the cabinet in Brexit talks caused those dependent on the domestic economy to falter as well. In economic news, fourth-quarter GDP expanded by more than expected, led by both manufacturing and services, but full-year growth was the slowest in five years. December data suggested that both the manufacturing and services sectors should continue expanding amid upbeat global growth. Inflation eased for the first time in six months, but remained above the central bank's target. While the unemployment rate was largely unchanged, wages continued to lag inflation.

In the physical market, UK property delivered a double-digit return over 2017, recording another rise in capital values in December. Industrials were the top performer, with retail the weakest among the main commercial sectors. However, the start of 2018 brought further difficulties for the retail sector as higher import costs and food prices have forced consumers to tighten their belts. Disappointing Christmas sales plagued the market, with some big retailers faring badly and raising concerns over further store closures.

Portfolio review

The Fund's six month return of 5.72% versus the index return of 4.32%, continues to build on its solid performance track record. Reviewing the portfolio as a whole the largest contribution came from stock picking within the index constituents, where a number of our specialist mid-cap sized holdings including Unite Group, Hansteen, St Modwen and Workspace, all performed very positively. The Fund can invest up to 20% in overseas-listed securities and we continue to utilise most of that headroom but in contrast to our last report this allocation modestly detracted from performance over the six months. Our

holding in Irish housebuilder Cairn Homes continues to perform strongly but this was insufficient to offset the negative contributions from other overseas holdings, in particular shopping mall owner Unibail-Rodamco and Swedish office specialist Hufvudstaden. That said our use of the Fund's flexibility to own UK stocks with property backing but not classified as property stocks once again aided performance due primarily to a boost in the share price of global hotel owner and operator Millennium & Copthorne following a takeover bid from its majority parent.

At the stock level the three largest single positive contributors were the underweight to Hammerson, not owning Intu Properties, and the underweight to Landsec (formerly Land Securities). All large-cap stocks, Hammerson and Intu in particular bore the brunt of increasingly negative sentiment towards both retail asset owners internationally and towards UK retail specifically with Christmas trading proving particularly poor for many fashion and food & beverage chains.

In terms of specific detractors our underweight to British Land was costly to relative performance after the stock rallied as it reported good progress selling properties with proceeds used to deleverage its balance-sheet and to buy back shares. Unibail-Rodamco and Hufvudstaden also lagged due in large part to negative sentiment towards shopping mall owners dampening the share price of the former, and concerns regarding the health of the Swedish property market affecting the latter. That said both companies continued to report healthy operating performance, and it is worth noting that even including the position in Unibail-Rodamco the Fund's overall significant and long-standing underweight to the retail sector was a net positive contributor.

In key portfolio activity, there were no introductions or exits during the period, having already been active on both fronts in the prior period. That said we made a number of changes to the weights of existing holdings, in many cases prompted by capital returns and equity raises by our holdings. Industrial owner Hansteen for instance sold the majority of its overseas portfolio for a healthy premium and returned £580 million to shareholders, more than halving the weight of the company in the Fund. Landsec returned £475 million following its record £1.3 billion sale of 20 Fenchurch Street (known as "The Walkie-Talkie") of which it owned 50%. These both followed a trend of special distributions by holdings including Great Portland Estate and Derwent London earlier in 2017. We also responded to share price strength by topslicing the positions in St Modwen Properties and U&I. We redeployed the various proceeds by supporting equity increases by Assura and Shaftesbury, as both companies sought to add scale to their existing portfolios at what are anticipated to be attractive rates of incremental return. Lastly as part of our ongoing portfolio work we increased the weightings to positions including Big Yellow, recently introduced Sirius Real Estate, Deutsche Wohnen, and Rightmove.

Outlook

The better-than-expected performance of the UK economy and direct property market noted in our last report have both continued over the last six months. In particular GDP and the state of public finances modestly surprised on the upside, demand from overseas investors for prime UK assets continues to support values which have been growing for almost all segments of the property market, and even in the

occupational market demand from tenants in the more cyclical London office market remains resilient. These conditions have been grasped by a number of holdings with further recent large disposals at healthy gains by Derwent London, Great Portland Estates and Helical to name a few. Should buyer appetite wane then we take some comfort from the fact that balance-sheets for the large majority of our holdings are in very good shape. More generally, recently reported results by most our holdings in terms of growth in net asset values and dividends have been on a healthy trend.

Less positively the travails witnessed in the UK retail sector seem likely to continue given the combination of structural changes underway as well as cyclical pressures due to higher inflation pressuring consumer incomes. Similarly sentiment for housing remains low with transactions in London in particular at very depressed levels, albeit much more buoyant outside the capital.

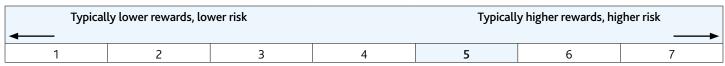
Investors in this Fund and in UK-listed real estate more generally have enjoyed very attractive, mid teen, total returns per annum for the nine years ending January 2018 and we are cognisant that some of the drivers of this upbeat performance, such as the initial recovery in property values following the 2007-2009 financial and property crash, and the dramatic drop in prevailing interest rates and corporate financing costs over that period, were one-off in nature. In the direct property market valuation yields for many office and retail assets previously considered 'prime' in nature are at or close to record low levels despite the prospects for rental growth often being very modest. As such the implied returns for investors appear unexciting in our view and these assets should perhaps be better described as 'mature'. Investors in the listed market, such as those via this Fund, can take some comfort from the degree to which share price discounts to net asset value are often substantial, especially for the large office and retail REITs and therefore often some compensation if property returns are indeed less favourable. Nonetheless as illustrated by recent changes to the portfolio we have largely avoided increasing our exposure to those names and if anything have further moved towards favouring smaller and more specialist property shares exposed to areas that we not only view as capable of generating attractive property returns medium-term but which are also relatively diversified from each other. These include some of the largest holdings in the Fund such as student accommodation specialist Unite Group, healthcare property owner Assura, self-storage holding Big Yellow, and flexible office provider Workspace Group. With many of these names trading at or close to net asset value, the total returns for shareholders over the coming years may well not as exciting as they have been in the recent past. Nonetheless, we view those returns as relatively more secure and acceptable than those offered by names exposed to more mature and/ or riskier property assets. Combining our favoured UK property names with our continued use of the fund's flexibility to invest in a number of overseas companies and those not classified as property stocks but which nonetheless bring attractive property exposure, gives us confidence in the fund's positioning for the coming years.

Pan European Equity Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- This Fund is ranked at 5 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Specialist sector: The Fund invests in a specialist sector and it will not perform in line with funds that have a broader investment policy.
- Concentrated portfolio: The Fund may hold a limited number of investments. If one of these investments declines in value this can have a greater impact on the fund's value than if it held a larger number of investments.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

Comparative tables

| A Accumulation | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 104,680 | 104,348 | 115,170 | 186,490 |
| Closing number of shares | 86,457,107 | 91,477,212 | 112,537,137 | 171,050,796 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 121.08 | 114.07 | 102.34 | 109.03 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 6.15% | 11.46% | (6.14%) | 27.07% |
| Operating charges | 1.61% | 1.61% | 1.61% | 1.61% |

| I Accumulation | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 270,299 | 239,214 | 250,180 | 216,195 |
| Closing number of shares | 132,360,442 | 124,558,407 | 145,836,360 | 119,196,764 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 204.21 | 192.05 | 171.55 | 181.37 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 6.33% | 11.95% | (5.41%) | 28.00% |
| Operating charges | 0.86% | 0.86% | 0.86% | 0.86% |

| K Accumulation ^A | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|--|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 11,162 | 4,698 | 233 | |
| Closing number of shares | 9,303,120 | 4,165,506 | 231,505 | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 119.98 | 112.80 | 100.70 | |
| Change in net asset value per share | 6.37% | 12.02% | - | |
| Operating charges | 0.79% | 0.79% | 0.79% | |

^A K Accumulation share class launched on 23 March 2016.

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| Security | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|---|--|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Transferable securities and money market instruments admitt 97.27% (2017: 99.54%) | ed to an official exchange listing or dealt on | another regulated | market |
| Equities 97.27% (2017: 99.54%) | | | |
| France 5.52% (2017: 5.75%) | | | |
| Unibail-Rodamco (REIT) | 118,000 | 21,315 | 5.52 |
| Germany 5.89% (2017: 5.24%) | | | |
| Deutsche Wohnen | 364,700 | 11,578 | 2.99 |
| LEG Immobilien | 141,100 | 11,181 | 2.90 |
| | | 22,759 | 5.89 |
| Ireland 4.08% (2017: 2.93%) | | | |
| Cairn Homes | 9,471,000 | 15,764 | 4.08 |
| Sweden 4.20% (2017: 4.92%) | | | |
| Castellum | 866,900 | 10,505 | 2.72 |
| Hufvudstaden 'A' | 506,000 | 5,726 | 1.48 |
| | · | 16,231 | 4.20 |
| Switzerland 1.56% (2017: 1.73%) | | | |
| PSP Swiss Property | 87,000 | 6,025 | 1.56 |
| United Vinadom 76 039/ (2017: 79 079/) | | | |
| United Kingdom 76.02% (2017: 78.97%) Assura (REIT) | 39,768,313 | 24,496 | 6.34 |
| | 1,842,700 | | 4.14 |
| Big Yellow (REIT) | , , | 15,985 | |
| British Land (REIT) | 1,166,400 | 7,799 | 2.02 |
| Daejan | 119,194 | 7,092 | 1.84 |
| Derwent London (REIT)® | 496,000 | 14,513 | 3.76 |
| Fuller Smith & Turner | 675,307 | 6,645 | 1.72 |
| Grainger Creat Partland Estates (PEIT) | 1,360,400 | 3,926 | 1.02 |
| Great Portland Estates (REIT) Hammerson (REIT) | 1,447,990 1,704,900 | 9,629 | 2.49 |
| • | , , | 8,405 | 2.18 |
| Hansteen (REIT) | 6,449,000 | 9,158 | 2.37 |
| Helical Bar | 2,106,000 | 6,687 | 1.73 |
| Land Securities | 863,343 | 8,649 | 2.24 |
| LondonMetric Property (REIT) [∞] | 8,350,447 | 14,964 | 3.88 |
| Millennium & Copthorne Hotels | 2,493,000 | 13,338 | 3.45 |
| Rightmove [∞] | 352,500 | 15,556 | 4.03 |
| Savills | 776,000 | 7,946 | 2.06 |
| Segro (REIT) | 3,981,218 | 23,147 | 5.99 |
| Shaftesbury (REIT) [∞] | 1,937,000 | 19,370 | 5.02 |
| Sirius Real Estate | 11,791,562 | 7,075 | 1.83 |
| St Modwen Properties | 3,836,300 | 15,806 | 4.09 |

| | | | Total Not |
|--|-----------|---------------|-----------|
| | Niaminal/ | MauliatValisa | Total Net |
| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| U&I | 2,774,000 | 5,631 | 1.46 |
| UNITE | 3,078,000 | 24,531 | 6.36 |
| Workspace (REIT) | 2,238,000 | 23,163 | 6.00 |
| | | 293,511 | 76.02 |
| | | | |
| Total Equities | | 375,605 | 97.27 |
| | | | |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 375,605 | 97.27 |
| overlange today of deate on another regulated market | | 3.3,003 | 37.27 |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 2.38% (2017: 1.41%) | | | |
| · | | | |
| Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Sterling Fund Z-1 [†] | 9,189 | 9,189 | 2.38 |
| | | | |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | 9,189 | 2.38 |
| · | | | |
| Total investments | | 384,794 | 99.65 |
| Other net assets | | 1,347 | 0.35 |
| Total net assets | | 386,141 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.
[∞] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.
Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|--------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 17,311 | 4.50 | 4.48 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Collateral issuers | £′000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| CRH | 962 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Toronto-Dominion Bank | 962 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Deutsche Boerse | 962 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Fresenius Medical Care | 962 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| DCC | 962 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Royal Bank of Canada | 962 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Smith & Nephew | 956 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| British Sky Broadcasting | 936 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Associated British Foods | 925 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Glencore Xstrata | 922 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| | | | | |
| Other Equity | 9,703 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 19,214 | | | |

| | | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Market value of | segregated |
| | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 19,214 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £′000 |
| CAD | 2,729 |
| EUR | 4,729 |
| GBP | 10,770 |
| USD | 986 |
| Total collateral received | 19,214 |

| Net return | | | 8 | 100.00 |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Total costs | | | (1) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operational costs) | ational costs) | | - | - |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent co | sts) | | (1) | 25.00 |
| Gross return | | | 9 | 125.00 |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collatera | | | | |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be recall | ed on demand. | | | |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | 17,311 | 17,311 |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan (remaining period to maturity) | Three months to one year £'000 | Above one year £'000 | Open maturity £'000 | Total £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | - |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | One day to one week | One week to one month | One to three months |
| Total collateral received | - | - | 19,214 | 19,214 |
| Maturity tenor of collateral (remaining period to maturity) | one year £'000 | Above one year £'000 | Open maturity £'000 | Total £'000 |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Total collateral received | - | - | - | - |
| Maturity tenor of collateral (remaining period to maturity) | Less than one day £'000 | one week £'000 | one month £'000 | months £'000 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Total market value of securities on loan | | 17,311 | | |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | | 17,311 | Canada | Tri-party |
| Counterparties per type of SFT | | £'000 | establishment | and clearing |
| | | Market value of securities lending | Countries of counterparty | Settlement |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 Janua | ary 2017 |
|---|-----------------|---------|----------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains/(losses) | | 20,560 | | (7,279) |
| Revenue | 3,764 | | 3,396 | |
| Expenses | (1,983) | | (1,906) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 1,781 | | 1,490 | |
| Taxation | 13 | | 77 | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 1,794 | | 1,567 |
| Total return before distributions | | 22,354 | | (5,712) |
| Distributions | | (1,799) | | (1,567) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 20,555 | | (7,279) |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|-----------------|---------|-----------------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 348,260 | | 365,583 |
| | | | | |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 58,903 | | 21,782 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (43,684) | | (49,014) | |
| | | 15,219 | | (27,232) |
| Dilution adjustment | | 257 | | 194 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 20,555 | | (7,279) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 1,850 | | 1,512 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 386,141 | | 332,778 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 384,794 | 351,558 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 1,016 | 3,523 |
| Cash and bank balances | 1,636 | 1,707 |
| Total assets | 387,446 | 356,788 |
| | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 1,305 | 8,528 |
| Total liabilities | 1,305 | 8,528 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 386,141 | 348,260 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

Interim dividend distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|----------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.33214 | - | 0.33214 | 0.21820 |
| Group 2 | - | 0.33214 | 0.33214 | 0.21820 |
| I Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.13139 | - | 1.13139 | 0.94796 |
| Group 2 | 0.46510 | 0.66629 | 1.13139 | 0.94796 |
| K Accumulation | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.70233 | - | 0.70233 | 0.60271 |
| Group 2 | 0.39339 | 0.30894 | 0.70233 | 0.60271 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

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.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Responsible UK Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 3.26% compared to an increase of 3.92% in the benchmark, the FTSE All Share Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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 rose in the six months under review, rounding off an encouraging 2017. Initially, the stock market was buoyed by good corporate profits, resilient economic data, firmer oil prices, US tax reforms and the continued sterling weakness. Sentiment was dented towards the period end by a recovering pound, which took a toll on large caps reliant on overseas revenues, while a lack of clear leadership within the cabinet in Brexit talks caused those dependent on the domestic economy to falter as well. In economic news, fourth-quarter GDP expanded by more than expected, led by both manufacturing and services, but full-year growth was the slowest in five years. December data suggested that both the manufacturing and services sectors should continue expanding amid upbeat global growth. Inflation eased for the first time in six months, but remained above the central bank's target. While the unemployment rate was largely unchanged, wages continued to lag inflation.

Portfolio Review

At the stock level, among the key detractors was Dignity, which underperformed following an announcement that it would reset its pricing strategy to respond to greater competitive intensity. Also costing the Fund was Provident Financial, whose shares were hurt by operational issues associated with implementation of a new working model in the company's home-credit business. We divested our holding in the company during the period. Last, our underweight exposure Royal Dutch Shell proved costly as its share price recovered somewhat in line with a rebound in the oil price.

In contrast, contributing to relative return was Aveva, which benefited from news of its £3-billion deal to combine with Schneider Electric's software division, creating a global leader in engineering and industrial software. An overweight to Intertek proved beneficial, as it performed well after upbeat interim results driven by buoyant demand for testing, inspection and certification services which underpinned encouraging levels of organic growth. Also benefiting the Fund was Croda International, which performed well with its third-quarter update highlighting good growth in its personal-care division and continued high margins from its array of specialty chemicals.

In key portfolio activity, we sold Berendsen, after its good share price performance and imminent completion of the merger with Elis. We also exited Capita after a period of disappointing operational performance; and as mentioned above, Provident Financial, to recycle capital into more compelling opportunities elsewhere. Against this, we introduced Abcam, in view of its long-term prospects, robust balance sheet and strong market positions. We also initiated a holding in veterinary-pharmaceuticals business Dechra Pharmaceuticals, which is attractively positioned in the structurally-growing pet market, as consumers' propensity to spend on pet welfare rises. It also benefits from rising global protein consumption which increases demand for medicines to help industrialise the production process. We also established a position in insurer Hiscox, recognising that it is a good quality franchise backed by a healthy balance sheet and a longestablished management. Another inclusion was leading online takeaway food platform Just Eat, which enjoys solid competitive positions across several markets. Its exciting growth prospects are underpinned by a trend towards greater consumer convenience, the company's rollout of new services, and improving profitability resulting from industry consolidation. We took advantage of share price weakness to introduce leading hotel company InterContinental Hotels, which generates attractive returns, given its solid portfolio of brands, global scale and asset light strategy. Another new entrant to the portfolio was information and publishing group RELX for its mix of well-established brands, highly visible and recurring revenue streams, as well as a broad geographic spread of revenues. Last, we also initiated a position in Smart Metering Systems, an independent installer and owner of gas meters in the domestic industrial and commercial markets. We like it because it is well-positioned to capture the potential growth on offer as this new technology is rolled out.

Outlook

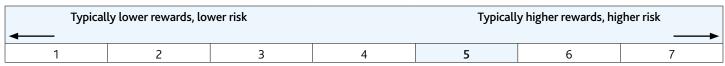
Looking ahead, the UK's economic resilience could well continue surprising investors, despite the pall of uncertainty from Brexit talks. Inflation remains a bugbear and the Bank of England's first interest rate hike in a decade may have been somewhat imprudent, with sterling weakness the real source of price pressures and not an overheating economy. However, with recent climbs in energy prices, the central bank's decision may start to look prescient in the months ahead. While we acknowledge there's still support for equity prices, namely a largely accommodative monetary policy environment and inferior yields on offer from other asset classes, valuations are nevertheless quite full. We must remain watchful. Having said that, we are still finding compelling long-term opportunities: quality businesses operating in high-growth markets that possess balance-sheet capacity and cash-flow strength, and are led by able management.

Pan European Equity Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- This Fund is ranked at 5 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

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A Accumulation Shares

Closing number of shares

Operating charges

Closing net asset value per share (pence)

Change in net asset value per share

Closing net asset value (£'000)

| ` , | | | | |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing number of shares | 10,351,552 | 10,547,422 | 10,708,195 | 11,205,510 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 181.49 | 176.06 | 153.99 | 145.23 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 3.08% | 14.33% | 6.03% | 2.72% |
| Operating charges | 1.64% | 1.64% | 1.64% | 1.65% |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| | | | | - |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 104 | 216 | 202 | 318 |
| Closing number of shares | 72,240 | 154,298 | 162,198 | 266,090 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 144.12 | 140.11 | 124.29 | 119.38 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 2.86% | 12.73% | 4.11% | 0.67% |
| Operating charges | 1.64% | 1.64% | 1.64% | 1.65% |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 6,928 | 4,677 | 3,314 | 3,019 |
| Closing number of shares | 4,420,266 | 3,087,929 | 2,520,502 | 2,452,953 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 156.73 | 151.47 | 131.50 | 123.08 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 3.47% | 15.19% | 6.84% | 3.49% |
| Operating charges | 0.89% | 0.89% | 0.89% | 0.90% |
| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 717 | 566 | 520 | 1,099 |
| | | | | |

31 July 17

18,570

421,242

134.31

12.74%

0.89%

31 July 16

16,490

436,642

119.13

4.13%

0.89%

31 January 18

18,787

| Z Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5,765 |
| Closing number of shares | 471 | 471 | 571 | 3,206,671 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 221.39 | 215.20 | 190.87 | 179.79 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 2.88% | 12.75% | 6.16% | 0.63% |
| Operating charges | 0.14% | 0.14% | 0.14% | 0.15% |

519,001

138.16

2.87%

0.89%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

31 July 15

16,274

960,788

114.40

0.65%

0.90%

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | | | Total Net |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an offici (2017: 95.54%) | al exchange listing or dealt on a | nother regulated m | arket 96.59% |
| Equities 96.59% (2017: 95.54%) | | | |
| Basic Materials 9.40% (2017: 9.22%) | | | |
| Chemicals 5.05% (2017: 4.24%) | | | |
| Croda International | 18,500 | 830 | 3.13 |
| Victrex | 20,000 | 510 | 1.92 |
| | | 1,340 | 5.05 |
| Mining 4.35% (2017: 4.98%) | | | |
| BHP Billiton | 37,500 | 586 | 2.21 |
| Rio Tinto | 14,500 | 569 | 2.14 |
| | , | 1,155 | 4.35 |
| Total Basic Materials | | 2,495 | 9.40 |
| Consumer Goods 8.95% (2017: 9.35%) | | | |
| Food Producers 1.80% (2017: 2.04%) | | | |
| Associated British Foods | 17,500 | 478 | 1.80 |
| | · | | |
| Personal Goods 7.15% (2017: 7.31%) | | | |
| PZ Cussons [∞] | 133,500 | 417 | 1.57 |
| Unilever | 37,000 | 1,481 | 5.58 |
| | | 1,898 | 7.15 |
| Total Consumer Goods | | 2,376 | 8.95 |
| | | • | |
| Consumer Services 18.59% (2017: 14.79%) | | | |
| General Retailers 5.46% (2017: 4.08%) | | | |
| Dignity [∞] | 40,700 | 333 | 1.26 |
| Inchcape | 64,500 | 467 | 1.76 |
| Just Eat | 79,500 | 649 | 2.44 |
| | | 1,449 | 5.46 |
| Media 6.29% (2017: 4.47%) | | | |
| Euromoney Institutional Investor | 47,500 | 560 | 2.11 |
| Pearson [∞] | 53,000 | 368 | 1.39 |
| RELX | 30,000 | 467 | 1.76 |
| Rightmove | 6,200 | 274 | 1.03 |
| | | 1,669 | 6.29 |

| | | | Total Net |
|---|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Committee | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security Travel 8 Leieure 6 849/ (2017: 6 249/) | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Travel & Leisure 6.84% (2017: 6.24%) | 62,000 | 010 | 2.46 |
| Compass | 62,000 | 919 | 3.46 |
| InterContinental Hotels | 13,000 | 613 | 2.31 |
| Whitbread | 7,300 | 283 1,815 | 1.07 6.84 |
| Total Consumer Services | | 4,933 | 18.59 |
| | | | |
| Financials 11.48% (2017: 13.22%) | | | |
| Banks 2.05% (2017: 3.59%) | | | |
| Standard Chartered | 66,500 | 545 | 2.05 |
| Financial Services 3.23% (2017: 5.48%) | | | |
| Close Brothers | 19,500 | 307 | 1.16 |
| Schroders (non voting) | 20,600 | 549 | 2.07 |
| | | 856 | 3.23 |
| Life Insurance 4.10% (2017: 4.15%) | | | |
| Prudential | 57,000 | 1,086 | 4.10 |
| Nonlife Insurance 2.10% (2017: nil) | | | |
| Hiscox | 39,500 | 559 | 2.10 |
| Total Financials | | 3,046 | 11.48 |
| Harlet Com 12 250/ (2017, 0 120/) | | | |
| Health Care 12.25% (2017: 8.13%) Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology 12.25% (2017: 8.13%) | | | |
| <u> </u> | Γ0 Γ00 | 621 | 2.24 |
| Abcam Active Zonese | 50,500 | 621 | 2.34 |
| AstraZeneca BTG [∞] | 13,060 | 638 599 | 2.40 |
| Dechra Pharmaceuticals | 80,500 | | 2.26 |
| Genus [®] | 25,842 10,350 | 620 250 | 2.34 0.94 |
| | | | |
| GlaxoSmithKline | 39,500 | 522 3,250 | 1.97 12.25 |
| Total Health Care | | 3,250 | 12.25 |
| | | | |
| Industrials 25.39% (2017: 30.26%) | | | |
| Electronic & Electrical Equipment 1.79% (2017: 2.44%) | | | |
| Oxford Instruments | 51,500 | 474 | 1.79 |
| General Industrials 1.78% (2017: 3.15%) | | | |
| RPC | 55,500 | 472 | 1.78 |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|----------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Industrial Engineering 9.93% (2017: 9.37%) | | | |
| Melrose Industries [∞] | 309,000 | 700 | 2.64 |
| Rotork | 217,000 | 641 | 2.42 |
| Spirax-Sarco Engineering | 13,000 | 738 | 2.77 |
| Weir | 25,188 | 556 | 2.10 |
| | | 2,635 | 9.93 |
| Industrial Transportation 1.94% (2017: 2.51%) | | | |
| BBA Aviation | 146,100 | 514 | 1.94 |
| Support Sonices 0.05% (2017: 12.70%) | | | |
| Support Services 9.95% (2017: 12.79%) Aggreko∞ | 31,000 | 250 | 0.94 |
| Aggieko Bunzl® | 26,500 | 546 | 2.06 |
| Experian | 56,000 | 909 | 3.42 |
| Intertek | 9,700 | 487 | |
| | | | 1.84 1.69 |
| Smart Metering Systems | 59,659 | 449 2,641 | 9.95 |
| Total Industrials | | 6,736 | 25.39 |
| 0:10 | | | |
| Oil & Gas 3.90% (2017: 4.71%) | | | |
| Oil & Gas Producers 2.07% (2017: 2.91%) | 22.000 | F.40 | 2.07 |
| Royal Dutch Shell 'B' | 22,000 | 549 | 2.07 |
| Oil Equipment, Services & Distribution 1.83% (2017: 1.80%) | | | |
| John Wood Group [∞] | 75,000 | 486 | 1.83 |
| Total Oil & Gas | | 1,035 | 3.90 |
| | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | |
| Technology 6.63% (2017: 5.86%) | | | |
| Software & Computer Services 6.63% (2017: 5.86%) | | | |
| Aveva | 31,500 | 940 | 3.54 |
| Sage | 109,500 | 820 | 3.09 |
| | | 1,760 | 6.63 |
| Total Technology | | 1,760 | 6.63 |
| Total Equities | | 25,631 | 96.59 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 25,631 | 96.59 |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|----------|--------------|-----------|
| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 2.89% (2017: 4.25%) | | | |
| Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Sterling Fund Z-1 [†] | 768 | 768 | 2.89 |
| | | | |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | 768 | 2.89 |
| | | | |
| Total investments | | 26,399 | 99.48 |
| Other net assets | | 138 | 0.52 |
| Total net assets | | 26,537 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.
[∞] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.
Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

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| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
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| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 2,997 | 11.35 | 11.29 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| Glencore Xstrata | 120 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| CRH | 120 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Smith & Nephew | 83 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Toronto-Dominion Bank | 77 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Deutsche Boerse | 77 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Royal Bank of Canada | 77 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Fresenius Medical Care | 77 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| DCC | 77 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| British Sky Broadcasting | 75 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Associated British Foods | 74 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Equity | 2,453 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Government Bond | 30 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 3,340 | | | |

| | | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Market value of | segregated |
| | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 3,340 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| AUD | 41 |
| CAD | 218 |
| CHF | 51 |
| EUR | 1,040 |
| GBP | 1,195 |
| JPY | 686 |
| SEK | 7 |
| USD | 102 |
| Total collateral received | 3,340 |

| Countain auties and the of SET | | Market value of securities lending £'000 | Countries of counterparty establishment | Settlement |
|---|--------------------|--|---|--------------|
| Counterparties per type of SFT Bank of Nova Scotia | | | Canada | and clearing |
| NATIXIS | | 1,383 847 | | Tri-party |
| | | | France | Tri-party |
| BNP Paribas | | 415 | France | Tri-party |
| JPM Chase | | 345 | United States | Tri-party |
| Citigroup | | 7 | United States | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | | 2,997 | | |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | <u>-</u> | | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 3 | 27 | 3,310 | 3,340 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £′000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | 2,997 | 2,997 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be recal | lled on demand | | | |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collatera | | | | |
| The rund does not engage in any re-use of condition | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 1 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent co | osts) ^A | | - | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser oper | rational costs) | | - | 0.00 |
| Total costs | | | - | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 1 | 100.00 |

^AThe unrounded direct operational costs and fees incurred for securities lending for the six months ended 31 January 2018 is £323.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 674 | | 968 |
| Revenue | 261 | | 256 | |
| Expenses | (185) | | (160) | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 76 | | 96 | |
| Taxation | (1) | | (2) | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 75 | | 94 |
| | | | | |
| Total return before distributions | | 749 | | 1,062 |
| | | | | |
| Distributions | | (75) | | (95) |
| | | | | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 674 | | 967 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janu | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|--|---------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 24,030 | | 20,527 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 2,621 | | 1,044 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (879) | | (519) | |
| | | 1,742 | | 525 |
| Dilution adjustment | | 10 | | - |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | 674 | | 967 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 81 | | 95 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 26,537 | | 22,114 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 26,399 | 23,981 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 72 | 32 |
| Cash and bank balances | 110 | 66 |
| Total assets | 26,581 | 24,079 |
| | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 40 | 39 |
| Distribution payable | 4 | 10 |
| Total liabilities | 44 | 49 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 26,537 | 24,030 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

Interim dividend distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.38890 | - | 0.38890 | 0.60318 |
| Group 2 | - | 0.38890 | 0.38890 | 0.60318 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.30949 | - | 0.30949 | 0.48683 |
| Group 2 | - | 0.30949 | 0.30949 | 0.48683 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.92073 | - | 0.92073 | 1.02561 |
| Group 2 | 0.08363 | 0.83710 | 0.92073 | 1.02561 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.81647 | - | 0.81647 | 0.92917 |
| Group 2 | 0.05895 | 0.75752 | 0.81647 | 0.92917 |
| Z Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.21632 | - | 2.21632 | 2.32378 |
| Group 2 | 2.21632 | - | 2.21632 | 2.32378 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in Sterling-denominated Debt and debt-related securities issued by the UK government, other governments, public bodies and supra-national issuers, and Investment grade corporate Debt and debt-related securities.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Investment grade and sub-Investment grade Debt and debt-related securities denominated in any currency, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Sterling Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares decreased by 0.53% compared to a decrease of 0.43% in the benchmark, the Markit iBoxx Sterling Overall Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested. GBP.

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

Investors in UK government bonds experienced something of a roller-coaster ride in the six months to 31 January. The yield on the 10-year benchmark gilt started the review period at 1.28% and touched a low of 1.02%, oscillating in a range between 1.2% and 1.4% before moving sharply higher to end January 2018 at 1.52%.

The period started with heightened geo-political tensions. The US tensions with North Korea escalated with President Trump saying any threats to the US or its allies would be met with "fire and fury". This sparked risk-off moves with 'safe' assets rising in price, while assets perceived as risky sold off. As a result, the yield of the benchmark 10-year UK gilt fell from 1.20% level to just above 1%.

In September the Bank of England came to the fore. At the September Bank of England Monetary Policy meeting, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) effectively gave the market an unconditional pledge to hike interest rates. The market reacted by pricing imminent rate hikes into the yield curve. At the close of business on the Friday before its September meeting the 10-year gilt yield stood at just below 1% and the value of sterling versus the US Dollar was \$1.32. When the market closed a week later the 10-year gilt yield was at 1.30% and the pound had appreciated to \$1.36. In November, for the first time since 2007 the Bank of England increased the official bank rate.

From a Brexit perspective, in December, a couple of months later than expected, the magic words of 'sufficient progress' were muttered by the EU 27. This has allowed negotiations to progress from phase one to the all-important discussions around transition and the final deal.

In January, global forces drove global fixed income yields higher. US Treasuries went above 2.70%, a level not seen since 2014. This, coupled with optimistic Brexit headlines and slightly better

economic data, helped drive UK government bond yields higher. The yield on the 10-year gilt at the start of the month was languishing at 1.22%, but finished 30 basis points higher at 1.52%.

Sterling corporate bonds outperformed UK government bonds over the six months to 31 January. Underlying gilt yields trended downwards from the beginning of July through to the first week of September, when hawkish rhetoric from the MPC pushed yields sharply higher. Financials led the performance tables – in particular subordinated bonds – but spreads tightened in practically all sectors. Markets have been supported by a constructive fundamental backdrop which continues to fuel strong levels of demand in a very low yield environment.

The final three months of 2017 continued in the same positive vein; benign government bond markets, loose monetary policies and improving levels of economic activity all helped create an environment which attracted investors into riskier assets. Moving into 2018, sterling investment grade credit continued to outperform UK government bonds, but the return generated by a tightening of credit spreads over gilts was entirely offset by yield moves, with the 10-year gilt yield finishing 0.30% higher over January at 1.52%.

Portfolio review

Early in the review period, sharp moves lower in UK gilt yields following risk-off periods were used to build a short duration position. We took profits following the moves higher after September's MPC meeting, and added a tactical long duration position. We thought the market moves were overdone and entered the position anticipating a short-term retracement lower in yields. The market had begun to price in the probability of two rate hikes next year after a first move from the MPC in November, and we thought this was overshooting realistic expectations.

Held over from July, the Fund continued to hold Australian government bonds. This position has performed well and subsequently we added to this trade in December. The rationale for the trade is the belief that the RBA will not join the global hiking cycle and rates will remain on hold longer than the market expects. This position was the main driver of relative performance in the final three months of 2017.

In August we bought German bunds. This position was closed in September on the back of the move in gilts on the back of the MPC. In December we added a further cross-market trade, by buying US Treasuries.

In September, we took profits on a curve steepener trade (expecting ultra-long nominal bonds to underperform relative to 30-year maturities) as the curve steepened due to weak demand for ultra-long bonds and in anticipation of a large supply of 50-year bonds early in September. In October we re-entered into the same curve steepener strategy.

Exposure to the New Zealand dollar was also added after a depreciation of its currency post the unexpected result in the election, a move we felt was overdone. The Fund's other currency position – into US dollars – was a drag on performance and was closed near the end of the January. The market's slightly more optimistic view on Brexit led to sterling strength against a continued weak US dollar.

Performance within the corporate bond element of the portfolio was positive. Housing association exposure was added to in August with Circle Anglia; this area of the market offers good quality bonds of a defensive nature. An overweight in the lower parts of the financial capital structure also boosted relative performance. At the end of August fund duration was reduced, and further reduced to neutral in September after the Bank of England indicated a number of interest rate hikes in the coming months.

From October through to December, bonds issued by banks and insurers had a positive impact on returns. Although low interest rates have a modestly negative impact on both sectors, the economic and regulatory conditions in which they operate continued to render them attractive. The banking sector continues to benefit from improving fundamentals as earnings slowly improve, as balance sheets shrink and as new and better quality capital is raised. Bonds issued by insurance companies have benefited from a stronger regulatory regime and from improving financial markets. Some bonds were sold in the financial sectors following a period of strong performance. Noteworthy sales included those of bonds issued by Rabobank and Barclays. Purchases of new issues from Segro, Liberty Living and Severn Trent were notable.

Moving into 2018, asset allocation made a positive contribution. Upper Tier 2 banks and sovereign (non-gilt) bonds delivered most of the benefit, notably ANZ. Residential mortgage-backed securities added performance, with their floating rate nature offsetting the rise in yields. Dignity Finance underperformed after a second profits warning. Standard & Poor's put the bonds on review towards month end, and they may be moved to sub-investment grade. Given the business's cash flows, we will continue to hold for the time being.

Outlook

The two clear themes for the last six months should continue to be key drivers going into 2018. The Brexit negotiations and the impact on the UK economic and political landscape will continue to dominate for the foreseeable future. Going forward into March, we wait to see if the UK can agree a transition agreement with the EU. Further into the year, we wait to see what type of Brexit the UK government looks to pursue. With regards to monetary policy, following the dovish hike in November, the market waits to see what message the Bank of England will send out with its Quarterly Inflation Report in February. The key data point for the Bank of England is to see growth in wages and subsequently supply-side generated inflation.

We continue to reduce the overall level of credit risk in the Fund with a move tighter in broad spreads. We have reduced our holdings in subordinated insurance and energy, reflecting the strong year-to-date performance. Duration exposure has also been reduced to benchmark levels.

Pan Euro Macro Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- · This Fund is ranked at 4 because funds of this type have experienced average 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

| Comparative tables | | | | |
|---|---------------|-------------------------|------------|------------|
| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (\pounds '000) | 6,725 | 8,307 | 10,084 | 69 |
| Closing number of shares | 4,349,611 | 5,337,812 | 6,372,311 | 47,680 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 154.62 | 155.63 | 158.24 | 143.63 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.65%) | (1.65%) | 10.17% | - |
| Operating charges | 1.14% | 1.14% | 1.15% | 1.13% |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 4,253 | 4,898 | 5,932 | 23 |
| Closing number of shares | 3,587,884 | 4,089,984 | 4,811,384 | 20,513 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 118.53 | 119.77 | 123.30 | 112.74 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.04%) | (2.86%) | 9.37% | - |
| Operating charges | 1.14% | 1.14% | 1.15% | 1.13% |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 948 | 964 | 1,503 | 117 |
| Closing number of shares | 780,331 | 790,931 | 1,217,731 | 105,120 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 121.47 | 121.95 | 123.38 | 111.57 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.39%) | (1.16%) | 10.59% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.64% | 0.64% | 0.65% | 0.63% |
| Operating charges | 0.0470 | 0.0470 | 0.0370 | 0.0370 |
| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 54 | 231 | 57 | 46 |
| Closing number of shares | 47,522 | 201,522 | 48,222 | 42,891 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 113.54 | 114.74 | 118.13 | 108.01 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.05%) | (2.87%) | 9.37% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.64% | 0.64% | 0.65% | 0.63% |
| K Accumulation Shares ^A | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 4,198 | 4,004 | 3,304 | |
| Closing number of shares | 3,973,915 | 3,777,815 | 3,085,315 | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 105.65 | 105.99 | 107.08 | |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.32%) | (1.02%) | - | |
| Operating charges | 0.49% | 0.49% | 0.50% | |
| L Accumulation Shares ^B | 31 January 18 | 21 July 17 | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 966 | 31 July 17 28 | | |
| Closing number of shares | 998,600 | 28,400 | | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 96.74 | 97.07 | | |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.34%) | 57.07 | | |
| Operating charges | 0.54% | 0.54% | | |
| | | | | |
| L Income Shares ^c | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 19 | 197 | | |
| Closing number of shares | 19,600 | 205,900 | | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 94.52 | 95.51 | | |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.04%) | _ | | |
| Operating charges | 0.54% | 0.54% | | |

| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 137,373 | 117,820 | 143,261 | 97,291 |
| Closing number of shares | 79,298,548 | 67,910,949 | 82,052,848 | 61,882,330 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 173.24 | 173.49 | 174.60 | 157.22 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.14%) | (0.64%) | 11.05% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.14% | 0.14% | 0.15% | 0.13% |

| Z Income Shares ^D | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1 | 1 | 34,691 |
| Closing number of shares | 946 | 946 | 32,464,646 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 100.03 | 101.09 | 106.86 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.05%) | (5.40%) | - |
| Operating charges | 0.14% | 0.14% | 0.15% |

Fund launched on 17 July 2015.

AK Accumulation share class launched on 13 May 2016.

LAccumulation share class launched on 30 September 2016.
LIncome share class launched on 30 September 2016.

ZIncome share class launched on 13 May 2016.

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | | | | | Total Net |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Societies | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security Transferable securities and money market instrument | | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 nother regulated m | % narket 94 04% |
| (2017: 94.18%) | 3 darrilled to all offic | int exchange tisti | ing or deatt on a | mother regulated in | Idi KCt 54.0470 |
| Bonds 94.04% (2017: 94.18%) | | | | | |
| Asset Backed Bonds / Mortgage Backed Bonds 0.32% | (2017: 0.17%) | | | | |
| United Kingdom 0.32% (2017: 0.17%) | | | | | |
| London Wall Mortgage Capital | FRN | 15/11/49 | 199,976 | 200 | 0.13 |
| PCL Funding III | FRN | 15/06/23 | 186,000 | 187 | 0.12 |
| Together Asset Backed Securitisation 1 | FRN | 12/03/49 | 108,601 | 109 | 0.07 |
| | | | | 496 | 0.32 |
| Total Asset Backed Bonds / Mortgage Backed Bonds | | | | 496 | 0.32 |
| Corporate Bonds 25.80% (2017: 25.38%) | | | | | |
| Australia 0.86% (2017: 0.84%) | | | | | |
| APT Pipelines (EMTN) | 3.5000 | 22/03/30 | 350,000 | 364 | 0.24 |
| Commonwealth Bank of Australia (EMTN) | 1.1250 | 22/12/21 | 205,000 | 203 | 0.13 |
| QBE Insurance | VAR | 24/05/42 | 112,000 | 127 | 0.08 |
| Scentre Group Trust 1 Trust 2 (EMTN) | 2.3750 | 08/04/22 | 300,000 | 308 | 0.20 |
| Vicinity Centres (EMTN) | 3.3750 | 07/04/26 | 120,000 | 127 | 0.08 |
| Westpac Banking (EMTN) | 1.0000 | 30/06/22 | 200,000 | 196 | 0.13 |
| | | | | 1,325 | 0.86 |
| C I. 0 000/ (2017!) | | | | | |
| Canada 0.06% (2017: nil) Bank of Nova Scotia (EMTN) | 1.2500 | 08/06/22 | 100,000 | 99 | 0.06 |
| Dalik Ol 140Va SCOLIa (LI*1114) | 1.2300 | 00/00/22 | 100,000 | | 0.00 |
| Denmark 0.09% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| DONG Energy (EMTN) | 5.7500 | 09/04/40 | 100,000 | 145 | 0.09 |
| France 1.65% (2017: 1.66%) | | | | | |
| AXA (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 200,000 | 247 | 0.16 |
| AXA (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 130,000 | 150 | 0.10 |
| Cie de Saint-Gobain (EMTN) | 4.6250 | 09/10/29 | 200,000 | 236 | 0.15 |
| CNP Assurances | 4.0230 VAR | 30/09/41 | 100,000 | 119 | 0.13 |
| Electricite de France (EMTN) | 6.1250 | 02/06/34 | 400,000 | 546 | 0.35 |
| Electricite de France (EMTN) | 5.5000 | 17/10/41 | 400,000 | 523 | 0.33 |
| Electricite de France (EMTN) | 5.1250 | 22/09/50 | 150,000 | 193 | 0.12 |
| Engle (EMTN) | 5.0000 | 01/10/60 | 100,000 | 158 | 0.12 |
| Orange (EMTN) | 5.3750 | 22/11/50 | 150,000 | 214 | 0.10 |
| Total Capital International (EMTN) | 1.2500 | 16/12/24 | 170,000 | 165 | 0.14 |
| | 1.2300 | . 0, 12, 2 1 | 0,000 | 2,551 | 1.65 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|------------|----------|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Germany 0.57% (2017: 0.59%) | | | | | |
| E.ON International Finance (EMTN) | 6.7500 | 27/01/39 | 250,000 | 391 | 0.25 |
| innogy Finance (EMTN) | 6.1250 | 06/07/39 | 250,000 | 366 | 0.24 |
| Volkswagen Financial Services (EMTN) | 2.2500 | 12/04/25 | 123,000 | 123 880 | 0.08 0.57 |
| Ireland nil (2017: 0.29%) | | | | | |
| Italy 0.61% (2017: 0.40%) | | | | | |
| Assicurazioni Generali | VAR | PERP | 50,000 | 58 | 0.04 |
| Atlantia (EMTN) | 6.2500 | 09/06/22 | 53,000 | 63 | 0.04 |
| Enel (EMTN) | 5.7500 | 22/06/37 | 300,000 | 406 | 0.26 |
| Enel Finance International (EMTN) | 5.6250 | 14/08/24 | 350,000 | 421 | 0.27 |
| | | | | 948 | 0.61 |
| Netherlands 0.34% (2017: 0.30%) | | | | | |
| ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN) | 1.3750 | 07/06/22 | 100,000 | 99 | 0.06 |
| Rabobank Nederland | VAR | PERP | 100,000 | 148 | 0.10 |
| Rabobank Nederland (EMTN) | 4.6250 | 23/05/29 | 240,000 | 280 | 0.18 |
| | | | | 527 | 0.34 |
| New Zealand 0.36% (2017: 0.42%) | | | | | |
| Chorus (EMTN) | 6.7500 | 06/04/20 | 500,000 | 553 | 0.36 |
| Norway 0.14% (2017: 0.17%) | | | | | |
| Statoil (EMTN) | 6.8750 | 11/03/31 | 150,000 | 222 | 0.14 |
| Spain 0.13% (2017: 0.15%) | | | | | |
| Telefonica Emisiones (EMTN) | 5.3750 | 02/02/18 | 205,000 | 205 | 0.13 |
| Supranational 1.29% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Council of Europe Development Bank (EMTN) | 0.6250 | 15/06/22 | 300,000 | 292 | 0.19 |
| European Investment Bank (EMTN) | 2.2500 | 07/03/20 | 1,500,000 | 1,542 | 0.99 |
| European Investment Bank (EMTN) | 4.6250 | 12/10/54 | 100,000 | 166 | 0.11 |
| | | | | 2,000 | 1.29 |
| Sweden nil (2017: 0.15%) | | | | | |
| Switzerland 0.22% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Credit Suisse | VAR | 12/09/25 | 200,000 | 198 | 0.13 |
| UBS London | 2.4500 | 01/12/20 | 200,000 | 139 | 0.09 |
| | | | | 337 | 0.22 |

| Cogneity | Coupon (9/) | Maturity | Nominal/ | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|---|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Security United Arab Emirates 0.20% (2017: nil) | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £ 000 | 70 |
| IPIC GMTN (EMTN) | 6.8750 | 14/03/26 | 230,000 | 307 | 0.20 |
| inte di miv (El miv) | 0.07.50 | 1 1, 03, 20 | 230,000 | 307 | 0.20 |
| United Kingdom 16.57% (2017: 17.59%) | | | | | |
| Abbey National Treasury Services (EMTN) | 3.8750 | 15/10/29 | 350,000 | 402 | 0.26 |
| Anglian Water Services Financing (EMTN) | 6.2930 | 30/07/30 | 60,000 | 83 | 0.05 |
| Annington Funding (EMTN) | 3.9350 | 12/07/47 | 240,000 | 261 | 0.17 |
| Aspire Defence Finance | 4.6740 | 31/03/40 | 187,726 | 230 | 0.15 |
| Aspire Defence Finance | 4.6740 | 31/03/40 | 187,726 | 230 | 0.15 |
| Aviva (EMTN) | VAR | 04/06/50 | 200,000 | 224 | 0.14 |
| Aviva | VAR | PERP | 360,000 | 414 | 0.27 |
| Barclays Bank (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 130,000 | 138 | 0.09 |
| Barclays (EMTN) | VAR | 06/10/23 | 350,000 | 352 | 0.23 |
| Barclays (EMTN) | 3.2500 | 17/01/33 | 285,000 | 282 | 0.18 |
| BAT International Finance (EMTN) | 4.0000 | 04/09/26 | 390,000 | 434 | 0.28 |
| BAT International Finance (EMTN) | 2.2500 | 09/09/52 | 200,000 | 164 | 0.11 |
| BG Energy Capital (EMTN) | 5.0000 | 04/11/36 | 100,000 | 134 | 0.09 |
| BP Capital Markets (EMTN) | 2.0300 | 14/02/25 | 500,000 | 503 | 0.33 |
| British Land (EMTN) [∞] | 2.3750 | 14/09/29 | 123,000 | 118 | 0.08 |
| BUPA Finance | 5.0000 | 08/12/26 | 100,000 | 116 | 0.07 |
| BUPA Finance | 2.0000 | 05/04/24 | 100,000 | 100 | 0.06 |
| Cadent Finance (EMTN) | 2.6250 | 22/09/38 | 250,000 | 238 | 0.15 |
| Canary Wharf Finance II | 6.4550 | 22/04/30 | 213,413 | 271 | 0.18 |
| Centrica (EMTN) | 6.3750 | 10/03/22 | 70,000 | 83 | 0.05 |
| Circle Anglia Social Housing | VAR | 30/06/50 12/11/38 | 100,000 | 99 | 0.06 |
| Circle Anglia Social Housing Daily Mail & General Trust | 7.2500 6.3750 | 21/06/27 | 150,000 200,000 | 250 231 | 0.16 0.15 |
| Dignity Finance | 4.6956 | 31/12/49 | 251,000 | 285 | 0.13 |
| DS Smith (EMTN) | 2.8750 | 26/07/29 | 100,000 | 98 | 0.16 |
| Dwr Cymru Finance | 6.9070 | 31/03/21 | 900,000 | 1,055 | 0.69 |
| Dwr Cymru Financing (EMTN) | 2.5000 | 31/03/21 | 100,000 | 99 | 0.05 |
| Eastern Power Networks (EMTN) [∞] | 6.2500 | 12/11/36 | 240,000 | 355 | 0.23 |
| Eversholt Funding (EMTN) | 3.5290 | 07/08/42 | 100,000 | 100 | 0.06 |
| Firstgroup | 8.7500 | 08/04/21 | 100,000 | 121 | 0.08 |
| Gatwick Funding (EMTN) | 2.6250 | 07/10/46 | 200,000 | 181 | 0.12 |
| Gatwick Funding (EMTN) | 6.5000 | 02/03/41 | 100,000 | 155 | 0.10 |
| GlaxoSmithKline Capital (EMTN) | 5.2500 | 10/04/42 | 80,000 | 114 | 0.07 |
| Great Rolling Stock (EMTN) | 6.5000 | 05/04/31 | 273,000 | 347 | 0.22 |
| Greene King Finance (EMTN) | FRN | 15/12/33 | 42,621 | 43 | 0.03 |
| Greene King Finance (SINK) | 4.0643 | 15/03/35 | 93,617 | 101 | 0.07 |
| HBOS Capital Funding | VAR | PERP | 133,000 | 138 | 0.09 |
| Heathrow Funding (EMTN) | 4.6250 | 31/10/46 | 350,000 | 449 | 0.29 |
| Heathrow Funding (EMTN) | 7.1250 | 14/02/24 | 350,000 | 438 | 0.28 |
| HSBC Bank Capital Funding Sterling 2 | VAR | PERP | 129,000 | 139 | 0.09 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|------------|-----------|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| HSBC (EMTN) | VAR | 13/11/26 | 535,000 | 530 | 0.34 |
| HSBC (EMTN)∞ | 7.0000 | 07/04/38 | 250,000 | 378 | 0.24 |
| HSBC (EMTN) | 6.0000 | 29/03/40 | 150,000 | 208 | 0.13 |
| Imperial Tobacco Finance (EMTN) | 5.5000 | 28/09/26 | 200,000 | 244 | 0.16 |
| InterContinental Hotels (EMTN) | 3.7500 | 14/08/25 | 400,000 | 431 | 0.28 |
| Intu Metrocentre Finance | 4.1250 | 06/12/23 | 100,000 | 109 | 0.07 |
| Jaguar Land Rover Automotive | 5.0000 | 15/02/22 | 100,000 | 109 | 0.07 |
| LCR Finance | 5.1000 | 07/03/51 | 70,000 | 119 | 0.08 |
| Lloyds Bank (EMTN) | 7.6250 | 22/04/25 | 341,000 | 451 | 0.29 |
| Lloyds Bank (EMTN) | VAR | 09/07/25 | 214,000 | 234 | 0.15 |
| Lloyds Banking | VAR | PERP | 312,000 | 329 | 0.21 |
| Manchester Airport Group Funding (EMTN) | 4.7500 | 31/03/34 | 200,000 | 249 | 0.16 |
| Marks & Spencer (EMTN) | 4.7500 | 12/06/25 | 110,000 | 123 | 0.08 |
| Motability Operations (EMTN) | 4.3750 | 08/02/27 | 300,000 | 352 | 0.23 |
| Motability Operations (EMTN) | 5.6250 | 29/11/30 | 100,000 | 135 | 0.09 |
| Motability Operations (EMTN) | 3.6250 | 10/03/36 | 100,000 | 113 | 0.07 |
| National Grid Electricity Transmission (EMTN) | 4.0000 | 08/06/27 | 500,000 | 567 | 0.38 |
| National Grid Gas Finance (EMTN) | 2.7500 | 22/09/46 | 250,000 | 238 | 0.15 |
| National Westminster Bank | 6.5000 | 07/09/21 | 200,000 | 231 | 0.15 |
| Nationwide Building Society (EMTN) | 5.6250 | 09/09/19 | 175,000 | 188 | 0.12 |
| NIE Finance | 6.3750 | 02/06/26 | 200,000 | 260 | 0.17 |
| Northumbrian Water Finance | 5.1250 | 23/01/42 | 100,000 | 136 | 0.09 |
| Notting Hill Housing Trust | 4.3750 | 20/02/54 | 200,000 | 252 | 0.16 |
| Notting Hill Housing Trust | 3.2500 | 12/10/48 | 100,000 | 100 | 0.06 |
| Orbit Capital | 3.5000 | 24/03/45 | 200,000 | 211 | 0.14 |
| Paragon | VAR | 09/09/26 | 241,000 | 262 | 0.17 |
| Paragon Treasury | 3.6250 | 21/01/47 | 200,000 | 217 | 0.14 |
| PGH Capital | 6.6250 | 18/12/25 | 100,000 | 120 | 0.08 |
| Porterbrook Rail Finance (EMTN) | 5.5000 | 20/04/19 | 200,000 | 210 | 0.14 |
| Premiertel | 6.1750 | 08/05/32 | 147,950 | 163 | 0.11 |
| Principality Building Society (EMTN) | 2.3750 | 23/11/23 | 170,000 | 169 | 0.11 |
| Prudential (EMTN) | VAR | 20/07/55 | 200,000 | 226 | 0.15 |
| Rio Tinto Finance (EMTN) | 4.0000 | 11/12/29 | 50,000 | 58 | 0.04 |
| Rl Finance Bonds No 3 | 6.1250 | 13/11/28 | 150,000 | 179 | 0.12 |
| RSA Insurance | VAR | 10/10/45 | 205,000 | 234 | 0.15 |
| Santander UK (EMTN) | 3.6250 | 14/01/26 | 164,000 | 177 | 0.11 |
| Santander UK (EMTN) | VAR | 30/10/23 | 100,000 | 106 | 0.07 |
| Scotland Gas Networks (EMTN) | 4.8750 | 21/12/34 | 120,000 | 153 | 0.10 |
| Scottish Widows | 5.5000 | 16/06/23 | 100,000 | 114 | 0.07 |
| Segro | 5.7500 | 20/06/35 | 150,000 | 209 | 0.14 |
| Segro | 2.8750 | 11/10/37 | 156,000 | 155 | 0.10 |
| Severn Trent Utilities Finance (EMTN) | 1.6250 | 04/12/22 | 243,000 | 242 | 0.16 |
| Severn Trent Utilities Finance (EMTN) | 4.8750 | 24/01/42 | 100,000 | 132 | 0.10 |
| seven ment outlines (minute (Li 1114) | 7.07.50 | L 1/01/7L | 100,000 | 132 | 0.03 |

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| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Southern Electric Power Distribution | 4.6250 | 20/02/37 | 200,000 | 251 | 0.16 |
| Southern Gas Networks (EMTN) | 5.1250 | 02/11/18 | 620,000 | 639 | 0.42 |
| Southern Gas Networks (EMTN) | 2.5000 | 03/02/25 | 200,000 | 204 | 0.13 |
| Southern Water Services Finance (EMTN) | 5.0000 | 31/03/21 | 400,000 | 443 | 0.29 |
| Stagecoach | 4.0000 | 29/09/25 | 260,000 | 279 | 0.18 |
| Standard Chartered (EMTN) [∞] | 5.1250 | 06/06/34 | 220,000 | 247 | 0.16 |
| Standard Chartered (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 170,000 | 203 | 0.13 |
| Standard Life Aberdeen [†] | VAR | PERP | 104,000 | 132 | 0.09 |
| Standard Life Aberdeen (EMTN) [†] | VAR | 04/12/42 | 230,000 | 260 | 0.17 |
| Tesco Property Finance 1 | 7.6227 | 13/07/39 | 98,752 | 133 | 0.09 |
| Thames Water Utilities Cayman Finance | 3.5000 | 25/02/28 | 200,000 | 214 | 0.14 |
| Thames Water Utilities Cayman Finance (EMTN) | 2.8750 | 03/05/27 | 120,000 | 117 | 0.08 |
| Thames Water Utilities Cayman Finance (EMTN) | 2.6250 | 24/01/32 | 100,000 | 97 | 0.06 |
| Thames Water Utilities Financial (EMTN) | 5.1250 | 28/09/37 | 200,000 | 261 | 0.17 |
| THFC Funding No 3 (EMTN) | 5.2000 | 11/10/43 | 300,000 | 407 | 0.26 |
| Trafford Centre Finance | 7.0300 | 28/01/29 | 82,567 | 103 | 0.07 |
| Transport for London (EMTN) | 3.8750 | 23/07/42 | 220,000 | 275 | 0.18 |
| Tritax Big Box (EMTN) (REIT) | 3.1250 | 14/12/31 | 100,000 | 100 | 0.06 |
| UPP (EMTN) | 4.9023 | 28/02/40 | 191,505 | 231 | 0.15 |
| Virgin Media Secured Finance | 5.0000 | 15/04/27 | 200,000 | 204 | 0.13 |
| Vodafone (EMTN) | 5.9000 | 26/11/32 | 120,000 | 157 | 0.10 |
| Wessex Water Services Finance (EMTN) | 4.0000 | 24/09/21 | 357,000 | 388 | 0.25 |
| Western Power Distribution South Wales | 5.7500 | 23/03/40 | 100,000 | 143 | 0.09 |
| Western Power Distribution South West | 5.7500 | 23/03/40 | 100,000 | 143 | 0.09 |
| Western Power Distribution South West | 5.8750 | 25/03/27 | 100,000 | 127 | 0.08 |
| Western Power Distribution West Midlands (EMTN) | 3.8750 | 17/10/24 | 330,000 | 364 | 0.24 |
| WM Treasury 2 | 3.2500 | 20/10/48 | 100,000 | 100 | 0.06 |
| Yorkshire Building Society (EMTN) | 3.5000 | 21/04/26 | 180,000 | 195 | 0.13 |
| Yorkshire Water Services Bradford Finance (EMTN) | 6.0000 | 21/08/19 | 90,000 | 97 | 0.06 |
| | | | | 25,586 | 16.57 |
| United States 2 710/ (2017, 2 020/) | | | | | |
| United States 2.71% (2017: 2.82%) American International (EMTN) | 5.0000 | 26/04/23 | 100,000 | 114 | 0.07 |
| American international (EPTTV) | 4.0000 | 13/09/29 | 130,000 | 147 | 0.07 |
| AT&T | 4.8750 | 01/06/44 | 370,000 | 439 | 0.10 |
| AT&T (EMTN) | 7.0000 | 30/04/40 | 150,000 | 224 | 0.28 |
| Bank of America (EMTN) | 2.3000 | 25/07/25 | 300,000 | 302 | 0.14 |
| Brown-Forman | 2.6000 | 07/07/28 | 100,000 | 101 | 0.20 |
| Citigroup (EMTN) | 5.1500 | 21/05/26 | 287,000 | 346 | 0.07 |
| Citigroup (EMTN) | 6.2500 | 02/09/19 | 139,000 | 150 | 0.22 |
| Citigroup (EMTN) | 7.3750 | 02/09/19 | 70,000 | 118 | 0.10 |
| GE Capital UK Funding (EMTN) | 4.3750 | 31/07/19 | 74,000 | 77 | 0.05 |
| General Motors Financial (EMTN) | 2.2500 | 06/09/24 | 341,000 | 337 | 0.03 |
| Metropolitan Life Global Funding I (EMTN) | 1.1250 | 15/12/21 | 200,000 | 197 | 0.22 |
| metropolitan the Global Funding I (EMITIA) | 1.1230 | 13/14/41 | 200,000 | 191 | 0.13 |

| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|--|------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Morgan Stanley | 2.6250 | 09/03/27 | 200,000 | 201 | 0.13 |
| Northern Powergrid Yorks | 4.3750 | 05/07/32 | 250,000 | 300 | 0.19 |
| Time Warner Cable | 5.7500 | 02/06/31 | 50,000 | 59 | 0.04 |
| United Parcel Service | 5.1250 | 12/02/50 | 100,000 | 152 | 0.10 |
| Verizon Communications | 3.3750 | 27/10/36 | 100,000 | 101 | 0.07 |
| Wal-Mart Stores | 5.6250 | 27/03/34 | 220,000 | 313 | 0.20 |
| Wells Fargo (EMTN) | 4.8750 | 29/11/35 | 100,000 | 126 | 0.08 |
| Welltower | 4.8000 | 20/11/28 | 322,000 | 374 | 0.24 |
| | | | , | 4,178 | 2.71 |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 39,863 | 25.80 |
| Government Bonds 67.92% (2017: 68.63%) | | | | | |
| Australia 8.91% (2017: 6.96%) | | | | | |
| Australia (Commonwealth of) | 2.7500 | 21/11/27 | 19,321,000 | 10,954 | 7.09 |
| Australia (Commonwealth of) | 3.7500 | 21/04/37 | 4,582,000 | 2,814 | 1.82 |
| | | | | 13,768 | 8.91 |
| Germany 2.44% (2017: 5.21%) | | | | | |
| Germany (Federal Republic of) (INDX) | 0.5000 | 15/04/30 | 2,946,000 | 3,011 | 1.94 |
| Germany (Federal Republic of) (INDX) | 0.1000 | 15/04/26 | 787,000 | 766 | 0.50 |
| | | | | 3,777 | 2.44 |
| Italy nil (2017: 0.18%) | | | | | |
| Mexico 0.07% (2017: 0.08%) | | | | | |
| Mexico (Government of) (EMTN) | 5.6250 | 19/03/14 | 100,000 | 109 | 0.07 |
| New Zealand 1.25% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| New Zealand (Government of) | 5.0000 | 15/03/19 | 3,581,000 | 1,929 | 1.25 |
| United Kingdom 55.25% (2017: 53.78%) | | | | | |
| UK Treasury | 1.5000 | 22/07/47 | 13,081,000 | 11,838 | 7.65 |
| UK Treasury | 4.5000 | 07/09/34 | 5,339,000 | 7,389 | 4.78 |
| UK Treasury | 4.0000 | 07/03/34 | 5,861,000 | 6,590 | 4.26 |
| UK Treasury | 3.5000 | 22/01/45 | 4,312,000 | 5,705 | 3.69 |
| UK Treasury | 1.7500 | 07/09/22 | 5,227,000 | 5,404 | 3.50 |
| UK Treasury | 3.7500 | 07/09/21 | 4,513,000 | 4,974 | 3.22 |
| UK Treasury | 4.2500 | 07/12/46 | 2,991,000 | 4,513 | 2.92 |
| UK Treasury [∞] | 2.0000 | 22/07/20 | 4,191,000 | 4,320 | 2.80 |
| UK Treasury | 5.0000 | 07/03/18 | 3,669,000 | 3,686 | 2.38 |
| UK Treasury | 1.7500 | 22/07/19 | 2,884,000 | 2,931 | 1.90 |
| UK Treasury | 4.7500 | 07/12/38 | 1,903,000 | 2,837 | 1.84 |
| UK Treasury | 4.0000 | 22/01/60 | 1,689,000 | 2,817 | 1.82 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % | | |
| UK Treasury | 4.7500 | 07/12/30 | 1,732,000 | 2,347 | 1.52 | | |
| UK Treasury | 3.7500 | 07/09/19 | 2,187,000 | 2,295 | 1.48 | | |
| UK Treasury | 3.7500 | 22/07/52 | 1,362,000 | 2,022 | 1.31 | | |
| UK Treasury | 8.0000 | 07/06/21 | 1,546,000 | 1,911 | 1.24 | | |
| UK Treasury | 4.5000 | 07/12/42 | 1,125,000 | 1,692 | 1.09 | | |
| UK Treasury | 4.2500 | 07/12/27 | 1,227,000 | 1,536 | 0.99 | | |
| UK Treasury | 1.5000 | 22/01/21 | 1,391,000 | 1,419 | 0.92 | | |
| UK Treasury | 3.5000 | 22/07/68 | 826,000 | 1,323 | 0.86 | | |
| UK Treasury | 3.2500 | 22/01/44 | 1,039,000 | 1,312 | 0.85 | | |
| UK Treasury | 1.7500 | 22/07/57 | 1,101,000 | 1,094 | 0.71 | | |
| UK Treasury | 4.5000 | 07/03/19 | 932,000 | 972 | 0.63 | | |
| UK Treasury | 1.2500 | 22/07/27 | 984,000 | 961 | 0.62 | | |
| UK Treasury | 4.7500 | 07/03/20 | 850,000 | 922 | 0.60 | | |
| UK Treasury | 4.2500 | 07/12/40 | 634,000 | 905 | 0.59 | | |
| UK Treasury | 3.7500 | 07/09/20 | 680,000 | 732 | 0.47 | | |
| UK Treasury | 1.5000 | 22/07/26 | 642,000 | 648 | 0.42 | | |
| UK Treasury | 2.5000 | 22/07/65 | 211,000 | 265 | 0.17 | | |
| UK Treasury | 4.2500 | 07/03/36 | 21,000 | 29 | 0.02 | | |
| | | | | 85,389 | 55.25 | | |
| United States nil (2017: 2.42%) | | | | | | | |
| Total Government Bonds | | | | 104,972 | 67.92 | | |
| Total Bonds | | | | 145,331 | 94.04 | | |
| Total Transferable securities and money market exchange listing or dealt on another regulated n | | nn official | | 145,331 | 94.04 | | |
| Other transferable securities and money market instruments 1.12% (2017: 0.85%) Bonds 1.12% (2017: 0.85%) | | | | | | | |
| Asset Backed Bonds / Mortgage Backed Bonds 0 | .01% (2017: 0.61%) | | | | | | |
| United Kingdom 0.01% (2017: 0.61%) | | | | | | | |
| Gemgarto 2015-1 | FRN | 16/02/47 | 13,549 | 14 | 0.01 | | |
| Total Asset Backed Bonds / Mortgage Backed Bo | onds | | | 14 | 0.01 | | |
| Company Day 1-4 440/ (2047, 2.249) | | | | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds 1.11% (2017: 0.24%) | | | | | | | |
| Supranational 0.26% (2017: nil) | F 2752 | 07/06/24 | 250.000 | 200 | 0.00 | | |
| European Investment Bank | 5.3750 | 07/06/21 | 350,000 | 399 | 0.26 | | |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|-------------|----------|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | Assets % |
| United Kingdom 0.48% (2017: 0.16%) | () | | | | |
| HBOS Sterling Finance Jersey | VAR | PERP | 100,000 | 151 | 0.10 |
| Porterbrook Rail Finance (EMTN) | 4.6250 | 04/04/29 | 180,000 | 208 | 0.13 |
| White City Property Finance | 5.1202 | 17/04/35 | 319,020 | 392 | 0.25 |
| | | | | 751 | 0.48 |
| | | | | | |
| United States 0.37% (2017: 0.08%) | | | | | |
| Citigroup (EMTN) | 7.6250 | 03/04/18 | 207,000 | 209 | 0.14 |
| Fidelity National Information Services | 1.7000 | 30/06/22 | 360,000 | 358 | 0.23 |
| | | | | 567 | 0.37 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 1,717 | 1.11 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Bonds | | | | 1,731 | 1.12 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Other transferable securities and money market | instruments | | | 1,731 | 1.12 |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 2.93% (2017: 3.18%) | | | | | |
| |) † | | F07 F33 | 4.512 | 2.02 |
| Aberdeen Global – European Convertibles Bond Fund Z-2 | <u>'</u> | | 507,523 | 4,512 | 2.92 |
| Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Sterling Fund Z-1 [†] | | | 12 | 12 | 0.01 |
| | | | | 4,524 | 2.93 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | | | 4,524 | 2.93 |

Derivatives (0.07%) (2017: (0.17%))

Forward currency exchange contracts (0.07%) (2017: (0.17%))

| | | | | | | Unrealised | Total Net |
|---|------------|----------|------------|------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|
| | | | | | | Gains/(Losses) | Assets |
| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | £'000 | % |
| Citigroup | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 148,257 | 200,000 | 8 | 0.01 |
| HSBC | GBP | AUD | 06/03/18 | 10,800,265 | 19,232,000 | (137) | (0.10) |
| HSBC | GBP | AUD | 06/03/18 | 2,867,350 | 5,136,000 | (54) | (0.03) |
| Royal Bank of Canada | AUD | GBP | 06/03/18 | 105,000 | 59,439 | - | - |
| State Street | GBP | EUR | 06/03/18 | 8,338,034 | 9,417,000 | 82 | 0.05 |
| Unrealised losses on forward curren | cy exchang | e contra | cts | | | (101) | (0.07) |
| | | | | | | | |
| Unrealised losses on derivatives | | | | | | (101) | (0.07) |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total investments [≠] | | | | | | 151,485 | 98.02 |
| Other net assets | | | | | | 3,052 | 1.98 |
| Total net assets | | | | | | 154,537 | 100.00 |
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 $^{^{\}scriptscriptstyle \dagger}$ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

^{*}A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.
Including derivative liabilities.

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs Market value of securities on loan Market value of collateral received Collateral issuers £'000 Type Quality UK Treasury 5,424 Government Bond Investment grade Total collateral received | Custodian BNP Paribas portion held in segregated accounts % 100.00 |
|--|---|
| Market value of securities on loan Market value of collateral received Collateral issuers £'000 Type Quality UK Treasury 5,424 Government Bond Investment grade Total collateral received 5,424 Prop Market value of collateral held Collateral held per custodian £'000 | Custodian BNP Paribas portion held in segregated accounts % |
| Market value of collateral received Collateral issuers £'000 Type Quality UK Treasury 5,424 Government Bond Investment grade 5,424 Prop Market value of collateral held Collateral held per custodian £'000 | Custodian BNP Paribas portion held in segregated accounts % |
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| UK Treasury 5,424 Government Bond Investment grade Total collateral received 5,424 Prop Market value of collateral held Prop Collater | portion held in segregated accounts |
| Total collateral received 5,424 Prop Market value of collateral held Collateral held per custodian £'000 | portion held in segregated accounts % |
| Prop Market value of collateral held Collateral held per custodian £'000 | segregated accounts |
| Market value of collateral held Collateral held per custodian £'000 | segregated accounts |
| Market value of collateral held Collateral held per custodian £'000 | segregated accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian £'000 | accounts % |
| | |
| BNP Paribas 5,424 | 100.00 |
| | |
| One custodian is used to hold the collateral. | |
| | Market value of |
| colla | ateral received |
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| GBP | 5,424 |
| Total collateral received | 5,424 |
| Market value of Countries of | |
| Countries of | Cattlanasant |
| Counterparties per type of SFT £'000 establishment | Settlement and clearing |
| Barclays 5,126 United Kingdom | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan 5,126 | III-party |
| Total market value of securities on toan | |
| One day to One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of collateral Less than one day one week one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) £'000 £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - |
| Three months to | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan one year Above one year Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) $£'000$ $£'000$ | £'000 |
| Total collateral received - 5,424 - | 5,424 |
| One day to One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan Less than one day one week one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) £'000 £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - |

Total costs

Net return

| Three months to | | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|----------------|---------------|--------|--|--|--|--|
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total | | | | |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | | | | |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | 5,126 | - | 5,126 | | | | |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be recalled on demand. | | | | | | | | |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collateral. | | | | | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £′000 | % | | | | |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 1 | 125.00 | | | | |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent costs) ^A | | | - | 25.00 | | | | |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operational costs) | | | - | - | | | | |

^AThe unrounded direct operational costs and fees incurred for securities lending for the six months ended 31 January 2018 is £159.

25.00

100.00

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Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital losses | | (1,455) | | (8,744) |
| Revenue | 1,421 | | 2,254 | |
| Expenses | (170) | | (200) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 1,251 | | 2,054 | |
| Taxation | - | | - | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 1,251 | | 2,054 |
| Total return before distributions | | (204) | | (6,690) |
| Distributions | | (1,251) | | (2,055) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | (1,455) | | (8,745) |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|-----------------|---------|-----------------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 136,450 | | 198,832 |
| | | | | |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 26,539 | | 8,786 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (8,330) | | (59,023) | |
| | | 18,209 | | (50,237) |
| | | 27 | | 476 |
| Dilution adjustment | | 27 | | 176 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | (1,455) | | (8,745) |
| Deterined distributions on accountation shows | | 1 200 | | 1 747 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 1,306 | | 1,747 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 154,537 | | 141,773 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 151,676 | 134,136 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 2,063 | 1,976 |
| Cash and bank balances | 1,093 | 953 |
| Total assets | 154,832 | 137,065 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 191 | 358 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 87 | 234 |
| Distribution payable | 17 | 23 |
| Total liabilities | 295 | 615 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 154,537 | 136,450 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.60604 | - | 0.60604 | 1.26144 |
| Group 2 | 0.46156 | 0.14448 | 0.60604 | 1.26144 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.46640 | - | 0.46640 | 0.98289 |
| Group 2 | 0.29640 | 0.17000 | 0.46640 | 0.98289 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.78562 | - | 0.78562 | 1.29875 |
| Group 2 | 0.47688 | 0.30874 | 0.78562 | 1.29875 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.73913 | - | 0.73913 | 1.24354 |
| Group 2 | 0.20130 | 0.53783 | 0.73913 | 1.24354 |
| K Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.76356 | - | 0.76356 | 1.18911 |
| Group 2 | 0.28517 | 0.47839 | 0.76356 | 1.18911 |
| L Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.67234 | - | 0.67234 | 0.86650 |
| Group 2 | 0.43352 | 0.23882 | 0.67234 | 0.86650 |
| L Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.66150 | - | 0.66150 | 0.86650 |
| Group 2 | 0.66150 | - | 0.66150 | 0.86650 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.55953 | - | 1.55953 | 2.29568 |
| Group 2 | 0.86111 | 0.69842 | 1.55953 | 2.29568 |
| Z Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.94497 | - | 0.94497 | 1.76647 |
| Group 2 | 0.94497 | - | 0.94497 | 1.76647 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in Sterling-denominated UK government Debt and debt-related securities.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Debt and debt-related securities denominated in any currency issued by governments, public bodies and supra-national issuers worldwide, Investment grade corporate Debt and debt-related securities, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the Aberdeen Sterling Government Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares decreased by 1.09% compared to a decrease of 0.81% in the benchmark, FTSE-A Brit Govt All Stocks.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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

Investors in UK government bonds experienced something of a roller-coaster ride in the six months to 31 January. The yield on the 10-year benchmark gilt started the review period at 1.28% and touched a low of 1.02%, oscillating in a range between 1.2% and 1.4% before moving sharply higher to end January 2018 at 1.52%.

The period started with heightened geo-political tensions. The US tensions with North Korea escalated with President Trump saying any threats to the US or its allies would be met with "fire and fury". This sparked risk-off moves with 'safe' assets rising in price, while assets perceived as risky sold off. As a result, the yield of the benchmark 10-year UK gilt fell from 1.20% level to just above 1%.

In September the Bank of England came to the fore. At the September Bank of England Monetary Policy meeting, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) shifted well and truly to the hawkish side and effectively gave the market an unconditional pledge to hike interest rates. To paraphrase the MPC minutes; 'if the economy continues along the same path withdrawal of stimulus is likely to be appropriate over the coming months'. In previous months the MPC had warned the market that more needed to be priced into the yield curve, however with limited market reaction. In September they upped the hawkish rhetoric and the market obliged by pricing imminent rate hikes into the yield curve. With regards market moves at the close of business on the Friday before its September meeting the 10-year gilt yield stood at just below 1% and the value of sterling versus the US Dollar was \$1.32. When the market closed a week later the 10-year gilt yield was at 1.30% and the pound had appreciated to \$1.36.

Following on from the September Bank of England meeting, November was a monumental month for the Bank of England. For the first time since 2007 the Bank of England increased the official bank rate.

Going into the meeting the market fully expected the 0.25% increase in rates, what was unclear was how the Bank of England would hike rates. The question was whether the MPC would signal the start of a hiking cycle or was the hike more to do with taking back the August 2016 rate cut. The message would come from the vote, the accompanying monetary policy statement and then the forecasts within the Quarterly Inflation Report. The vote came in at 7-2 as broadly expected, the message from the supporting documents and press conference were seen by the market to be dovish. The key document was the monetary policy statement in which the focus was not the content but on what lines had been removed from the statement in comparison to previous months. Back at the start of the summer, the MPC introduced a line which suggested that monetary policy could need to be tightened by a greater extent than priced by the market. In the November monetary policy statement this line was removed suggesting the MPC was happy with where the market was pricing further rate hikes. Following the statement in the press conference Governor Carney stated that the outlook for inflation was conditioned on a market path that implied two additional 25bp increases over the three-year forecast period. The reaction by the market was therefore dovish.

Throughout the period UK politics continued to simmer, and the country is currently in a period of 'stable instability'. The Conservative Party is divided by Brexit, with no one candidate capable of uniting the party. This was highlighted in October with the disastrous Conservative Party Conference.

From a Brexit perspective, in December, a couple of months later than expected, the magic words of 'sufficient progress' were muttered by the EU 27. This has allowed negotiations to progress from phase one to the all-important discussions around transition and the final deal.

In January, global forces drove global fixed income yields higher. US Treasuries went above 2.70%, a level not seen since 2014. This, coupled with optimistic Brexit headlines and slightly better economic data, helped drive UK government bond yields higher. The yield on the 10-year gilt at the start of the month was languishing at 1.22%, but finished 30 basis points higher at 1.52%. There were a number of drivers to the bond sell-off from various corners of the world. In Japan there were hawkish comments from Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda, and in Europe a more hawkish tone from the European Central Bank.

Portfolio review

Early in the review period, sharp moves lower in UK gilt yields following risk-off periods were used to build a short duration position. We took profits following the moves higher after September's MPC meeting, and added a tactical long duration position. We thought the market moves were overdone and entered the position anticipating a short-term retracement lower in yields. The market had begun to price in the probability of two rate hikes next year after a first move from the MPC in November, and we thought this was overshooting realistic expectations.

Held over from July, the Fund continued to hold Australian government bonds. This position has performed well and subsequently we added to this trade in December. The rationale for the trade is the belief that the

RBA will not join the global hiking cycle and rates will remain on hold longer than the market expects. This position was the main driver of relative performance in the final three months of 2017.

In August we bought German bunds. This position was closed in September on the back of the move in gilts on the back of the MPC. In December we added a further cross-market trade, by buying US Treasuries.

In September, we took profits on a curve steepener trade (expecting ultra-long nominal bonds to underperform relative to 30-year maturities) as the curve steepened due to weak demand for ultra-long bonds and in anticipation of a large supply of 50-year bonds early in September. In October we re-entered into the same curve steepener strategy.

Exposure to the New Zealand dollar was also added after a depreciation of its currency post the unexpected result in the election, a move we felt was overdone. The Fund's other currency position - into US dollars - was a drag on performance and was closed near the end of the January. The market's slightly more optimistic view on Brexit led to sterling strength against a continued weak US dollar

Outlook

The two clear themes for the last six months should continue to be key drivers going into 2018. The Brexit negotiations and the impact on the UK economic and political landscape will continue to dominate for the foreseeable future. Going forward into March, we wait to see if the UK can agree a transition agreement with the EU. Further into the year, we wait to see what type of Brexit the UK government looks to pursue. With regards to monetary policy, following the dovish hike in November, the market waits to see what message the Bank of England will send out with its Quarterly Inflation Report in February. The key data point for the Bank of England is to see growth in wages and subsequently supply-side generated inflation.

Pan Euro Macro Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- · This Fund is ranked at 4 because funds of this type have experienced average 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

| Comparative tables | | | | |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 2,810 | 7,951 | 8,576 | 11,489 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,620,776 | 4,530,676 | 4,717,754 | 7,067,413 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 173.35 | 175.49 | 181.77 | 162.56 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.22%) | (3.45%) | 11.82% | - |
| Operating charges | 1.14% | 1.14% | 1.14% | 1.14% |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 678 | 15,867 | 1,165 | 6,034 |
| Closing number of shares | 516,047 | 11,912,547 | 842,647 | 4,859,643 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 131.45 | 133.19 | 138.24 | 124.18 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.31%) | (3.65%) | 11.32% | - |
| Operating charges | 1.14% | 1.14% | 1.14% | 1.14% |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 79,141 | 68,037 | 71,307 | 47,763 |
| Closing number of shares | 44,375,350 | 37,775,350 | 38,412,991 | 28,831,310 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 178.34 | 180.11 | 185.63 | 165.35 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.98%) | (2.97%) | 12.26% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.64% | 0.64% | 0.64% | 0.64% |
| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 516 | 549 | 1,191 | 400 |
| Closing number of shares | 477,392 | 500,792 | 1,047,022 | 391,610 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 108.12 | 109.58 | 113.74 | 102.17 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.33%) | (3.66%) | 11.32% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.64% | 0.64% | 0.64% | 0.64% |
| P Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 19 | 19 | 27 | 30 |
| Closing number of shares | 13,578 | 13,578 | 18,778 | 23,178 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 138.98 | 140.86 | 146.22 | 131.33 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.33%) | (3.67%) | 11.34% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.37% | 0.37% | 0.37% | 0.37% |
| Q Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 464 | 587 | 1,352 | 12,466 |
| Closing number of shares | 333,924 | 417,024 | 924,591 | 9,491,516 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 138.96 | 140.85 | 146.21 | 131.33 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.34%) | (3.67%) | 11.33% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.27% | 0.27% | 0.27% | 0.27% |
| Q Gross Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 4,187 | 4,503 | 11,972 | 1,516 |
| Closing number of shares | 3,018,757 | 3,203,157 | 8,203,998 | 1,156,535 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 138.70 | 140.59 | 145.93 | 131.04 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.34%) | (3.66%) | 11.36% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.27% | 0.27% | 0.27% | 0.27% |

| Z Accumulation Shares ^A | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 35,476 | 65,021 | 18,275 |
| Closing number of shares | 34,011,773 | 61,880,873 | 16,951,474 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 104.31 | 105.07 | 107.81 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.72%) | (2.54%) | - |
| Operating charges | 0.14% | 0.14% | 0.14% |

| Z Income Shares ^B | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1 | 1 | 13,574 |
| Closing number of shares | 944 | 944 | 12,620,444 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 102.21 | 103.60 | 107.56 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.34%) | (3.68%) | - |
| Operating charges | 0.14% | 0.14% | 0.14% |

 $^{^{\}rm A}$ Z Accumulation share class launched on 13 May 2016. $^{\rm B}$ Z Income share class launched on 13 May 2016.

Fund launched on 17 July 2015.

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|------------|----------|------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | Assets % |
| Transferable securities and money market instrum | | | | | |
| (2017: 99.02%) | | J | J | J | |
| Bonds 98.96% (2017: 99.02%) | | | | | |
| Government Bonds 98.96% (2017: 99.02%) | | | | | |
| Australia 11.51% (2017: 5.59%) | | | | | |
| Australia (Commonwealth of) | 4.5000 | 15/11/39 | 25,038,000 | 14,196 | 11.51 |
| New Zealand 0.99% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| New Zealand (Government of) | 6.2500 | 27/07/21 | 2,258,000 | 1,216 | 0.99 |
| | | | | | |
| United Kingdom 84.67% (2017: 91.48%) | | | | | |
| UK Treasury | 0.1250 | 15/04/18 | 18,939,000 | 17,140 | 13.90 |
| UK Treasury | 1.5000 | 15/08/20 | 6,017,908 | 8,328 | 6.75 |
| UK Treasury | 1.7500 | 31/05/22 | 6,021,006 | 6,770 | 5.49 |
| UK Treasury | 0.3750 | 15/07/25 | 5,875,000 | 5,971 | 4.84 |
| UK Treasury | 2.0000 | 30/06/24 | 5,396,000 | 5,662 | 4.59 |
| UK Treasury | FRN | 31/07/19 | 4,298,338 | 5,428 | 4.40 |
| UK Treasury | 2.7500 | 28/02/18 | 4,959,000 | 5,127 | 4.16 |
| UK Treasury | 1.7500 | 30/06/22 | 4,466,959 | 4,923 | 3.99 |
| UK Treasury∞ | 0.8750 | 15/02/47 | 4,244,000 | 4,374 | 3.55 |
| UK Treasury∞ | 1.5000 | 15/04/20 | 4,081,000 | 4,100 | 3.33 |
| UK Treasury | 0.7500 | 31/10/18 | 2,576,420 | 3,526 | 2.86 |
| UK Treasury | 3.0000 | 15/02/47 | 2,008,710 | 3,351 | 2.72 |
| UK Treasury | 2.2500 | 15/08/27 | 2,314,222 | 3,304 | 2.68 |
| UK Treasury [∞] | 1.8750 | 31/01/22 | 2,867,002 | 3,109 | 2.52 |
| UK Treasury | 1.3750 | 15/01/20 | 2,048,000 | 3,053 | 2.48 |
| UK Treasury | 2.0000 | 30/04/24 | 2,151,000 | 2,914 | 2.36 |
| UK Treasury | 1.7500 | 30/11/21 | 1,884,000 | 2,328 | 1.89 |
| UK Treasury | - | 15/02/18 | 2,149,024 | 2,314 | 1.88 |
| UK Treasury | 1.1250 | 31/01/19 | 1,458,000 | 2,200 | 1.78 |
| UK Treasury | 2.0000 | 15/02/22 | 1,418,019 | 2,132 | 1.73 |
| UK Treasury | 7.7500 | 13/10/19 | 1,611,000 | 2,131 | 1.73 |
| UK Treasury | 2.3750 | 15/05/27 | 1,433,792 | 1,495 | 1.21 |
| UK Treasury | 6.7500 | 29/01/20 | 1,251,000 | 1,218 | 0.99 |
| JK Treasury | 1.5000 | 15/06/20 | 751,031 | 1,203 | 0.98 |
| UK Treasury | 2.2500 | 15/11/27 | 957,000 | 951 | 0.77 |
| UK Treasury | 1.5000 | 15/07/20 | 795,000 | 798 | 0.65 |
| UK Treasury | 9.2500 | 07/05/28 | 330,000 | 414 | 0.34 |
| UK Treasury | 2.1250 | 30/11/23 | 89,312 | 118 | 0.10 |
| , | | | • | 104,382 | 84.67 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|---------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| United States 1.79% (2017: 1.95%) | | | | | |
| US Treasury | | | 3,274,000 | 2,210 | 1.79 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Government Bonds | | | | 122,004 | 98.96 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Bonds | | | | 122,004 | 98.96 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Transferable securities and money market | instruments admitted to a | n official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated n | | | | 122,004 | 98.96 |

Derivatives (0.13%) (2017: 0.01%)

Forward currency exchange contracts (0.13%) (2017: 0.01%)

| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| HSBC | AUD | GBP | 06/03/18 | 3,306,000 | 1,915,062 | (35) | (0.03) |
| | | | | | | | • • |
| HSBC | GBP | AUD | 06/03/18 | 8,238,048 | 14,756,000 | (154) | (0.13) |
| HSBC | GBP | AUD | 06/03/18 | 7,754,267 | 13,808,000 | (99) | (80.0) |
| Royal Bank of Canada | AUD | GBP | 06/03/18 | 284,000 | 160,767 | 1 | - |
| Royal Bank of Canada | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 2,400,774 | 3,233,000 | 130 | 0.11 |
| Unrealised losses on forward currenc | y exchang | ge contra | cts | | | (157) | (0.13) |
| Unrealised losses on derivatives | | | | | | (157) | (0.13) |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total investments* | | | | | | 121,847 | 98.83 |
| Other net assets | | | | | | 1,445 | 1.17 |
| Total net assets | | | | | | 123,292 | 100.00 |

[™] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.

^{*} Including derivative liabilities.

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | | 9,232 | 7.58 | 7.49 |
| | Market value of | | | |
| | collateral received | | | |
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| UK Treasury | 9,769 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 9,769 | | | |
| | | | | Proportion held in |
| | | | Market value of | segregated |
| | | | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | | | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | | | 9,769 | 100.00 |
| One custodian is used to hold the collateral. | | | | |
| | | | | Market value of |
| | | | | collateral received |
| Collateral analysed by currency | | | | £'000 |
| GBP | | | | 9,769 |
| Total collateral received | | | | 9,769 |
| | | Market value of | Co. at the af | |
| | | securities lending | Countries of counterparty | Settlement |
| Counterparties per type of SFT | | £'000 | establishment | and clearing |
| Barclays | | 9,232 | United Kingdom | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | | 9,232 | 8.11 | |
| | | | | |
| Mark St. Land Carllate of | 1 (1 | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of collateral (remaining period to maturity) | Less than one day £'000 | one week £'000 | one month £'000 | months £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | | - | - |
| Total condition received | | | | |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | 9,769 | - | 9,769 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | 2,214 |

| Thro | ee months to | | | |
|--|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------|
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £′000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | 7,018 | - | 9,232 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be recalled on deman | nd. | | | |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collateral. | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return ^A | | | - | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent costs) ^A | | | - | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operational costs |) | | - | - |

^AThe unrounded gross return was (£164) and the direct operational costs and fees incurred for securities lending for the six months to 31 January 2017 was (£33).

Total costs

Net return

25.00 **100.00**

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|--|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | |
| Income | | | | | |
| Net capital losses | | (1,579) | | (7,919) | |
| Revenue | 1,036 | | 1,005 | | |
| Expenses | (396) | | (353) | | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 640 | | 652 | | |
| Taxation | - | | - | | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 640 | | 652 | |
| Total return before distributions | | (939) | | (7,267) | |
| Distributions | | (640) | | (656) | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | | |
| from investment activities | | (1,579) | | (7,923) | |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janu | ary 2018 | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|----------|----------|-----------------|---------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 162,535 | | 127,439 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 15,370 | | 55,050 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (53,554) | | (21,898) | |
| | | (38,184) | | 33,152 |
| Dilution adjustment | | 19 | | 108 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | (1,579) | | (7,923) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 501 | | 630 |
| Unclaimed distributions > 6 years | | - | | 1 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 123,292 | | 153,407 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 122,135 | 161,082 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 866 | 1,006 |
| Cash and bank balances | 675 | 826 |
| Total assets | 123,676 | 162,914 |
| Liabilities: Investment liabilities | 288 | 116 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 68 | 226 |
| Distribution payable | 28 | 37 |
| Total liabilities | 384 | 379 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 123,292 | 162,535 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.16757 | - | 0.16757 | 0.23607 |
| Group 2 | 0.10006 | 0.06751 | 0.16757 | 0.23607 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.12719 | - | 0.12719 | 0.17954 |
| Group 2 | 0.01154 | 0.11565 | 0.12719 | 0.17954 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.63528 | - | 0.63528 | 0.69710 |
| Group 2 | 0.36687 | 0.26841 | 0.63528 | 0.69710 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.38652 | - | 0.38652 | 0.42715 |
| Group 2 | 0.11470 | 0.27182 | 0.38652 | 0.42715 |
| P Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.69309 | - | 0.69309 | 0.77042 |
| Group 2 | 0.69309 | - | 0.69309 | 0.77042 |
| Q Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.76087 | - | 0.76087 | 0.86280 |
| Group 2 | 0.76087 | - | 0.76087 | 0.86280 |
| Q Gross Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.75943 | - | 0.75943 | 0.81346 |
| Group 2 | 0.41396 | 0.34547 | 0.75943 | 0.81346 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.63598 | - | 0.63598 | 0.63811 |
| Group 2 | 0.15598 | 0.48000 | 0.63598 | 0.63811 |
| Z Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.62702 | - | 0.62702 | 0.63665 |
| Group 2 | 0.62702 | - | 0.62702 | 0.63665 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in Sterling denominated index-linked Debt and debt-related securities that are issued by governments, public bodies, supra-national and corporate issuers.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including index-linked Debt and debt-related securities denominated in any currency issued by government issuers, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of the Aberdeen Sterling Index-Linked Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 1.64% compared to an increase of 1.54% in the benchmark, the FTSE A (Index Linked) British Government Over 5 Years index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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

Investors in UK government bonds experienced something of a roller-coaster ride in the six months to 31 January. The yield on the 10-year benchmark gilt started the review period at 1.28% and touched a low of 1.02%, oscillating in a range between 1.2% and 1.4% before moving sharply higher to end January 2018 at 1.52%.

The period started with heightened geo-political tensions. The US tensions with North Korea escalated with President Trump saying any threats to the US or its allies would be met with "fire and fury". This sparked risk-off moves with 'safe' assets rising in price, while assets perceived as risky sold off. As a result, the yield of the benchmark 10-year UK gilt fell from 1.20% level to just above 1%.

In September the Bank of England came to the fore. At the September Bank of England Monetary Policy meeting, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) shifted well and truly to the hawkish side and effectively gave the market an unconditional pledge to hike interest rates. To paraphrase the MPC minutes; 'if the economy continues along the same path withdrawal of stimulus is likely to be appropriate over the coming months'. In previous months the MPC had warned the market that more needed to be priced into the yield curve, however with limited market reaction. In September they upped the hawkish rhetoric and the market obliged by pricing imminent rate hikes into the yield curve. With regards market moves at the close of business on the Friday before its September meeting the 10-year gilt yield stood at just below 1% and the value of sterling versus the US Dollar was \$1.32. When the market closed a week later the 10-year gilt yield was at 1.30% and the pound had appreciated to \$1.36.

Following on from the September Bank of England meeting, November was a monumental month for the Bank of England. For the first time since 2007 the Bank of England increased the official bank rate. Going into the meeting the market fully expected the 0.25% increase in rates, what was unclear was how the Bank of England would hike rates. The question was whether the MPC would signal the start of a hiking cycle or was the hike more to do with taking back the August 2016 rate cut. The message would come from the vote, the accompanying monetary policy statement and then the forecasts within the Quarterly Inflation Report. The vote came in at 7-2 as broadly expected, the message from the supporting documents and press conference were seen by the market to be dovish. The key document was the monetary policy statement in which the focus was not the content but on what lines had been removed from the statement in comparison to previous months. Back at the start of the summer, the MPC introduced a line which suggested that monetary policy could need to be tightened by a greater extent than priced by the market. In the November monetary policy statement this line was removed suggesting the MPC was happy with where the market was pricing further rate hikes. Following the statement in the press conference Governor Carney stated that the outlook for inflation was conditioned on a market path that implied two additional 25bp increases over the three-year forecast period. The reaction by the market was therefore dovish.

Throughout the period UK politics continued to simmer, and the country is currently in a period of 'stable instability'. The Conservative Party is divided by Brexit, with no one candidate capable of uniting the party. This was highlighted in October with the disastrous Conservative Party Conference.

From a Brexit perspective, in December, a couple of months later than expected the magic words of 'sufficient progress' were muttered by the EU 27. This has allowed negotiations to progress from phase one to the all-important discussions around transition and the final deal.

In January, global forces drove global fixed income yields higher. US Treasuries went above 2.70%, a level not seen since 2014. This, coupled with optimistic Brexit headlines and slightly better economic data, helped drive UK government bond yields higher. The yield on the 10-year gilt at the start of the month was languishing at 1.22%, but finished 30 basis points higher at 1.52%. There were a number of drivers to the bond sell-off from various corners of the world. In Japan there were hawkish comments from Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda , and in Europe a more hawkish tone from the European Central Bank.

Portfolio review

In August we added to our curve flattening risk in the form of a 40-year versus 30-year flattening trade. This position was closed at a profit in September.

A long-end breakeven trade was initiated at the start of October, selling an inflation-linked gilt and buying the corresponding conventional bond. This trade made a positive contribution to performance and was removed towards the end of the month.

Various curve steepener trades were executed in November and December, in the expectation that longer dated maturities would underperform shorter maturity bonds. We took profits on the bulk of this trade but retained some steepening exposure into year end. In December we initiated a trade into US Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities at the long end of the curve. We maintained an ultra-long end curve flattener position. Contribution to performance from this position was slightly negative.

Moving into 2018, outperformance was driven by a curve flattener trade at the ultra-long end of the curve. During January a key theme was the continuation of the flattening of global curves. The other key contributor to performance was a cross-market position into US Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities at the long-end of the curve. This position was opened and closed during the month. A curve steepener (buying 10-year bonds and selling 30-year bonds) acted as a drag on performance. This position was initiated to oppose the material flattening of the curve.

Outlook

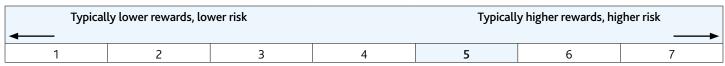
The two clear themes for the last six months should continue to be key drivers going into 2018. The Brexit negotiations and the impact on the UK economic and political landscape will continue to dominate for the foreseeable future. Going forward into March, we wait to see if the UK can agree a transition agreement with the EU. Further into the year, we wait to see what type of Brexit the UK government looks to pursue. With regards to monetary policy, following the dovish hike in November, the market waits to see what tone the Bank of England set for 2018. The key data point for the Bank of England is to see growth in wages and subsequently supply-side generated inflation.

Pan Euro Macro

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- · This Fund is ranked at 5 because funds of this type have experienced medium to high rises and falls 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

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| | | 1.66% | 4.43% | 14.58% | - |

A K Accumulation share class launched on 13 May 2016.

Operating charges

0.15%

0.19%

0.19%

0.13%

Fund launched on 17 July 2015.
The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|---|------------------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Transferable securities and money market instrume | | | | | |
| 99.72% (2017: 99.25%) | | | | | |
| Bonds 99.72% (2017: 99.25%) | | | | | |
| Government Bonds 99.72% (2017: 99.25%) | | | | | |
| United Kingdom 99.72% (2017: 99.25%) | | | | | |
| UK Treasury | 3.7500 | 22/07/52 | 2,117,000 | 3,143 | 2.68 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 1.2500 | 22/11/27 | 8,052,000 | 14,968 | 12.75 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 0.1250 | 22/11/65 | 4,738,000 | 10,941 | 9.32 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 0.1250 | 22/03/26 | 7,082,000 | 8,733 | 7.44 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 0.7500 | 22/03/34 | 4,867,033 | 8,260 | 7.04 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 0.1250 | 22/03/29 | 5,302,000 | 7,450 | 6.35 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 1.2500 | 22/11/55 | 2,150,945 | 7,443 | 6.34 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 0.6250 | 22/03/40 | 3,442,757 | 6,947 | 5.92 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 1.2500 | 22/11/32 | 3,577,000 | 6,734 | 5.74 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 0.3750 | 22/03/62 | 2,534,131 | 6,538 | 5.57 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 0.6250 | 22/11/42 | 2,617,940 | 5,658 | 4.82 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 1.1250 | 22/11/37 | 2,480,752 | 5,522 | 4.70 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 0.1250 | 22/03/58 | 2,660,000 | 5,468 | 4.66 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 0.2500 | 22/03/52 | 2,570,831 | 5,244 | 4.47 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 0.1250 | 22/03/68 | 1,770,991 | 4,489 | 3.82 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 0.7500 | 22/11/47 | 1,204,000 | 2,954 | 2.52 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 0.5000 | 22/03/50 | 992,000 | 2,349 | 2.00 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 0.1250 | 22/11/56 | 1,110,000 | 2,151 | 1.83 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 0.1250 | 22/11/36 | 777,000 | 1,132 | 0.96 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 0.1250 | 22/03/24 | 666,000 | 852 | 0.73 |
| UK Treasury (INDX) | 2.0000 | 26/01/35 | 24,500 | 65 | 0.06 |
| | | | | 117,041 | 99.72 |
| Total Government Bonds | | | | 117,041 | 99.72 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 117,041 | 99.72 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market inst | truments admitted to a | n official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated mark | | | | 117,041 | 99.72 |

Derivatives 0.08% (2017: nil)

Forward currency exchange contracts 0.08% (2017: nil)

| | | | | | | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | £'000 | % |
| Royal Bank of Canada | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 2,810,614 | 3,790,000 | 149 | 0.13 |
| Royal Bank of Canada | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 2,566,146 | 3,442,000 | 148 | 0.13 |
| Royal Bank of Canada | USD | GBP | 06/03/18 | 3,790,000 | 2,741,914 | (80) | (0.07) |
| Royal Bank of Canada | USD | GBP | 06/03/18 | 3,442,000 | 2,542,492 | (125) | (0.11) |
| Unrealised gains on forward currency | / exchange | contrac | cts | | | 92 | 0.08 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Unrealised gains on derivatives | | | | | | 92 | 0.08 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total investments [≠] | | | | | | 117,133 | 99.80 |
| Other net assets | | | | | | 239 | 0.20 |
| Total net assets | | | | | | 117,372 | 100.00 |

^{*} Including derivative liabilities. Currently forward positions are not collateralised. Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 1,264 | | 7,215 |
| Revenue | 847 | | 1,341 | |
| Expenses | (149) | | (191) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 698 | | 1,150 | |
| Taxation | - | | - | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 698 | | 1,150 |
| Total return before distributions | | 1,962 | | 8,365 |
| Distributions | | (698) | | (1,150) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 1,264 | | 7,215 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janu | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|--|---------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 117,343 | | 127,875 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 3,108 | | 648 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (5,037) | | (18,693) | |
| Amount payable of cancellation of shares | (5,051) | (1,929) | (10,033) | (18,045) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 1,264 | | 7,215 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 694 | | 1,118 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 117,372 | | 118,163 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 117,338 | 116,463 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 312 | 339 |
| Cash and bank balances | 83 | 571 |
| Total assets | 117,733 | 117,373 |
| | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 205 | - |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 152 | 28 |
| Distribution payable | 4 | 2 |
| Total liabilities | 361 | 30 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 117,372 | 117,343 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.30485 | - | 0.30485 | 1.23228 |
| Group 2 | 0.30485 | - | 0.30485 | 1.23228 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.24807 | - | 0.24807 | 1.00792 |
| Group 2 | 0.24807 | - | 0.24807 | 1.00792 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.81376 | - | 0.81376 | 1.59220 |
| Group 2 | 0.81358 | 0.00018 | 0.81376 | 1.59220 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.55298 | - | 0.55298 | 1.09220 |
| Group 2 | 0.55298 | - | 0.55298 | 1.09220 |
| K Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.56089 | - | 0.56089 | 1.01893 |
| Group 2 | 0.56089 | - | 0.56089 | 1.01893 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.74341 | - | 1.74341 | 2.72260 |
| Group 2 | 1.57341 | 0.17000 | 1.74341 | 2.72260 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to achieve income and capital growth with the Fund predominantly invested in Sterling denominated longer dated (10+ years) non-government Investment grade Debt and debt-related securities.

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in Debt and Debt-Related Securities which are Sub-Investment grade as at the date of investment. Any security which is downgraded after purchase to Sub-Investment grade will not be sold unless, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, it is in the best interests of Shareholders to do so.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Investment grade and sub-Investment grade Debt and debt-related securities denominated in any currency, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Sterling Long Dated Corporate Bond Fund – K Accumulation Shares increased by 0.74% compared to an increase of 0.71% in the benchmark the iBoxx Sterling Over 10year Non Gilt Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested. GBP.

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

Sterling corporate bonds outperformed UK government bonds over the six months to 31 January. Underlying gilt yields trended downwards from the beginning of July through to the first week of September, when hawkish rhetoric from the Bank of England's Monetary policy Committee pushed yields sharply higher. Financials led the performance tables – in particular subordinated bonds – but spreads tightened in practically all sectors. Markets have been supported by a constructive fundamental backdrop which continues to fuel strong levels of demand in a very low yield environment.

The final three months of 2017 continued in the same positive vein; benign government bond markets, loose monetary policies and improving levels of economic activity all helped create an environment which attracted investors into riskier assets.

Moving into 2018, sterling investment grade credit continued to outperform UK government bonds in January. However, the return generated by a tightening of credit spreads over gilts was entirely offset by yield moves, with the 10-year gilt yield finishing 0.30% higher over the month at 1.52%.

Portfolio review

The Aberdeen Sterling Long Dated Corporate Bond Fund delivered a positive return over the review period, outperforming its benchmark.

In August, bright spots included outperformance from investments in better quality bank bonds, an underweight in Time Warner Cable and underweight Mexican telecoms group America Movil.

Underperformance resulted from an overweight credit risk versus the benchmark and an underweight in the water sector. In September, the Fund's overweight in bank and insurance capital bonds was beneficial, but offset by an overweight in senior banks, where our positions underperformed. The Fund participated in a new issue from UK commercial property group Land Securities and added Dong Energy, a Danish energy supplier. With the Bank of England firming up market opinions interest rate rises over the coming year we moved to neutral duration in September. Credit risk was kept at a modest pro-risk stance.

Maintaining a higher risk portfolio than the benchmark was a main contributor to performance in the final three months of 2017, as were sector and stock selection. Bonds issued by banks and insurers were extremely strong contributors these sectors outperformed once again. The Fund's holdings in Rabobank, Aviva and Axa were all significant contributors to returns.

Moving into 2018, good asset allocation performance from overweight positions in subordinated insurance, Lower Tier 2 Banks and tobacco bonds contributed to outperformance. Some benefit was also seen in being overweight the very long Mexican bond in sterling, which continued its recent outperformance as Mexico's finances showed an improvement.

Towards the end of the review period, we reduced exposure to Land Securities after a strong performance from UK-based CRE, other sales included Centrica. This took the holding to an underweight position relative to benchmark, reflecting the increasing regulatory pressure on consumer-facing utilities.

Outlook

The outlook for 2018 is uncertain, although positive returns are still possible. It feels like we are closer to a back-up in global bond yields as stimulus is withdrawn by the major central banks. Nevertheless, with credit quality improving as economies improve, we maintain a modest long position.

Lately, higher economic growth has not been reflected in rising inflation – not a normal relationship. Typically, as growth picks up, inflationary pressures build with wages rising over and above the inflation level. January saw some signs of a return to normal, perhaps due to reduced spare capacity in the US and particularly Europe and China. We think there is a natural limit to how much higher yields can move without hard evidence of significant wage or broad economy growth.

Sterling yield spreads still look attractive to overseas investors, especially in longer dated maturities. For UK investors, sterling credit is at or around fair value with little in the way of notable risks in 2018, bearing in mind the mixed UK/overseas nature of the companies contained within the index, and continued global growth.

Pan European Credit Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- · This Fund is ranked at 4 because funds of this type have experienced average 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Investing globally can bring additional returns and diversify risk. However, currency exchange rate fluctuations may have a positive or negative impact on the value of your investment, particularly given the exposure to one currency in this fund.
- Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

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A Accumulation Shares^A

| Closing net asset value (£'000) | - | - | 7 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| Closing number of shares | - | - | 6,000 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | - | - | 110.54 |
| Change in net asset value per share | - | - | - |
| Operating charges | - | | 1.20% |
| I Accumulation Shares ^B | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | - | - | 7 |
| Closing number of shares | - | - | 6,000 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | - | - | 110.63 |
| Change in net asset value per share | - | - | - |
| Operating charges | - | | 0.70% |
| K Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 58 | 5,974 | 5,843 |
| Closing number of shares | 18,517 | 1,934,717 | 1,904,717 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 310.41 | 308.79 | 306.76 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.52% | 0.66% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.55% | 0.55% | 0.55% |
| K Income Shares ^c | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1 | 1 | |
| Closing number of shares | 1,000 | 1,000 | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 99.24 | 100.02 | |
| Change in net asset value per share | (a =aa.) | | |
| Change in het asset value per share | (0.78%) | - | |

31 January 18

31 July 17

0.55%

31 July 16

| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 19,702 | 19,451 | 17,847 |
| Closing number of shares | 7,308,411 | 7,277,311 | 6,745,111 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 269.58 | 267.27 | 264.60 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.86% | 1.01% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.20% | 0.20% | 0.20% |

0.55%

Operating charges

^A A Accumulation share class closed on 16 June 2017.

^B I Accumulation share class closed on 16 June 2017.

^c K Income share class launched on 14 October 2016.

Fund launched on 13 May 2016.
The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|------------|----------|----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % % |
| Transferable securities and money market instrum | | | | nother regulated m | narket 92.93% |
| (2017: 97.09%) | | | | | |
| Bonds 92.93% (2017: 97.09%) | | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds 86.84% (2017: 94.42%) | | | | | |
| Australia 1.69% (2017: 1.31%) | 2.5000 | 22/22/22 | 200.000 | 200 | 400 |
| APT Pipelines (EMTN) | 3.5000 | 22/03/30 | 200,000 | 208 | 1.06 |
| BHP Billiton Finance (EMTN) | 4.3000 | 25/09/42 | 100,000 | 125 | 0.63 |
| | | | | 333 | 1.69 |
| Belgium 0.50% (2017: 0.39%) | | | | | |
| Anheuser-Busch InBev (EMTN) | 2.8500 | 25/05/37 | 100,000 | 99 | 0.50 |
| Denmark 0.37% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| DONG Energy (EMTN) | 5.7500 | 09/04/40 | 50,000 | 72 | 0.37 |
| Dorro Energy (E. 1114) | 3.7300 | 03/01/10 | 30,000 | | 0.57 |
| France 8.14% (2017: 7.68%) | | | | | |
| AXA (EMTN) | VAR | 16/01/54 | 100,000 | 121 | 0.61 |
| BPCE | 5.2500 | 16/04/29 | 100,000 | 121 | 0.61 |
| Electricite de France (EMTN) | 6.1250 | 02/06/34 | 200,000 | 273 | 1.39 |
| Electricite de France (EMTN) | 5.8750 | 18/07/31 | 193,000 | 253 | 1.28 |
| Electricite de France (EMTN) | 5.1250 | 22/09/50 | 150,000 | 193 | 0.98 |
| Electricite de France (EMTN) | 6.0000 | 23/01/14 | 100,000 | 145 | 0.73 |
| Electricite de France (EMTN) | 5.5000 | 17/10/41 | 100,000 | 131 | 0.66 |
| Engie (EMTN) | 5.0000 | 01/10/60 | 100,000 | 158 | 0.80 |
| Orange (EMTN) | 5.3750 | 22/11/50 | 150,000 | 214 | 1.08 |
| | | | | 1,609 | 8.14 |
| Common A C 40/ (2017, 0.000/) | | | | | |
| Germany 4.64% (2017: 8.98%) Allianz Finance II | 4.5000 | 13/03/43 | 100,000 | 136 | 0.69 |
| E.ON International Finance (EMTN) | 6.7500 | 27/01/39 | 100,000 | 156 | 0.79 |
| E.ON International Finance (EMTN) | 5.8750 | 30/10/37 | 100,000 | 142 | 0.72 |
| innogy Finance (EMTN) | 6.2500 | 03/06/30 | 160,000 | 215 | 1.09 |
| innogy Finance (EMTN) | 6.1250 | 06/07/39 | 100,000 | 147 | 0.74 |
| Siemens Financieringsmaatschappij (EMTN) | 3.7500 | 10/09/42 | 100,000 | 121 | 0.61 |
| S | | | | 917 | 4.64 |
| Luly 10 4297 (2047 0 4297) | | | | | |
| Ireland 0.13% (2017: 0.10%) | F 4030 | 20/04/25 | 20.000 | 36 | 0.40 |
| Freshwater Finance | 5.1820 | 20/04/35 | 20,000 | 26 | 0.13 |
| Italy 1.67% (2017: 1.28%) | | | | | |
| Enel Finance International (EMTN) | 5.7500 | 14/09/40 | 239,000 | 330 | 1.67 |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|---|------------|----------|----------|--------------|-----------|
| | - (21) | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | <u>%</u> |
| Mexico 0.89% (2017: 0.68%) | 4 2750 | 07/00/41 | 150,000 | 177 | 0.00 |
| America Movil | 4.3750 | 07/08/41 | 150,000 | 177 | 0.89 |
| Netherlands 1.89% (2017: 2.67%) | | | | | |
| Aegon (EMTN) | 6.6250 | 16/12/39 | 100,000 | 154 | 0.78 |
| Rabobank Nederland (EMTN) | 4.6250 | 23/05/29 | 189,000 | 220 | 1.11 |
| (2) | | 20,00,20 | | 374 | 1.89 |
| | | | | | |
| Norway 0.96% (2017: 0.77%) | | | | | |
| Statoil (EMTN) | 6.8750 | 11/03/31 | 129,000 | 191 | 0.96 |
| | | | | | |
| Supranational 2.19% (2017: 2.83%) | | | | | |
| European Investment Bank (EMTN) | 4.6250 | 12/10/54 | 260,000 | 432 | 2.19 |
| | | | | | |
| United Kingdom 52.14% (2017: 56.13%) | | | | | |
| Abbey National Treasury Services (EMTN) | 3.8750 | 15/10/29 | 300,000 | 343 | 1.74 |
| Annington Funding (EMTN) | 3.6850 | 12/07/34 | 110,000 | 115 | 0.58 |
| Annington Funding (EMTN) | 3.9350 | 12/07/47 | 100,000 | 109 | 0.55 |
| Aspire Defence Finance | 4.6740 | 31/03/40 | 187,726 | 230 | 1.16 |
| Aviva (EMTN) | VAR | 04/06/50 | 200,000 | 224 | 1.13 |
| Barclays (EMTN) | 3.2500 | 17/01/33 | 100,000 | 99 | 0.50 |
| BAT International Finance (EMTN) | 2.2500 | 09/09/52 | 200,000 | 164 | 0.83 |
| British Land (EMTN) | 2.3750 | 14/09/29 | 100,000 | 96 | 0.48 |
| Canary Wharf Finance II | 5.9520 | 22/01/35 | 50,000 | 71 | 0.36 |
| Cardiff University | 3.0000 | 07/12/55 | 100,000 | 113 | 0.57 |
| Channel Link Enterprises Finance | VAR | 30/06/50 | 100,000 | 99 | 0.50 |
| Dignity Finance | 4.6956 | 31/12/49 | 100,000 | 113 | 0.57 |
| Dwr Cymru Financing (EMTN) | 2.5000 | 31/03/36 | 100,000 | 99 | 0.50 |
| Eastern Power Networks (EMTN) | 6.2500 | 12/11/36 | 150,000 | 222 | 1.12 |
| Eversholt Funding (EMTN) | 3.5290 | 07/08/42 | 100,000 | 100 | 0.51 |
| Gatwick Funding (EMTN) | 5.7500 | 23/01/37 | 100,000 | 139 | 0.70 |
| Gatwick Funding (EMTN) | 2.6250 | 07/10/46 | 100,000 | 91 | 0.46 |
| GlaxoSmithKline Capital (EMTN) | 4.2500 | 18/12/45 | 151,000 | 192 | 0.97 |
| GlaxoSmithKline Capital (EMTN) | 5.2500 | 10/04/42 | 50,000 | 71 | 0.36 |
| Heathrow Funding (EMTN) | 6.4500 | 10/12/31 | 200,000 | 283 | 1.43 |
| Heathrow Funding (EMTN) | 4.6250 | 31/10/46 | 108,000 | 139 | 0.70 |
| High Speed Rail Finance 1 (EMTN) | 4.3750 | 01/11/38 | 200,000 | 245 | 1.24 |
| HSBC Bank ((EMTN) | 6.2500 | 30/01/41 | 100,000 | 154 | 0.78 |
| HSBC (EMTN) | 5.7500 | 20/12/27 | 200,000 | 248 | 1.26 |
| HSBC (EMTN) | 7.0000 | 07/04/38 | 150,000 | 227 | 1.15 |
| Land Securities Capital Markets (EMTN) | 2.7500 | 22/09/57 | 100,000 | 101 | 0.51 |
| LCR Finance | 4.5000 | 07/12/28 | 369,000 | 463 | 2.35 |
| Lloyds Bank (EMTN) | 6.5000 | 17/09/40 | 200,000 | 315 | 1.60 |
| London & Quadrant Housing | 5.5000 | 27/01/40 | 100,000 | 140 | 0.71 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|------------|----------|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | Assets % |
| London & Quadrant Housing (EMTN) | 4.6250 | 05/12/33 | 174,000 | 214 | 1.08 |
| Manchester Airport Group Funding (EMTN) | 4.7500 | 31/03/34 | 100,000 | 125 | 0.63 |
| Motability Operations (EMTN) | 3.6250 | 10/03/36 | 250,000 | 283 | 1.43 |
| National Grid Gas Finance (EMTN) | 2.7500 | 22/09/46 | 195,000 | 186 | 0.94 |
| Network Rail Infrastructure Finance (EMTN) | 4.7500 | 29/11/35 | 200,000 | 279 | 1.41 |
| Northern Gas Networks Finance (EMTN) | 5.6250 | 23/03/40 | 100,000 | 144 | 0.73 |
| Notting Hill Housing Trust | 4.3750 | 20/02/54 | 150,000 | 189 | 0.96 |
| Orbit Capital | 3.5000 | 24/03/45 | 100,000 | 106 | 0.54 |
| Paragon Treasury | 3.6250 | 21/01/47 | 100,000 | 109 | 0.55 |
| Peabody Capital (EMTN) | 5.2500 | 17/03/43 | 115,000 | 160 | 0.81 |
| Prudential (EMTN) | VAR | 19/12/63 | 150,000 | 179 | 0.91 |
| Rl Finance Bonds No 3 | 6.1250 | 13/11/28 | 100,000 | 119 | 0.60 |
| RMPA Services | 5.3370 | 30/09/38 | 114,058 | 142 | 0.72 |
| Scottish Widows | 7.0000 | 16/06/43 | 100,000 | 137 | 0.70 |
| Segro | 2.8750 | 11/10/37 | 100,000 | 99 | 0.50 |
| Segro | 5.7500 | 20/06/35 | 50,000 | 70 | 0.35 |
| Severn Trent Utilities Finance (EMTN) | 4.8750 | 24/01/42 | 112,000 | 148 | 0.75 |
| Southern Gas Networks (EMTN) | 4.8750 | 21/03/29 | 100,000 | 122 | 0.62 |
| SSE (EMTN) | 6.2500 | 27/08/38 | 100,000 | 149 | 0.75 |
| Standard Chartered (EMTN) | 5.1250 | 06/06/34 | 140,000 | 157 | 0.80 |
| Standard Life Aberdeen [†] | VAR | PERP | 100,000 | 127 | 0.64 |
| Thames Water Utilities Cayman Finance (EMTN) | 2.6250 | 24/01/32 | 100,000 | 97 | 0.49 |
| Thames Water Utilities Finance (EMTN) | 6.5000 | 09/02/32 | 100,000 | 141 | 0.71 |
| Thames Water Utilities Financial (EMTN) | 5.1250 | 28/09/37 | 171,000 | 224 | 1.13 |
| THFC Funding No 1 | 5.1250 | 21/12/35 | 51,000 | 66 | 0.33 |
| THFC Funding No 2 (EMTN) | 6.3500 | 08/07/39 | 150,000 | 225 | 1.14 |
| Transport for London (EMTN) | 3.8750 | 23/07/42 | 112,000 | 140 | 0.71 |
| Transport for London (EMTN) | 4.5000 | 31/03/31 | 116,000 | 138 | 0.70 |
| University of Southampton | 2.2500 | 11/04/57 | 120,000 | 112 | 0.57 |
| UPP (EMTN) | 4.9023 | 28/02/40 | 169,482 | 205 | 1.04 |
| Vodafone (EMTN) | 5.9000 | 26/11/32 | 90,000 | 118 | 0.60 |
| Vodafone (EMTN) | 3.3750 | 08/08/49 | 100,000 | 94 | 0.48 |
| Western Power Distribution South West | 5.7500 | 23/03/40 | 100,000 | 143 | 0.72 |
| Western Power Distribution South West (EMTN) | 2.3750 | 16/05/29 | 150,000 | 146 | 0.74 |
| Wheatley Group Capital | 4.3750 | 28/11/44 | 100,000 | 119 | 0.60 |
| WPP Finance 2013 (EMTN) | 2.8750 | 14/09/46 | 100,000 | 86 | 0.44 |
| | | | | 10,303 | 52.14 |
| United States 11.63% (2017: 11.60%) | | | | | |
| Amgen | 4.0000 | 13/09/29 | 100,000 | 113 | 0.57 |
| AT&T | 4.2500 | 01/06/43 | 150,000 | 162 | 0.82 |
| AT&T | 4.8750 | 01/06/44 | 100,000 | 118 | 0.60 |
| AT&T (EMTN) | 7.0000 | 30/04/40 | 150,000 | 224 | 1.13 |
| Bank of America (EMTN) | 7.0000 | 31/07/28 | 200,000 | 283 | 1.43 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Citigroup (EMTN) | 7.3750 | 01/09/39 | 110,000 | 186 | 0.94 |
| GE Capital UK Funding (EMTN) | 5.8750 | 18/01/33 | 221,000 | 294 | 1.50 |
| Goldman Sachs | 6.8750 | 18/01/38 | 80,000 | 121 | 0.61 |
| Pfizer | 2.7350 | 15/06/43 | 100,000 | 100 | 0.50 |
| Time Warner Cable | 5.7500 | 02/06/31 | 50,000 | 59 | 0.30 |
| United Parcel Service | 5.1250 | 12/02/50 | 100,000 | 152 | 0.77 |
| Verizon Communications | 3.3750 | 27/10/36 | 100,000 | 101 | 0.51 |
| Wal-Mart Stores | 5.6250 | 27/03/34 | 100,000 | 142 | 0.72 |
| Wells Fargo (EMTN) | 4.8750 | 29/11/35 | 100,000 | 126 | 0.64 |
| Welltower | 4.8000 | 20/11/28 | 100,000 | 116 | 0.59 |
| | | | | 2,297 | 11.63 |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 17,160 | 86.84 |
| Government Bonds 6.09% (2017: 2.67%) France nil (2017: 1.10%) | | | | | |
| Mexico 0.55% (2017: 0.42%) | | | | | |
| Mexico (Government of) (EMTN) | 5.6250 | 19/03/14 | 100,000 | 109 | 0.55 |
| United Kingdom 5.54% (2017: 1.15%) | | | | | |
| UK Treasury | 4.2500 | 07/12/27 | 685,000 | 858 | 4.34 |
| UK Treasury | 4.2500 | 07/06/32 | 180,000 | 237 | 1.20 |
| | | | | 1,095 | 5.54 |
| Total Government Bonds | | | | 1,204 | 6.09 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 18,364 | 92.93 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market inst exchange listing or dealt on another regulated mark | | n official | | 18,364 | 92.93 |
| Other transferable securities and money market ins Bonds 3.24% (2017: 0.59%) | truments 3.24% (2017 | ': 0.59%) | | | |
| Corporate Bonds 1.83% (2017: 0.59%) | | | | | |
| Netherlands 0.66% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten (EMTN) | 5.2000 | 07/12/28 | 100,000 | 130 | 0.66 |
| United Kingdom 1.17% (2017: 0.59%) | | | | | |
| Northern Electric Finance | 5.1250 | 04/05/35 | 174,000 | 231 | 1.17 |
| | | | | | |

| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|--|----------------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Government Bonds 1.41% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| France 1.41% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| SNCF Reseau (EMTN) | 5.2500 | 31/01/35 | 200,000 | 279 | 1.41 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Government Bonds | | | | 279 | 1.41 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Bonds | | | | 640 | 3.24 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Other transferable securities and mone | y market instruments | | | 640 | 3.24 |
| | | | | | |
| Total investments | | | | 19,004 | 96.17 |
| Other net assets | | | | 757 | 3.83 |
| Total net assets | | | | 19,761 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc. Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital losses | | (136) | | (1,644) |
| Revenue | 363 | | 392 | |
| Expenses | (31) | | (35) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 332 | | 357 | |
| Taxation | - | | - | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 332 | | 357 |
| Total return before distributions | | 196 | | (1,287) |
| Distributions | | (332) | | (357) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | (136) | | (1,644) |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janu | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|--|---------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 25,426 | | 23,704 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 201 | | 5,064 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (6,046) | | (3,154) | |
| | | (5,845) | | 1,910 |
| Dilution adjustment | | 27 | | 32 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | (136) | | (1,644) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 289 | | 364 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 19,761 | | 24,366 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 19,004 | 24,835 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 381 | 503 |
| Cash and bank balances | 618 | 293 |
| Total assets | 20,003 | 25,631 |
| | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 242 | 205 |
| Total liabilities | 242 | 205 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 19,761 | 25,426 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| K Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 4.49982 | - | 4.49982 | 3.95876 |
| Group 2 | 2.24430 | 2.25552 | 4.49982 | 3.95876 |
| K Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.45974 | - | 1.45974 | 1.31615 |
| Group 2 | 1.45974 | - | 1.45974 | 1.31615 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 3.93783 | - | 3.93783 | 3.87118 |
| Group 2 | 2.74783 | 1.19000 | 3.93783 | 3.87118 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to achieve income and capital growth with the Fund predominantly invested in Sterling denominated longer dated (10+ years) non-government Investment grade Debt and debt-related securities.

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in Debt and Debt-Related Securities which are Sub-Investment grade as at the date of investment. Any security which is downgraded after purchase to Sub-Investment grade will not be sold unless, in the opinion of the Investment Adviser, it is in the best interests of Shareholders to do so.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Investment grade and sub-Investment grade Debt and debt-related securities denominated in any currency, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of the Aberdeen Sterling Long Dated Government Bond Fund - A Accumulation Shares decreased by 0.32% compared to a decrease of 0.24% in the benchmark, the FTSE A British Government Over 15 Years Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested. GBP.

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

Investors in UK government bonds experienced something of a roller-coaster ride in the six months to 31 January. The yield on the 10-year benchmark gilt started the review period at 1.28% and touched a low of 1.02%, oscillating in a range between 1.2% and 1.4% before moving sharply higher to end January 2018 at 1.52%.

The period started with heightened geo-political tensions. The US tensions with North Korea escalated with President Trump saying any threats to the US or its allies would be met with "fire and fury". This sparked risk-off moves with 'safe' assets rising in price, while assets perceived as risky sold off. As a result, the yield of the benchmark 10-year UK gilt fell from 1.20% level to just above 1%.

In September the Bank of England came to the fore. At the September Bank of England Monetary Policy meeting, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) shifted well and truly to the hawkish side and effectively gave the market an unconditional pledge to hike interest rates. To paraphrase the MPC minutes; 'if the economy continues along the same path withdrawal of stimulus is likely to be appropriate over the coming months'. In previous months the MPC had warned the market that more needed to be priced into the yield curve, however with limited market reaction. In September they upped the hawkish rhetoric and the market obliged by pricing imminent rate hikes into the yield curve. With regards market moves at the close of business on the Friday before its September meeting the 10-year gilt yield stood at just below 1% and the value of sterling versus the US Dollar was \$1.32. When the market closed a week later the 10-year gilt yield was at 1.30% and the pound had appreciated to \$1.36.

Following on from the September Bank of England meeting, November was a monumental month for the Bank of England. For the first time since 2007 the Bank of England increased the official bank rate. Going into the meeting the market fully expected the 0.25% increase in rates, what was unclear was how the Bank of England would hike rates. The question was whether the MPC would signal the start of a hiking cycle or was the hike more to do with taking back the August 2016 rate cut. The message would come from the vote, the accompanying monetary policy statement and then the forecasts within the Quarterly Inflation Report. The vote came in at 7-2 as broadly expected, the message from the supporting documents and press conference were seen by the market to be dovish. The key document was the monetary policy statement in which the focus was not the content but on what lines had been removed from the statement in comparison to previous months. Back at the start of the summer, the MPC introduced a line which suggested that monetary policy could need to be tightened by a greater extent than priced by the market. In the November monetary policy statement this line was removed suggesting the MPC was happy with where the market was pricing further rate hikes. Following the statement in the press conference Governor Carney stated that the outlook for inflation was conditioned on a market path that implied two additional 25bp increases over the three-year forecast period. The reaction by the market was therefore dovish.

Throughout the period UK politics continued to simmer, and the country is currently in a period of 'stable instability'. The Conservative Party is divided by Brexit, with no one candidate capable of uniting the party. This was highlighted in October with the disastrous Conservative Party Conference.

From a Brexit perspective, in December, a couple of months later than expected the magic words of 'sufficient progress' were muttered by the EU 27. This has allowed negotiations to progress from phase one to the all-important discussions around transition and the final deal.

In January, global forces drove global fixed income yields higher. US Treasuries went above 2.70%, a level not seen since 2014. This, coupled with optimistic Brexit headlines and slightly better economic data, helped drive UK government bond yields higher. The yield on the 10-year gilt at the start of the month was languishing at 1.22%, but finished 30 basis points higher at 1.52%. There were a number of drivers to the bond sell-off from various corners of the world. In Japan there were hawkish comments from Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda, and in Europe a more hawkish tone from the European Central Bank.

Portfolio review

Early in the review period, sharp moves lower in UK gilt yields following risk-off periods were used to build a short duration position. We took profits following the moves higher after September's MPC meeting, and added a tactical long duration position. We thought the market moves were overdone and entered the position anticipating a short-term retracement lower in yields. The market had begun to price in the probability of two rate hikes next year after a first move from the MPC in November, and we thought this was overshooting realistic expectations.

Held over from July, the Fund continued to hold Australian government bonds. This position has performed well, and we still believe that this trade will continue to work. The rationale for the trade is the belief that the Royal Bank of Australia will not join the global hiking cycle and rates will remain on hold longer than the market expects. This position was the main driver of relative performance in the final three months of 2017.

In August we bought German bunds. This position was closed in September following the sell-off in gilts.

In September, we took profits on a curve steepener trade (expecting ultra-long nominal bonds to underperform relative to 30 year maturities) as the curve steepened due to weak demand for ultra-long bonds and in anticipation of a large supply of 50-year bonds early in September. In October we re-entered into the same curve steepener strategy.

Outlook

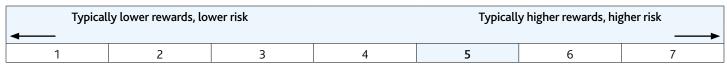
The two clear themes for the last six months should continue to be key drivers going into 2018. The Brexit negotiations and the impact on the UK economic and political landscape will continue to dominate for the foreseeable future. Going forward into March, we wait to see if the UK can agree a transition agreement with the EU. Further into the year, we wait to see what type of Brexit the UK government looks to pursue. With regards to monetary policy, following the dovish hike in November, the market waits to see what tone the Bank of England set for 2018. The key data point for the Bank of England is to see growth in wages and subsequently supply-side generated inflation.

Pan Euro Macro Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- · This Fund is ranked at 5 because funds of this type have experienced medium to 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Investing globally can bring additional returns and diversify risk. However, currency exchange rate fluctuations may have a positive or negative impact on the value of your investment, particularly given the exposure to one currency in this fund.
- Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

| Comparative tables |
|--------------------|
|--------------------|

| A Accumulation Shares ^A | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 38 | 18 | 7 |
| Closing number of shares | 35,700 | 16,800 | 5,900 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 106.35 | 106.95 | 113.44 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.56%) | (5.72%) | - |
| Operating charges | 1.15% | 1.15% | 1.15% |
| | | | |

| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1,399 | 490 | 1,625 |
| Closing number of shares | 489,887 | 171,187 | 544,887 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 285.51 | 286.36 | 298.28 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.30%) | (4.00%) | - |
| Operating charges | 0.65% | 0.65% | 0.65% |

| K Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 2,500 | 2,454 | 2,128 |
| Closing number of shares | 866,889 | 848,889 | 698,489 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 288.41 | 289.07 | 304.60 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.23%) | (5.10%) | - |
| Operating charges | 0.50% | 0.50% | 0.50% |

| K Income Shares ^B | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | |
|---|---------------|------------|--|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 544 | 6 | |
| Closing number of shares | 566,300 | 6,000 | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 96.13 | 97.05 | |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.95%) | - | |
| Operating charges | 0.50% | 0.50% | |

| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 39,045 | 40,018 | 45,396 |
| Closing number of shares | 17,083,150 | 17,499,850 | 18,906,950 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 228.56 | 228.68 | 240.10 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.05%) | (4.76%) | - |
| Operating charges | 0.15% | 0.15% | 0.15% |

^A A Accumulation share class launched on 16 May 2016.

 $^{^{\}rm B}$ K Income share class launched on 14 October 2016.

Fund launched on 13 May 2016.

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|---|-------------------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Transferable securities and money market instrum | <u> </u> | | | | |
| (2017: 99.50%) | | | | | |
| Bonds 99.33% (2017: 99.50%) | | | | | |
| Government Bonds 99.33% (2017: 99.50%) | | | | | |
| Australia 13.78% (2017: 7.16%) | | | | | |
| Australia (Commonwealth of) | 10.7500 | 28/03/22 | 9,770,000 | 6,000 | 13.78 |
| United Kingdom 85.55% (2017: 92.34%) | | | | | |
| UK Treasury | 0.1250 | 15/04/18 | 7,712,000 | 6,978 | 16.04 |
| UK Treasury | 2.2500 | 31/01/24 | 1,910,000 | 3,199 | 7.36 |
| UK Treasury | 2.0000 | 15/02/22 | 1,981,000 | 2,979 | 6.84 |
| UK Treasury | 3.0000 | 15/02/47 | 1,697,000 | 2,831 | 6.50 |
| UK Treasury | 7.7500 | 13/10/19 | 2,034,000 | 2,691 | 6.18 |
| UK Treasury | 2.2500 | 15/08/27 | 1,815,000 | 2,591 | 5.95 |
| UK Treasury | 0.8750 | 31/03/18 | 1,737,000 | 2,579 | 5.93 |
| JK Treasury | FRN | 31/07/19 | 2,010,000 | 2,538 | 5.83 |
| UK Treasury | 1.1250 | 31/01/19 | 1,636,000 | 2,469 | 5.67 |
| UK Treasury | 1.3750 | 15/01/20 | 1,328,000 | 1,980 | 4.55 |
| UK Treasury | 1.5000 | 15/08/20 | 1,266,000 | 1,752 | 4.03 |
| UK Treasury | 1.5000 | 15/06/20 | 793,000 | 1,271 | 2.92 |
| UK Treasury | 2.2500 | 15/11/27 | 698,000 | 694 | 1.59 |
| UK Treasury | 9.2500 | 07/05/28 | 539,000 | 676 | 1.55 |
| UK Treasury | 1.2500 | 31/05/19 | 415,000 | 649 | 1.49 |
| UK Treasury | 6.7500 | 29/01/20 | 533,000 | 519 | 1.19 |
| UK Treasury | 5.0000 | 15/05/37 | 255,000 | 360 | 0.83 |
| UK Treasury | 0.7500 | 31/10/18 | 204,000 | 279 | 0.64 |
| UK Treasury | 1.5000 | 15/04/20 | 199,000 | 200 | 0.46 |
| | | | | 37,235 | 85.55 |
| Total Government Bonds | | | | 43,235 | 99.33 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 43,235 | 99.33 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market in | struments admitted to a | n official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated ma | | Jiliciat | | 43,235 | 99.33 |

Derivatives (0.22%) (2017: 0.02%)

Forward currency exchange contracts (0.22%) (2017: 0.02%)

| | | | | | | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------|------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | £'000 | % |
| HSBC | GBP | AUD | 06/03/18 | 3,158,216 | 5,657,000 | (59) | (0.14) |
| HSBC | GBP | AUD | 06/03/18 | 2,828,106 | 5,036,000 | (36) | (0.08) |
| Royal Bank of Canada | AUD | GBP | 06/03/18 | 85,000 | 48,117 | - | - |
| Unrealised losses on forward currer | ncy exchang | e contra | cts | | | (95) | (0.22) |
| | | | | | | | |
| Unrealised losses on derivatives | | | | | | (95) | (0.22) |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total investments≠ | | | | | | 43,140 | 99.11 |
| Other net assets | | | | | | 386 | 0.89 |
| Total net assets | | | | | | 43,526 | 100.00 |

^{*} Including derivative liabilities. Currently forward positions are not collateralised. Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital losses | | (421) | | (4,303) |
| Revenue | 418 | | 418 | |
| Expenses | (40) | | (40) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 378 | | 378 | |
| Taxation | - | | - | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 378 | | 378 |
| Total return before distributions | | (43) | | (3,925) |
| Distributions | | (378) | | (378) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | (421) | | (4,303) |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 Janu | ary 2017 |
|--|-----------------|--------|---------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 42,986 | | 49,156 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 2,384 | | 3,615 | |
| | • | | • | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (1,798) | | (4,752) | |
| | | 586 | | (1,137) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | (421) | | (4,303) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 375 | | 383 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 43,526 | | 44,099 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 43,235 | 42,833 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 208 | 454 |
| Cash and bank balances | 216 | 187 |
| Total assets | 43,659 | 43,474 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 95 | 54 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 34 | 434 |
| Distribution payable | 4 | - |
| Total liabilities | 133 | 488 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 43,526 | 42,986 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.43142 | - | 0.43142 | 0.31405 |
| Group 2 | 0.28175 | 0.14967 | 0.43142 | 0.31405 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.82514 | - | 1.82514 | 5.15193 |
| Group 2 | 1.27795 | 0.54719 | 1.82514 | 5.15193 |
| K Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.05714 | - | 2.05714 | 1.91699 |
| Group 2 | 1.23287 | 0.82427 | 2.05714 | 1.91699 |
| K Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.69062 | - | 0.69062 | 0.65260 |
| Group 2 | 0.32451 | 0.36611 | 0.69062 | 0.65260 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.03677 | - | 2.03677 | 1.93817 |
| Group 2 | 1.19431 | 0.84246 | 2.03677 | 1.93817 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The investment objective of Aberdeen Sterling Money Market Fund is to produce a level of income commensurate with security principally by investing in cash deposits and money market instruments. The Fund may also invest in transferable securities and in collective investment schemes, including those managed by the ACD or companies affiliated with the ACD. The Fund is a money market fund as such term is defined by the COLL Sourcebook, and the Fund's investment objectives and policies will meet the requirements of this definition on an ongoing basis.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Sterling Money Market Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 0.08% compared to an increase of 0.12% in the benchmark, the 7 DAY GBP LIBID Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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

Following a period of electoral uncertainty in the first half of 2017 in the UK, a continuation of strong global growth into the second half left the markets free to rally. An improving economic environment triggered further monetary tightening by the world's most significant central banks.

In Europe, strong economic data led the European Central Bank to tighten monetary conditions in the region by committing to cut its quantitative easing programme in half. From January 2018 the size of monthly purchases reduced from €60bn to €30bn.

In November, the Bank of England (BoE) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) voted 7-2 in favour of hiking its policy rate by 25 basis points (bps) to 0.5%, which was 90% priced by the market going into the meeting.

After months of intense negotiations, the UK finally reached an agreement with the EU on its divorce terms in December. The deal was on the verge of collapse over the Irish border as the Democratic Unionist Party, which provides UK Prime Minister Theresa May with her parliamentary majority, opposed any deal which would involve Northern Ireland leaving the EU on different terms to the UK. As a compromise, the language on Northern Ireland was strengthened, committing the UK to continued 'regulatory alignment' with the EU which may push the UK towards a 'softer' form of Brexit.

Fund review

The Fund shortened significantly and increased its overnight exposure in the lead up to the November MPC meeting. This was as a result of issuer's reluctance to adjust levels despite the market pricing in an 85-90% chance of monetary action. Despite this increase in rates, we have not seen a significant steepening of the curve as comments at the November meeting, coupled with continued uncertainty around Brexit negotiations, suggested this is unlikely to be an aggressive rate hiking cycle.

The Fund has lengthened overall weighted-average-maturity, however we remain in the 45 day region, favouring the 3-4 month part of the curve, as this is where we see the most value against risk. The Fund looks to increase its floating rate exposure, offering a level of protection in a rising rate environment.

Outlook

The outlook from the BoE continues to be heavily reliant on the outcome of Brexit negotiations. We expect the inflation rate to return to the target level. The key concern for the central bank is likely to be the continuing weak productivity within the economy.

However, we continue to view the market as under-pricing the risk of interest rate rises in the UK given the BoE's continued focus on limited slack in the economy and its potential impact on inflation to remain above target.

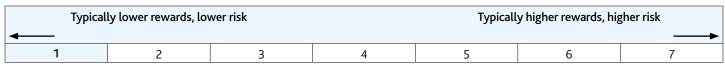
The UK economy faces a number of risk going forward. For example the slow progress of Brexit negotiations and ongoing power struggles within domestic parties for leadership and control. Continual assessment of these risks will cause the portfolio strategy adjust in order to take advantage of developing opportunities.

Money Markets Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- This Fund is ranked at 1 because funds of this type have experienced very low 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

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A Accumulation Shares

Closing number of shares

Operating charges

Closing net asset value per share (pence)

Change in net asset value per share

Closing net asset value (£'000)

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|---|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Closing number of shares | 20,849,797 | 20,918,228 | 18,378,801 | 19,792,653 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 111.71 | 111.61 | 111.37 | 111.05 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.09% | 0.22% | 0.29% | 0.01% |
| Operating charges | 0.28% | 0.33% | 0.44% | 0.62% |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1,043 | 542 | 672 | 1,365 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,043,942 | 542,442 | 673,008 | 1,367,253 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 99.89 | 99.90 | 99.89 | 99.82 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.01%) | 0.01% | 0.07% | (0.04%) |
| Operating charges | 0.28% | 0.33% | 0.44% | 0.62% |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 246,296 | 203,324 | 110,908 | 64,634 |
| Closing number of shares | 216,906,546 | 179,260,576 | 98,070,483 | 57,387,790 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 113.55 | 113.42 | 113.09 | 112.63 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.11% | 0.29% | 0.41% | 0.20% |
| Operating charges | 0.23% | 0.25% | 0.28% | 0.37% |
| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 8,657 | 8,454 | 17,575 | 1,584 |

31 July 17

8,465,677

99.87

0.25%

23,348

31 July 16

17,598,653

99.87

0.07%

0.28%

20,469

31 July 15

1,586,659

99.80

(0.03%)

0.37%

21,980

31 January 18

23,291

| Z Gross Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1,948 | 2,292 | 2,088 | 2,453 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,823,512 | 2,149,612 | 1,967,312 | 2,326,212 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 106.84 | 106.64 | 106.15 | 105.47 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.19% | 0.46% | 0.64% | 0.51% |
| Operating charges | 0.08% | 0.10% | 0.14% | 0.14% |

8,668,277

99.86

(0.01%)

0.23%

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| 6 | C (0() | Mar 2 | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Security Transferable securities and money market instrume | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % market |
| 93.99% (2017: 100.10%) | ents admitted to an oni | cial exchange list | ing or deatt on | another regulated | IIIdiket |
| Bonds 26.18% (2017: 40.47%) | | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds 26.18% (2017: 38.02%) | | | | | |
| Australia 1.56% (2017: 4.83%) | | | | | |
| AusNet Services (EMTN) | 7.1250 | 26/06/18 | 374,000 | 383 | 0.14 |
| Westpac Banking (EMTN) | FRN | 07/02/18 | 2,500,000 | 2,501 | 0.89 |
| Westpac Banking (EMTN) | FRN | 05/04/18 | 1,500,000 | 1,500 | 0.53 |
| | | | | 4,384 | 1.56 |
| Canada 7.11% (2017: 6.73%) | | | | | |
| Bank of Montreal (EMTN) | FRN | 03/05/18 | 5,500,000 | 5,504 | 1.95 |
| Bank of Montreal (EMTN) | FRN | 20/06/19 | 2,000,000 | 2,001 | 0.71 |
| Bank of Nova Scotia (EMTN) | FRN | 07/02/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| Bank of Nova Scotia (EMTN) | FRN | 14/06/19 | 2,500,000 | 2,501 | 0.89 |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (EMTN) | FRN | 14/12/18 | 2,000,000 | 2,010 | 0.71 |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (EMTN) | FRN | 01/02/18 | 2,000,000 | 2,000 | 0.71 |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (EMTN) | FRN | 12/12/18 | 1,000,000 | 1,000 | 0.36 |
| Royal Bank of Canada (EMTN) | FRN | 22/01/19 | 2,000,000 | 2,000 | 0.71 |
| (2000) | | | | 20,016 | 7.11 |
| Denmark 1.07% (2017: 1.26%) | | | | | |
| Danske Bank (EMTN) | FRN | 04/10/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,008 | 1.07 |
| Finland 0.36% (2017: 0.42%) | | | | | |
| OP Corporate Bank (EMTN) | FRN | 21/05/18 | 1,000,000 | 1,001 | 0.36 |
| France 3.13% (2017: 1.24%) | | | | | |
| Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel (EMTN) | FRN | 31/07/19 | 3,500,000 | 3,500 | 1.24 |
| Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel (GMTN) | FRN | 07/02/19 | 5,300,000 | 5,310 | 1.89 |
| | | 0.7,02,7.0 | 3,200,000 | 8,810 | 3.13 |
| Germany 4.81% (2017: 6.56%) | | | | | |
| BMW International Investment (EMTN) | FRN | 04/12/19 | 3,000,000 | 2,999 | 1.07 |
| BMW International Investment (EMTN) | FRN | 17/07/19 | 2,500,000 | 2,999 2,501 | 0.89 |
| BMW International Investment (EMTN) | FRN | 17/07/19 | 2,300,000 | 2,501 | 0.89 |
| Daimler (EMTN) | 2.3750 | 16/07/18 | 2,000,000 | 2,002 | 0.71 |
| , , | | | | | |
| DZ Bank (EMTN) | FRN | 02/02/19 | 4,000,000 | 4,006 13,523 | 1.42 4.81 |
| | | | | 13,363 | 4.01 |
| Japan 0.89% (2017: 0.42%) | | | | | |
| Toyota Motor Finance Netherlands (EMTN) | FRN | 30/09/19 | 2,500,000 | 2,500 | 0.89 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Netherlands 1.78% (2017: 6.45%) | | | | | |
| ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN) | FRN | 30/11/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,010 | 1.07 |
| Cooperatieve Rabobank (EMTN) | FRN | 16/01/20 | 2,000,000 | 1,999 5,009 | 0.71 1.78 |
| New Zealand nil (2017: 0.63%) | | | | 3,009 | 1.76 |
| Norway 0.71% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Nordea Eiendomskreditt (EMTN) | FRN | 14/01/19 | 2,000,000 | 2,007 | 0.71 |
| | | ,, | | _, | |
| Qatar 0.71% (2017: 0.84%) | | | | | |
| QNB Finance (EMTN) | FRN | 28/02/18 | 2,000,000 | 2,000 | 0.71 |
| Sweden nil (2017: 0.32%) | | | | | |
| Switzerland 0.71% (2017: 1.28%) | | | | | |
| UBS (EMTN) | 6.6250 | 11/04/18 | 1,965,000 | 1,987 | 0.71 |
| | | | | | |
| United Kingdom 3.34% (2017: 4.34%) | | | | | |
| Barclays Bank (EMTN) | FRN | 12/02/18 | 1,390,000 | 1,390 | 0.49 |
| Nationwide Building Society (EMTN) | FRN | 09/02/18 | 4,000,000 | 4,000 | 1.42 |
| Nationwide Building Society (EMTN) Santander UK | FRN | 06/06/19 29/05/18 | 1,000,000 | 1,002 | 0.36 |
| Santanger OK | FRN | 29/05/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,002 9,394 | 1.07 3.34 |
| United States nil (2017: 2.70%) | | | | 5,000 | |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 73,639 | 26.18 |
| Government Bonds nil (2017: 2.45%) South Korea nil (2017: 2.45%) | | | | | |
| Total Bonds | | | | 73,639 | 26.18 |
| Money market instruments 67.81% (2017: 59.63%) Certificate of deposit 55.60% (2017: 45.82%) Belgium 1.07% (2017: 2.52%) | | | | | |
| BNP Paribas Fortis | - | 15/02/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| Canada 2.31% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce | 0.5100 | 07/02/18 | 3,500,000 | 3,500 | 1.24 |
| Toronto-Dominion Bank | 0.5200 | 01/06/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| | | | , , | 6,500 | 2.31 |
| Denmark 2.13% (2017: 1.26%) | | | | | |
| Danske Bank | 0.5500 | 21/05/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.06 |
| Danske Bank | 0.3400 | 05/03/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| | 3.5 100 | 55, 55, 10 | 2,000,000 | 6,000 | 2.13 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| France 11.57% (2017: 10.73%) | | | | | |
| Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel | 0.5350 | 19/03/18 | 2,000,000 | 2,000 | 0.71 |
| BNP Paribas | - | 14/02/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| Credit Agricole | 0.5600 | 06/03/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| Credit Agricole | 0.3100 | 12/02/18 | 2,500,000 | 2,500 | 0.89 |
| Credit Agricole | 0.5900 | 21/05/18 | 2,000,000 | 2,001 | 0.71 |
| Credit Agricole | 0.4900 | 25/05/18 | 2,000,000 | 2,000 | 0.71 |
| Natixis | 0.6000 | 22/02/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| Natixis | 0.5700 | 15/02/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| Societe Generale | 0.5000 | 08/02/18 | 8,000,000 | 7,999 | 2.85 |
| Societe Generale | 0.6200 | 31/07/18 | 2,000,000 | 2,001 | 0.71 |
| Societe Generale | 0.6100 | 20/04/18 | 2,000,000 | 2,001 | 0.71 |
| | | | | 32,502 | 11.57 |
| Germany 2.13% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| DZ Bank | - | 13/02/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| Landesbank Hessen-Thueringen | 0.5300 | 08/05/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.06 |
| Ü | | | | 6,000 | 2.13 |
| Japan 11.02% (2017: 12.83%) | | | | | |
| Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ | 0.4800 | 28/02/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ | - | 08/02/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| Mizuho Bank | 0.5200 | 05/04/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.06 |
| Mizuho Bank | 0.5100 | 06/02/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| Norinchukin Bank | - | 08/02/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| Norinchukin Bank | - | 13/02/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| Sumitomo Mitsui Banking | 0.5200 | 04/04/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.06 |
| Sumitomo Mitsui Banking | 0.5250 | 22/02/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.06 |
| Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank | 0.5300 | 15/05/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,001 | 1.07 |
| Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank | 0.5400 | 29/05/18 | 2,000,000 | 2,000 | 0.71 |
| Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank | 0.5000 | 05/03/18 | 2,000,000 | 2,000 | 0.71 |
| | | | _,,,,,,,,, | 31,001 | 11.02 |
| Netherlands 4.26% (2017: 1.68%) | | | | | |
| ABN Amro Bank | _ | 14/03/18 | 3,000,000 | 2,999 | 1.06 |
| ABN Amro Bank | <u>-</u> | 08/05/18 | 3,000,000 | 2,996 | 1.06 |
| ABN Amro Bank | 0.5300 | 06/08/18 | 1,000,000 | 1,000 | 0.36 |
| ING Bank | 0.5000 | 09/04/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| ING Bank | 0.5000 | 03/04/18 | 2,000,000 | 2,000 | 0.71 |
| IIVO DUIK | 0.5000 | 03/00/10 | 2,000,000 | 11,995 | 4.26 |
| Norway 2.49% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| DNB | 0.5450 | 11/07/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| DNB Bank | 0.5000 | 22/05/18 | 4,000,000 | 4,001 | 1.07 |
| אווש שווע | 0.5000 | <i>LL1031</i> 10 | 4,000,000 | 4,001 | 1.42 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|------------|----------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Qatar nil (2017: 1.26%) | | | | | |
| Sweden 3.20% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Nordea Bank | 0.4900 | 20/03/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.06 |
| Nordea Bank | 0.4800 | 11/04/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| Svenska Handelsbanken | 0.4900 | 01/05/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,001 | 1.07 |
| | | | | 9,001 | 3.20 |
| 5 ' | | | | | |
| Switzerland 3.33% (2017: 5.46%) | 0.7500 | 00/11/10 | 2 000 000 | 2.001 | 1.00 |
| Credit Suisse | 0.7500 | 09/11/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,001 | 1.08 |
| Credit Suisse | 0.5200 | 09/08/18 | 1,500,000 | 1,500 | 0.53 |
| UBS | 0.0000 | 21/02/18 | 2,000,000 | 2,000 | 0.71 |
| UBS | 0.7500 | 14/11/18 | 1,500,000 | 1,501 | 0.53 |
| UBS | 0.5100 | 28/08/18 | 1,000,000 | 1,000 | 0.36 |
| UBS | 0.6200 | 26/02/18 | 350,000 | 350 9,352 | 0.12 3.33 |
| | | | | 3,332 | <u> </u> |
| United Arab Emirates 2.67% (2017: 5.46%) | | | | | |
| First Abu Dhabi Bank | 0.5200 | 09/04/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| First Abu Dhabi Bank | 0.5100 | 04/04/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| National Bank of Abu Dhabi | 0.6500 | 27/04/18 | 1,500,000 | 1,501 | 0.53 |
| | | | | 7,501 | 2.67 |
| United Kingdom 6.04% (2017: 3.57%) | | | | | |
| Bank of America | 0.5600 | 10/07/18 | 4,000,000 | 4,002 | 1.41 |
| Barclays Bank | 0.4800 | 22/03/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| Santander UK | 0.0000 | 16/03/18 | 3,000,000 | 2,998 | 1.07 |
| Standard Chartered Bank | 0.5100 | 31/05/18 | 4,000,000 | 4,000 | 1.42 |
| Standard Chartered Bank | 0.5100 | 11/05/18 | 3,000,000 | 3,000 | 1.07 |
| | | | | 17,000 | 6.04 |
| United States 3.38% (2017: 1.05%) | | | | | |
| Goldman Sachs International Bank | 0.9000 | 07/12/18 | 2,500,000 | 2,504 | 0.89 |
| Goldman Sachs International Bank | 0.8550 | 11/05/18 | 2,500,000 | 2,503 | 0.89 |
| Goldman Sachs International Bank | 0.5350 | 23/03/18 | 2,500,000 | 2,500 | 0.89 |
| Wells Fargo | 0.3500 | 12/03/18 | 2,000,000 | 2,000 | 0.71 |
| 0 | | | , , | 9,507 | 3.38 |
| | | | | 456.260 | 55.60 |
| Total Certificate of deposit | | | | 156,360 | 55.60 |
| Commercial Paper 12.21% (2017: 13.81%) Australia 0.71% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| AMP Bank | _ | 09/05/18 | 2,000,000 | 1,994 | 0.71 |
| | | , | , , | -, | · · · · |
| Denmark 1.07% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Danske Bank | - | 16/02/18 | 3,000,000 | 2,997 | 1.07 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Finland 2.45% (2017: 2.89%) | | | | | |
| OP Corporate Bank | - | 24/05/18 | 3,900,000 | 3,893 | 1.38 |
| OP Corporate Bank | | 23/04/18 | 3,000,000 | 2,996 | 1.07 |
| | | | | 6,889 | 2.45 |
| France 2.47% (2017: 2.73%) | | | | | |
| Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel | - | 04/06/18 | 3,000,000 | 2,995 | 1.06 |
| Dexia Credit Local | - | 04/05/18 | 4,000,000 | 3,991 | 1.41 |
| | | | | 6,986 | 2.47 |
| Germany nil (2017: 1.68%) | | | | | |
| Japan 1.07% (2017: 0.84%) | | | | | |
| Toyota Motor Finance Netherlands | - | 29/03/18 | 3,000,000 | 2,996 | 1.07 |
| Sweden 0.71% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| SBAB Bank | | 18/04/18 | 2,000,000 | 1,997 | 0.71 |
| United Kingdom 2.31% (2017: 2.73%) | | | | | |
| Legal & General Finance | - | 24/04/18 | 3,500,000 | 3,496 | 1.24 |
| Unilever | - | 12/03/18 | 3,000,000 | 2,996 | 1.07 |
| | | | | 6,492 | 2.31 |
| United States 1.42% (2017: 2.94%) | | | | | |
| PACCAR Financial Europe | _ | 08/03/18 | 4,000,000 | 3,995 | 1.42 |
| Total Commercial Paper | | | | 34,346 | 12.21 |
| Total Money market instruments | | | | 190,706 | 67.81 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instru | | nn official | | 264.245 | 03.00 |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | <u> </u> | | | 264,345 | 93.99 |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 8.24% (2017: 0.19%) | | | | | |
| Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Sterling Fund Z-1 [†] | | | 23,169 | 23,169 | 8.24 |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | | | 23,169 | 8.24 |
| Total investments | | | | 287,514 | 102.23 |
| Other net liabilities | | | | (6,279) | (2.23 |
| Total net assets | | | | 281,235 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc. Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|--|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | |
| Income | | | | | |
| Net capital losses | | (2) | | (6) | |
| Revenue | 600 | | 555 | | |
| Expenses | (311) | | (266) | | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 289 | | 289 | | |
| Taxation | - | | - | | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 289 | | 289 | |
| Total return before distributions | | 287 | | 283 | |
| Distributions | | (289) | | (295) | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | | |
| from investment activities | | (2) | | (12) | |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 237,960 | | 151,712 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 68,662 | | 122,939 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (25,681) | | (48,084) | |
| | | 42,981 | | 74,855 |
| Dilution adjustment | | 1 | | 5 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | (2) | | (12) |
| investinent activities | | (2) | | (12) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 295 | | 270 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 281,235 | | 226,830 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 287,514 | 238,646 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 400 | 1,093 |
| Cash and bank balances | 77 | 49 |
| Total assets | 287,991 | 239,788 |
| | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 6,751 | 1,824 |
| Distribution payable | 5 | 4 |
| Total liabilities | 6,756 | 1,828 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 281,235 | 237,960 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

First Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 October 2017

| | D | F. Brade | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 31/01/18 | 31/01/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.04674 | - | 0.04674 | 0.05446 |
| Group 2 | 0.01521 | 0.03153 | 0.04674 | 0.05446 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.04184 | - | 0.04184 | 0.04885 |
| Group 2 | 0.01222 | 0.02962 | 0.04184 | 0.04885 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.06206 | - | 0.06206 | 0.08906 |
| Group 2 | 0.01918 | 0.04288 | 0.06206 | 0.08906 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.05464 | - | 0.05464 | 0.07865 |
| Group 2 | 0.01076 | 0.04388 | 0.05464 | 0.07865 |
| Z Gross Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.09850 | - | 0.09850 | 0.13911 |
| Group 2 | 0.04667 | 0.05183 | 0.09850 | 0.13911 |

Second Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 November 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.05001 | - | 0.05001 | 0.07267 |
| Group 2 | 0.03046 | 0.01955 | 0.05001 | 0.07267 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.04474 | - | 0.04474 | 0.06515 |
| Group 2 | 0.02306 | 0.02168 | 0.04474 | 0.06515 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.06534 | - | 0.06534 | 0.08877 |
| Group 2 | 0.03452 | 0.03082 | 0.06534 | 0.08877 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.05750 | - | 0.05750 | 0.07833 |
| Group 2 | 0.04247 | 0.01503 | 0.05750 | 0.07833 |
| Z Gross Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.10234 | - | 0.10234 | 0.12342 |
| Group 2 | 0.05496 | 0.04738 | 0.10234 | 0.12342 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in Debt and debt-related securities denominated in (or hedged back to) Sterling, including by pursuing individual opportunities as and when they arise.

The majority of the Fund's assets will be invested in corporate Debt and debt-related securities.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Debt and debt-related securities denominated in any currency, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and cash equivalents, and units in collective investments schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and/or efficient portfolio management. The Fund may use derivative instruments to create short and/or long positions.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 0.59% compared to an increase of 0.35% in the benchmark, the iBoxx Sterling Collateralized & Corporates 1-10 year Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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

Sterling corporate bonds outperformed UK government bonds over the six months to 31 January. Underlying gilt yields trended downwards from the beginning of July through to the first week of September, when hawkish rhetoric from the Bank of England's Monetary policy Committee pushed yields sharply higher. Financials led the performance tables – in particular subordinated bonds – but spreads tightened in practically all sectors. Markets have been supported by a constructive fundamental backdrop which continues to fuel strong levels of demand in a very low yield environment.

The final three months of 2017 continued in the same positive vein; benign government bond markets, loose monetary policies and improving levels of economic activity all helped create an environment which attracted investors into riskier assets.

Moving into 2018, sterling investment grade credit continued to outperform UK government bonds in January. However, the return generated by a tightening of credit spreads over gilts was entirely offset by yield moves, with the 10-year gilt yield finishing 0.30% higher over the month at 1.52% - about the same amount it was higher by over the last 6 months.

Portfolio review

The Aberdeen Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund delivered a positive return and outperformed its benchmark in the six months to 31 January.

During August the Fund modestly underperformed its benchmark as spreads moved wider. However, bright spots included investments in the energy sector. Heathrow also added performance, reporting

continued stable growth in passenger numbers and moving closer to full parliamentary approval for a third runway. The Fund's underweight in real estate cost a little performance as did investments in some high yield finance companies. Additions to the portfolio included BAT, and residential and mortgage backed securities from London Wall.

Fund performance in September was driven by a strong contribution from stock selection, with the banking sector leading the way. A general overweight in the lower parts of the financial capital structure also boosted relative performance. High yield spreads moved tighter in September, and the Fund's position in the Aberdeen Strategic Bond Fund outperformed, helping performance relative to benchmark. The 10% portfolio position in high yielding bonds also added significant performance. The hedging position in Xover credit default swaps detracted from performance. So, too, did the holdings in gilts, which underperformed corporate credit, and an overweight in the airport sector.

Stock selection was generally positive in the final three months of 2017. In October, subordinated bonds issued by Lloyds Banking Group were notable outperformers, as were bonds issued by Aviva and BUPA Finance. Overweight positions in the US energy sector boosted returns as oil prices remained firm. The spread on a corporate hybrid bond issued by French utility EDF tightened materially and some profits were taken. High yield underperformed in November at an index level, driven by a few credits moving sharply wider, although recovering situations in high yield were standouts in December – notably Valeant. In terms of asset allocation, a short allocation to non-financial corporate bonds relative to benchmark detracted from returns in October. In December, asset allocation was a small positive, boosted by the performance of the Aberdeen Strategic Bond Fund.

The Fund outperformed its benchmark in January. Asset allocation was positive, boosted by a low duration stance and overweight exposure to financials and high yield. Upper tier 2 financials were particularly strong. Most of the Fund's positions in this sector are off-benchmark, either due to their US dollar nature or because they are sub-investment grade. The Fund's holdings in DISCO bonds (agency no-coupon discount notes) continued to perform strongly in January. From a stock selection perspective, the aforementioned DISCOs (ANZ and Westpac) added significant performance.

Outlook

Lately, higher economic growth has not been reflected in rising inflation – not a normal relationship. Typically, as growth picks up, inflationary pressures build with wages rising over and above the inflation level. January saw some signs of a return to normal, perhaps due to reduced spare capacity in the US and particularly Europe and China. We think there is a natural limit to how much higher yields can move without hard evidence of significant wage or broad economy growth.

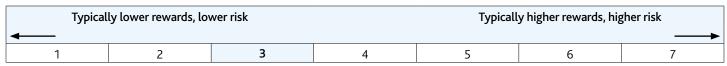
Sterling yield spreads still look attractive to overseas investors, especially in longer dated maturities. For UK investors, sterling credit is at or around fair value with little in the way of notable risks in 2018, bearing in mind the mixed UK/overseas nature of the companies contained within the index, and continued global growth.

Pan European Credit Team

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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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- This Fund is ranked at 3 because funds of this type have experienced average 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.
- Derivatives: This Fund can use derivatives in order to meet its investment objective. The use of derivatives may result in greater fluctuations in the value of the Fund, and may increase the magnitude of any losses.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 121 | 152 | 79 | 1,206 |
| Closing number of shares | 88,541 | 112,041 | 60,841 | 972,188 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 136.01 | 135.31 | 129.84 | 124.02 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.52% | 4.21% | 4.69% | - |
| Operating charges | 1.14% | 1.13% | 1.13% | 1.13% |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 213,919 | 212,835 | 187,376 | 189,101 |
| Closing number of shares | 188,149,526 | 186,145,294 | 166,934,094 | 172,668,608 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 113.70 | 114.34 | 112.25 | 109.52 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.56%) | 1.86% | 2.49% | |
| Operating charges | 1.14% | 1.13% | 1.13% | 1.13% |
| Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 115 | 112 | 677 | 252 |
| Closing number of shares | 81,277 | 79,977 | 503,684 | 197,264 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 141.82 | 140.72 | 134.35 | 127.81 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.78% | 4.74% | 5.12% | |
| Operating charges | 0.64% | 0.63% | 0.63% | 0.63% |
| Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 2,683 | 2,390 | 2,479 | 2,22 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,289,186 | 2,028,105 | 2,143,164 | 1,967,678 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 117.19 | 117.85 | 115.67 | 112.85 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.56%) | 1.88% | 2.50% | |
| Operating charges | 0.64% | 0.63% | 0.63% | 0.63% |
| Gross Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 24,306 | 24,416 | 23,637 | 26,880 |
| Closing number of shares | 18,366,070 | 18,591,770 | 18,876,170 | 22,708,326 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 132.34 | 131.33 | 125.22 | 118.37 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.77% | 4.88% | 5.79% | |
| Operating charges | 0.64% | 0.63% | 0.63% | 0.63% |
| Gross Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 25 | 25 | 41 | 27 |
| Closing number of shares | 23,630 | 23,630 | 38,730 | 26,030 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 106.80 | 107.41 | 105.45 | 102.88 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.57%) | 1.86% | 2.50% | |
| Operating charges | 0.64% | 0.63% | 0.63% | 0.63% |
| P Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 1! |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 3,210 | 23,491 | 31,964 | 34,24 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,823,362 | 20,547,082 | 28,479,917 | 31,275,09 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 113.69 | 114.33 | 112.23 | 109.50 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.56%) | 1.87% | 2.49% | |
| Operating charges | 0.41% | 0.40% | 0.40% | 0.40% |

| P Gross Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 49 | 937 | 1,570 | 1,551 |
| Closing number of shares | 42,618 | 818,918 | 1,397,817 | 1,415,417 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 113.76 | 114.41 | 112.33 | 109.59 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.57%) | 1.85% | 2.50% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.41% | 0.40% | 0.40% | 0.40% |
| Operating charges | 0.41% | 0.40% | 0.40% | 0.4 |

| Q Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 11,755 | 180,799 | 464,485 | 635,676 |
| Closing number of shares | 10,337,998 | 158,138,262 | 413,814,813 | 580,480,413 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 113.71 | 114.33 | 112.24 | 109.51 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.54%) | 1.86% | 2.49% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.31% | 0.30% | 0.30% | 0.30% |

| Q Gross Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 257 | 15,863 | 22,501 | 36,717 |
| Closing number of shares | 226,158 | 13,862,958 | 20,030,996 | 33,501,743 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 113.80 | 114.42 | 112.33 | 109.60 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.54%) | 1.86% | 2.49% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.31% | 0.30% | 0.30% | 0.30% |

| Z Accumulation Shares ^A | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | |
|---|---------------|------------|--|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 575 | 170 | |
| Closing number of shares | 550,111 | 164,211 | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 104.58 | 103.52 | |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.02% | - | |
| Operating charges | 0.14% | 0.13% | |

A Z Accumulation share class launched on 15 August 2016.
Fund launched on 10 July 2015.
The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.
The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | 6. (01) | Maria | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Transferable securities and money market instrum 31.47% (2017: 81.38%) | ients admitted to an offi | cial exchange list | ing or dealt on | another regulated | market |
| Bonds 81.47% (2017: 81.38%) | | | | | |
| Asset Backed Bonds/Mortgage Backed Bonds 4.28 | % (2017: 3.74%) | | | | |
| United Kingdom 4.28% (2017: 3.74%) | · | | | | |
| Auburn Securities 5 | FRN | 01/12/41 | 3,448,340 | 3,449 | 1.34 |
| Feldspar 2016-1 | FRN | 15/09/45 | 963,028 | 967 | 0.38 |
| London Wall Mortgage Capital | FRN | 15/11/49 | 2,099,751 | 2,109 | 0.82 |
| Precise Mortgage Funding 2014-1 | FRN | 12/09/47 | 1,039,340 | 1,041 | 0.41 |
| RMAC Securities No 1 | FRN | 12/06/44 | 1,843,269 | 1,808 | 0.70 |
| Together Asset Backed Securitisation 1 | FRN | 12/03/49 | 1,624,453 | 1,627 | 0.63 |
| | | | | 11,001 | 4.28 |
| Total Asset Backed Bonds/Mortgage Backed Bonds | s | | | 11,001 | 4.28 |
| 5 0 | | | | <u> </u> | |
| Corporate Bonds 76.59% (2017: 66.92%) | | | | | |
| Australia 3.15% (2017: 2.11%) | | | | | |
| Australia & New Zealand Banking | FRN | PERP | 2,000,000 | 1,225 | 0.48 |
| Commonwealth Bank of Australia (EMTN) | 1.1250 | 22/12/21 | 3,200,000 | 3,162 | 1.23 |
| Vicinity Centres (EMTN) | 3.3750 | 07/04/26 | 2,313,000 | 2,445 | 0.95 |
| Westpac Banking | FRN | PERP | 2,000,000 | 1,253 | 0.49 |
| | | | | 8,085 | 3.15 |
| Belgium 0.10% (2017: 0.06%) | | | | | |
| KBC | VAR | PERP | 275,000 | 251 | 0.10 |
| Canada 2.29% (2017: 1.17%) | | | | | |
| Bank of Nova Scotia (EMTN) | 1.2500 | 08/06/22 | 870,000 | 857 | 0.33 |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce | 1.1250 | 30/06/22 | 4,500,000 | 4,434 | 1.73 |
| Cott Finance (EMTN) | 5.5000 | 01/07/24 | 158,000 | 149 | 0.06 |
| Entertainment One | 6.8750 | 15/12/22 | 413,000 | 441 | 0.17 |
| Entertailment One | 0.0730 | 137 12722 | 113,000 | 5,881 | 2.29 |
| | | | | | |
| China 0.04% (2017: 0.04%) | | | | | |
| BiSoho | 5.8750 | 01/05/23 | 107,460 | 101 | 0.04 |
| Denmark 0.20% (2017: 0.05%) | | | | | |
| Nassa Topco | 2.8750 | 06/04/24 | 572,000 | 507 | 0.20 |
| France 3.25% (2017: 3.37%) | | | | | |
| AXA (EMTN) [∞] | VAR | PERP | 2,000,000 | 2,471 | 0.96 |
| Electricite de France (EMTN) | 6.2500 | 30/05/28 | 800,000 | 1,048 | 0.41 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|------------|----------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| La Financiere Atalian | 4.0000 | 15/05/24 | 262,000 | 239 | 0.09 |
| NewCo GB | 8.0000 | 15/12/22 | 100,000 | 90 | 0.03 |
| NewCo Sab MidCo | 5.3750 | 15/04/25 | 133,000 | 118 | 0.05 |
| Novafives | 4.5000 | 30/06/21 | 425,000 | 379 | 0.15 |
| Novalis | 3.0000 | 30/04/22 | 230,000 | 205 | 0.08 |
| Orange | VAR | PERP | 2,945,000 | 3,328 | 1.29 |
| Paprec | 5.2500 | 01/04/22 | 171,000 | 154 | 0.06 |
| SFR | 5.6250 | 15/05/24 | 370,000 | 330 | 0.13 |
| | | | | 8,362 | 3.25 |
| Germany 1.07% (2017: 0.62%) | | | | | |
| Adler Pezler | 4.1250 | 01/04/24 | 125,000 | 113 | 0.04 |
| CBR Fashion Finance | 5.1250 | 01/10/22 | 100,000 | 82 | 0.03 |
| CTC BondCo | 5.2500 | 15/12/25 | 100,000 | 88 | 0.03 |
| DEMIRE Deutsche Mittelstand Real Estate | 2.8750 | 15/07/22 | 293,000 | 263 | 0.10 |
| Nidda BondCo | 5.0000 | 30/09/25 | 100,000 | 87 | 0.03 |
| Nidda Healthcare | 3.5000 | 30/09/24 | 156,000 | 138 | 0.05 |
| PrestigeBidCo | 6.2500 | 15/12/23 | 430,000 | 400 | 0.16 |
| Safari Verwaltungs | 8.2500 | 15/02/21 | 422,476 | 377 | 0.15 |
| Safari Verwaltungs | 5.3750 | 30/11/22 | 150,000 | 134 | 0.05 |
| Senvion [∞] | 3.8750 | 25/10/22 | 629,000 | 515 | 0.20 |
| Unitymedia Hessen | 4.0000 | 15/01/25 | 610,000 | 565 | 0.23 |
| . , | | | , | 2,762 | 1.07 |
| Greece 0.19% (2017: 0.08%) | | | | | |
| Intralot Capital Luxembourg | 6.7500 | 15/09/21 | 367,000 | 342 | 0.13 |
| Intralot Capital Luxembourg | 5.2500 | 15/09/24 | 177,000 | 157 | 0.06 |
| madot capital caxembodis | 3.2300 | 13703721 | 177,000 | 499 | 0.19 |
| Guernsey 0.13% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Summit Germany | 2.0000 | 31/01/25 | 370,000 | 322 | 0.13 |
| Ireland 0.15% (2017: 0.13%) | | | | | |
| Ardagh Packaging Finance | 6.7500 | 15/05/24 | 261,000 | 251 | 0.09 |
| | 4.7500 | 15/03/24 | 145,000 | 146 | 0.09 |
| Ardagh Packaging Finance | 4.7300 | 13/01/21 | 143,000 | 397 | 0.05 |
| Israel 0 07% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Israel 0.07% (2017: nil) | 1.6350 | 15/10/20 | 260,000 | 104 | 0.07 |
| Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II [∞] | 1.6250 | 15/10/28 | 260,000 | 184 | 0.07 |
| Italy 0.10% (2017: 0.43%) | | | | | |
| Gamenet | 6.0000 | 15/08/21 | 131,000 | 118 | 0.05 |
| Wind Tre | 2.6250 | 20/01/23 | 176,000 | 143 | 0.05 |
| | | | | 261 | 0.10 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Jersey 0.27% (2017: 0.15%) | | | | | |
| LHC3 | 4.1250 | 15/08/24 | 147,000 | 132 | 0.05 |
| Nemean Bondco [∞] | 7.3750 | 01/02/24 | 600,000 | 549 | 0.22 |
| | | | | 681 | 0.27 |
| Kazakhstan nil (2017: 0.60%) | | | | | |
| Luxembourg 1.27% (2017: 0.93%) | | | | | |
| Altice∞ | 7.2500 | 15/05/22 | 780,000 | 669 | 0.25 |
| DEA Finance | 7.5000 | 15/10/22 | 454,000 | 437 | 0.17 |
| Galapagos | 5.3750 | 15/06/21 | 275,000 | 236 | 0.09 |
| Garfunkelex Holdco 3 | 7.5000 | 01/08/22 | 250,000 | 228 | 0.09 |
| Garfunkelux Holdco 2∞ | 11.0000 | 01/11/23 | 250,000 | 261 | 0.10 |
| INEOS | 5.3750 | 01/08/24 | 249,000 | 231 | 0.09 |
| Kleopatra 1 | 8.5000 | 30/06/23 | 169,000 | 142 | 0.06 |
| Monitchem HoldCo 2 | 6.8750 | 15/06/22 | 370,000 | 305 | 0.12 |
| SIG Combibloc | 7.7500 | 15/02/23 | 420,000 | 382 | 0.15 |
| Unilabs Subholding | 5.7500 | 15/05/25 | 430,000 | 380 | 0.15 |
| | | | | 3,271 | 1.27 |
| Mexico 0.03% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| CEMEX | 2.7500 | 05/12/24 | 100,000 | 89 | 0.03 |
| Netherlands 1.93% (2017: 1.51%) | | | | | |
| Cooperatieve Rabobank (EMTN) | 5.2500 | 14/09/27 | 1,820,000 | 2,189 | 0.84 |
| InterXion | 6.0000 | 15/07/20 | 460,000 | 415 | 0.16 |
| LGE HoldCo VI | 7.1250 | 15/05/24 | 650,000 | 623 | 0.24 |
| Lincoln Finance | 6.8750 | 15/04/21 | 722,000 | 660 | 0.26 |
| Maxeda DIY | 6.1250 | 15/07/22 | 160,000 | 139 | 0.05 |
| Nyrstar Netherlands (EMTN) | 6.8750 | 15/03/24 | 211,000 | 197 | 0.08 |
| United | 4.3750 | 01/07/22 | 243,000 | 219 | 0.09 |
| United | FRN | 01/07/23 | 131,000 | 116 | 0.05 |
| Ziggo Secured Finance | 4.2500 | 15/01/27 | 459,000 | 413 | 0.16 |
| | | | | 4,971 | 1.93 |
| Norway nil (2017: 0.35%) | | | | | |
| Singapore 0.41% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Puma International Financing | 5.0000 | 24/01/26 | 1,500,000 | 1,054 | 0.41 |
| South Africa 0.13% (2017: 0.07%) | | | | | |
| Sappi Papier [∞] | 3.3750 | 01/04/22 | 371,000 | 331 | 0.13 |
| | | | | | |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|------------|----------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Spain 1.27% (2017: 0.56%) | | | | | |
| Aldesa Financial Services (EMTN) | 7.2500 | 01/04/21 | 125,000 | 104 | 0.04 |
| CaixaBank (EMTN) | VAR | 15/02/27 | 1,400,000 | 1,322 | 0.51 |
| Cirsa Funding Luxembourg | 5.8750 | 15/05/23 | 450,000 | 409 | 0.16 |
| Codere Finance 2 Luxembourg | 6.7500 | 01/11/21 | 564,000 | 518 | 0.20 |
| Haya Finance 2017 | 5.2500 | 15/11/22 | 400,000 | 352 | 0.14 |
| Obrascon Huarte Lain | 4.7500 | 15/03/22 | 510,000 | 454 | 0.18 |
| Telefonica Europe | VAR | PERP | 100,000 | 111 | 0.04 |
| | | | | 3,270 | 1.27 |
| Switzerland 3.35% (2017: 1.49%) | | | | | |
| Credit Suisse | VAR | 12/09/25 | 1,600,000 | 1,580 | 0.61 |
| Selecta [∞] | 6.5000 | 15/06/20 | 570,000 | 508 | 0.20 |
| UBS London | 2.4500 | 01/12/20 | 792,000 | 552 | 0.21 |
| Zurich Finance UK (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 5,000,000 | 5,955 | 2.33 |
| | | | | 8,595 | 3.35 |
| United Arab Emirates 0.47% (2017: nil) IPIC GMTN (EMTN) | 6.8750 | 14/03/26 | 910,000 | 1,213 | 0.47 |
| | 3,0,00 | , 03, 20 | 3 . 0,000 | .,,_ | <u></u> |
| United Kingdom 46.84% (2017: 44.17%) | | | | | |
| Anglian Water Osprey Financing (EMTN) [∞] | 5.0000 | 30/04/23 | 2,000,000 | 2,152 | 0.84 |
| Annington Funding (EMTN) [∞] | 2.6460 | 12/07/25 | 3,300,000 | 3,325 | 1.29 |
| Arqiva Broadcast Finance (EMTN) | 9.5000 | 31/03/20 | 100,000 | 103 | 0.04 |
| Arrow Global Finance | 5.1250 | 15/09/24 | 190,000 | 194 | 0.08 |
| Aviva | VAR | 14/11/36 | 2,000,000 | 2,414 | 0.94 |
| Aviva | VAR | PERP | 3,000,000 | 3,451 | 1.34 |
| Bank of Scotland Capital Funding | VAR | PERP | 2,500,000 | 2,936 | 1.14 |
| Barclays | VAR | PERP | 300,000 | 281 | 0.11 |
| Barclays (EMTN) | VAR | 06/10/23 | 1,747,000 | 1,759 | 0.68 |
| Barclays (EMTN) | 3.2500 | 17/01/33 | 1,377,000 | 1,364 | 0.53 |
| BAT International Finance (EMTN) [∞] | 4.0000 | 04/09/26 | 2,000,000 | 2,225 | 0.87 |
| Boparan Finance | 5.2500 | 15/07/19 | 100,000 | 100 | 0.04 |
| Brighthouse (EMTN) [∞] | 7.8750 | 15/05/18 | 400,000 | 312 | 0.12 |
| Broadgate Financing | FRN | 05/01/30 | 4,363,632 | 4,280 | 1.67 |
| BUPA Finance | 2.0000 | 05/04/24 | 1,300,000 | 1,301 | 0.51 |
| Cabot Financial Luxembourg | 6.5000 | 01/04/21 | 400,000 | 406 | 0.16 |
| Cabot Financial Luxembourg (EMTN) | 8.3750 | 01/08/20 | 100,000 | 104 | 0.04 |
| Cadent Finance (EMTN) | 1.1250 | 22/09/21 | 3,400,000 | 3,358 | 1.31 |
| Channel Link Enterprises Finance | VAR | 30/06/50 | 400,000 | 395 | 0.15 |
| Close Brothers Finance (EMTN) | 2.7500 | 19/10/26 | 3,000,000 | 3,068 | 1.19 |
| Corral Petroleum | 11.7500 | 15/05/21 | 280,000 | 270 | 0.10 |
| | 11.7500 | 28/02/47 | _00,000 | 145 | 0.10 |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| C | C (0/) | Mari | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | 0.13 |
| CYBG | VAR | PERP | 320,000 | 345 | 0.13 |
| CYBG Daily Mail 8 Conoral Trust | VAR | 09/02/26 | 209,000 | 222 | 0.09 |
| Daily Mail & General Trust | 6.3750 | 21/06/27 | 1,000,000 | 1,157 | 0.45 |
| EC Finance | 2.3750 | 15/11/22 | 100,000 | 90 | 0.03 |
| Fiat Chrysler Finance Europe (EMTN) | 4.7500 | 15/07/22 | 300,000 | 299 | 0.12 |
| Galaxy Finco | 7.8750 | 15/11/21 | 600,000 | 600 | 0.23 |
| Gatwick Funding (EMTN) | 6.1250 | 02/03/28 | 3,000,000 | 3,782 | 1.47 |
| HBOS Capital Funding | 6.8500 | PERP | 1,800,000 | 1,297 | 0.50 |
| HBOS Capital Funding | VAR | PERP | 361,000 | 375 | 0.15 |
| Heathrow Funding (EMTN) | 6.7500 | 03/12/28 | 3,000,000 | 4,005 | 1.56 |
| Heathrow Funding (EMTN) | 7.1250 | 14/02/24 | 2,000,000 | 2,500 | 0.97 |
| HSBC [∞] | 6.7500 | 11/09/28 | 2,000,000 | 2,675 | 1.04 |
| Imperial Tobacco Finance (EMTN) | 8.1250 | 15/03/24 | 3,000,000 | 3,982 | 1.55 |
| InterContinental Hotels (EMTN) | 3.7500 | 14/08/25 | 4,000,000 | 4,312 | 1.67 |
| Intu Metrocentre Finance | 4.1250 | 06/12/23 | 890,000 | 971 | 0.38 |
| Jaguar Land Rover Automotive | 5.0000 | 15/02/22 | 280,000 | 304 | 0.12 |
| Keystone Financing | 9.5000 | 15/10/19 | 66,540 | 68 | 0.03 |
| Lloyds Bank (EMTN) | 7.6250 | 22/04/25 | 3,000,000 | 3,968 | 1.54 |
| Lloyds Banking | VAR | PERP | 450,000 | 475 | 0.18 |
| Mizzen Bondco | 7.0000 | 01/05/21 | 473,500 | 490 | 0.19 |
| Moto Finance | 4.5000 | 01/10/22 | 335,000 | 338 | 0.13 |
| Moy Park Bondco | 6.2500 | 29/05/21 | 340,000 | 350 | 0.14 |
| National Westminster Bank (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 2,500,000 | 2,158 | 0.84 |
| Nationwide Building Society (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 300,000 | 316 | 0.12 |
| NIE Finance | 6.3750 | 02/06/26 | 3,000,000 | 3,907 | 1.52 |
| Nomad Foods Bondco | 3.2500 | 15/05/24 | 175,000 | 157 | 0.06 |
| Northumbrian Water Finance | 2.3750 | 05/10/27 | 1,138,000 | 1,124 | 0.44 |
| Ocado | 4.0000 | 15/06/24 | 131,000 | 132 | 0.05 |
| Paragon | VAR | 09/09/26 | 2,500,000 | 2,722 | 1.06 |
| PGH Capital | 6.6250 | 18/12/25 | 2,450,000 | 2,950 | 1.15 |
| PGH Capital (EMTN) | 4.1250 | 20/07/22 | 1,278,000 | 1,357 | 0.53 |
| Pinewood Finco (EMTN) | 3.7500 | 01/12/23 | 280,000 | 284 | 0.11 |
| PizzaExpress Financing 2 | 6.6250 | 01/08/21 | 221,000 | 209 | 0.08 |
| Principality Building Society (EMTN) | 2.3750 | 23/11/23 | 1,020,000 | 1,013 | 0.39 |
| RAC Bond | 5.0000 | 06/11/22 | 217,000 | 213 | 0.08 |
| RI Finance Bonds No 3 | 6.1250 | 13/11/28 | 1,300,000 | 1,550 | 0.60 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland | VAR | PERP | 1,500,000 | 1,387 | 0.54 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland | 5.5000 | PERP | 100,000 | 89 | 0.03 |
| Saga [®] | 3.3750 | 12/05/24 | 420,000 | 399 | 0.16 |
| Shop Direct Funding | 7.7500 | 15/11/22 | 270,000 | 252 | 0.10 |
| Society of Lloyd's | 4.7500 | 30/10/24 | 2,500,000 | 2,846 | 1.11 |
| SPD Finance UK | 5.8750 | 17/07/26 | 715,000 | 899 | 0.35 |
| Stagecoach | 4.0000 | 29/09/25 | 2,460,000 | 2,637 | 1.03 |

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|---|------------|----------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Standard Chartered (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 250,000 | 298 | 0.12 |
| Standard Life Aberdeen (EMTN) [†] | VAR | 04/12/42 | 5,040,000 | 5,701 | 2.21 |
| Stonegate Pub Financing [∞] | 4.8750 | 15/03/22 | 424,000 | 426 | 0.17 |
| Synlab Bondco | 6.2500 | 01/07/22 | 100,000 | 92 | 0.04 |
| Synlab Unsecured Bondco | 8.2500 | 01/07/23 | 100,000 | 94 | 0.04 |
| Thames Water Utilities Cayman Finance (EMTN) [∞] | 1.8750 | 24/01/24 | 2,500,000 | 2,442 | 0.95 |
| Thames Water Utilities Cayman Finance (EMTN) | VAR | 13/09/30 | 1,600,000 | 1,819 | 0.71 |
| Thames Water Utilities Cayman Finance (EMTN) | 2.8750 | 03/05/27 | 1,070,000 | 1,042 | 0.41 |
| Thames Water Utilities Cayman Finance (EMTN) | 2.3750 | 03/05/23 | 750,000 | 739 | 0.29 |
| Thames Water Utilities Finance (EMTN) | 6.7500 | 16/11/28 | 600,000 | 825 | 0.32 |
| Thomas Cook Finance 2 | 3.8750 | 15/07/23 | 120,000 | 108 | 0.04 |
| Trafford Centre Finance | 4.7500 | 28/04/24 | 2,000,000 | 2,154 | 0.84 |
| Tritax Big Box (EMTN) (REIT) | 2.6250 | 14/12/26 | 420,000 | 421 | 0.16 |
| TVL Finance | 8.5000 | 15/05/23 | 137,600 | 149 | 0.06 |
| Virgin Media Finance | 6.3750 | 15/10/24 | 500,000 | 535 | 0.21 |
| Virgin Media Secured Finance | 5.0000 | 15/04/27 | 250,000 | 255 | 0.10 |
| Voyage Care Bondco | 5.8750 | 01/05/23 | 247,000 | 250 | 0.10 |
| Voyage Care Bondco | 10.0000 | 01/11/23 | 110,000 | 111 | 0.04 |
| Vue International Bidco | 7.8750 | 15/07/20 | 330,000 | 336 | 0.13 |
| Western Power Distribution | 3.6250 | 06/11/23 | 2,900,000 | 3,098 | 1.21 |
| Western Power Distribution West Midlands (EMTN) | 3.8750 | 17/10/24 | 5,000,000 | 5,520 | 2.14 |
| William Hill | 4.8750 | 07/09/23 | 213,000 | 225 | 0.09 |
| William Hill | 4.2500 | 05/06/20 | 100,000 | 104 | 0.04 |
| Worldpay Finance | 3.7500 | 15/11/22 | 500,000 | 479 | 0.19 |
| | | | | 120,372 | 46.84 |
| | | | | | |
| United States 9.88% (2017: 9.03%) | | | | | |
| Adient Global | 3.5000 | 15/08/24 | 365,000 | 329 | 0.13 |
| Alliance Data Systems | 5.2500 | 15/11/23 | 500,000 | 459 | 0.18 |
| AT&T | 4.3750 | 14/09/29 | 2,000,000 | 2,246 | 0.87 |
| Avis Budget Finance [∞] | 4.5000 | 15/05/25 | 399,000 | 358 | 0.14 |
| Axalta Coating Systems | 4.2500 | 15/08/24 | 108,000 | 100 | 0.04 |
| Bank of America (EMTN) [∞] | 7.0000 | 31/07/28 | 2,000,000 | 2,827 | 1.11 |
| Bank of America (EMTN) | 2.3000 | 25/07/25 | 1,300,000 | 1,311 | 0.51 |
| Citigroup (EMTN) | 5.1500 | 21/05/26 | 5,514,000 | 6,639 | 2.59 |
| Colfax | 3.2500 | 15/05/25 | 150,000 | 135 | 0.05 |
| Diamond BC [∞] | 5.6250 | 15/08/25 | 238,000 | 205 | 0.08 |
| Energy Transfer Partners | 4.2000 | 15/04/27 | 3,300,000 | 2,299 | 0.89 |
| Equinix | 2.8750 | 01/10/25 | 448,000 | 395 | 0.15 |
| General Motors Financial (EMTN) | 2.2500 | 06/09/24 | 2,405,000 | 2,379 | 0.93 |
| International Game Technology | 4.7500 | 15/02/23 | 286,000 | 281 | 0.11 |
| | | | | | |

| Coqueity | Courses (0/) | Matricita | Nominal/ | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets |
|---|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Security Cabina Dass Liquefaction | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | | 0.72 |
| Sabine Pass Liquefaction | 5.0000 | 15/03/27 | 2,500,000 | 1,867 | 0.73 |
| Superior Industries International | 6.0000 | 15/06/25 | 350,000 | 305 | 0.12 |
| Valeant Pharmaceuticals | 4.5000 | 15/05/23 | 930,000 | 727 | 0.28 |
| WMG Acquisition | 4.1250 | 01/11/24 | 282,000 | 261 | 0.10 |
| | | | | 25,365 | 9.88 |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 196,824 | 76.59 |
| Government Bonds 0.60% (2017: 10.72%) | | | | | |
| Italy nil (2017: 0.54%) | | | | | |
| United Kingdom 0.60% (2017: 10.18%) | | | | | |
| UK Treasury | 1.7500 | 07/09/22 | 1,500,000 | 1,551 | 0.60 |
| Total Government Bonds | | | | 1,551 | 0.60 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 209,376 | 81.47 |
| Other transferable securities and money mark Bonds 8.27% (2017: 4.77%) Asset Backed Bonds/Mortgage Backed Bonds 4 | | 7: 4.77%) | | | |
| United Kingdom 4.89% (2017: 4.14%) | | | | | |
| London Wall Mortgage Capital | FRN | 15/08/48 | 2,073,541 | 2,088 | 0.81 |
| Motor 2016-1 | 1.3000 | 25/11/25 | 4,500,000 | 4,496 | 1.74 |
| Paragon Mortgages No 22 | FRN | 15/09/42 | 607,806 | 609 | 0.24 |
| PCL Funding II 2017-1 | FRN | 15/06/22 | 1,658,000 | 1,666 | 0.65 |
| Precise Mortgage Funding No 1 | FRN | 12/03/47 | 145,804 | 146 | 0.06 |
| Precise Mortgage Funding 2014-2 | FRN | 12/12/47 | 3,204,648 | 3,215 | 1.25 |
| Precise Mortgage Funding 2018-1B | FRN | 12/12/54 | 361,000 | 361 | 0.14 |
| | | | | 12,581 | 4.89 |
| Total Asset Backed Bonds/Mortgage Backed Bo | onds | | | 12,581 | 4.89 |
| Corporate Bonds 3.38% (2017: 0.63%) Luxembourg 0.16% (2017: 0.09%) | | | | | |
| ARD Finance | 6.6250 | 15/09/23 | 450,000 | 421 | 0.16 |
| Netherlands 0.03% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Constellium | 4.2500 | 15/02/26 | 100,000 | 89 | 0.03 |
| | | | | | |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|--|------------|----------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| United Kingdom 1.88% (2017: 0.15%) | | | | | |
| Barclays (EMTN) | 3.1250 | 17/01/24 | 2,734,000 | 2,831 | 1.11 |
| HBOS Sterling Finance Jersey | VAR | PERP | 1,000,000 | 1,506 | 0.59 |
| Pinnacle Bidco | 6.3750 | 15/02/25 | 123,000 | 126 | 0.05 |
| TalkTalk Telecom [∞] | 5.3750 | 15/01/22 | 350,000 | 342 | 0.13 |
| | | | | 4,805 | 1.88 |
| | | | | | |
| United States 1.31% (2017: 0.39%) | | | | | |
| AMC Entertainment [∞] | 6.3750 | 15/11/24 | 607,000 | 609 | 0.24 |
| Fidelity National Information Services | 1.7000 | 30/06/22 | 2,470,000 | 2,456 | 0.95 |
| Silgan | 3.2500 | 15/03/25 | 330,000 | 300 | 0.12 |
| | | | | 3,365 | 1.31 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 8,680 | 3.38 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 21,261 | 8.27 |
| Total Other transferable securities and money market i | nstruments | | | 21,261 | 8.27 |
| · | | | | | |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 9.31% (2017: 8.36%) | | | | | |
| Aberdeen Strategic Bond Fund Z-Acc† | | | 14,692,146 | 23,935 | 9.31 |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | | | 23,935 | 9.31 |

Derivatives (0.17%) (2017: 0.07%)

Future contracts 0.09% (2017: (0.05%))

| | | | Unrealised | Total Net |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------------|-----------|
| | | (| Gains/(Losses) | Assets |
| Future | Maturity | Notional | £'000 | % |
| CBT US 10 Year Ultra | 20/03/18 | (70) | 188 | 0.07 |
| ICE Long Gilt | 27/03/18 | (26) | 54 | 0.02 |
| Unrealised gains on future contracts | | | 242 | 0.09 |

Forward currency exchange contracts 0.40% (2017: (0.06%))

| | | | | | | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets |
|-------------------------------|------------------|---------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | GBP | EUR | 06/03/18 | 295,289 | 336,000 | 1 | - |
| Citigroup | EUR | GBP | 09/02/18 | 964,000 | 851,005 | (6) | - |
| Citigroup | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 22,986,468 | 25,866,000 | 324 | 0.13 |
| Citigroup | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 120,829 | 163,000 | 6 | - |
| HSBC | EUR | GBP | 06/03/18 | 4,233,000 | 3,756,527 | (45) | (0.02) |
| HSBC | GBP | EUR | 06/03/18 | 5,998,344 | 6,802,000 | 35 | 0.01 |
| HSBC | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 1,081,110 | 1,503,000 | 25 | 0.01 |
| HSBC | USD | GBP | 06/03/18 | 1,532,000 | 1,109,395 | (33) | (0.01) |
| JPM Chase | USD | GBP | 06/03/18 | 626,000 | 464,359 | (25) | (0.01) |
| Merrill Lynch | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 14,327,070 | 19,351,000 | 734 | 0.29 |
| Morgan Stanley | EUR | GBP | 06/03/18 | 490,000 | 434,394 | (5) | - |
| UBS | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 238,762 | 272,000 | - | - |
| UBS | GBP | EUR | 06/03/18 | 1,594,786 | 1,807,000 | 11 | - |
| Unrealised gains on forward c | urrency exchange | contrac | ts | | | 1,022 | 0.40 |

Swaps (0.66%) (2017: 0.18%)

| | | | | | | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Counterparty | Ссу | Termination | Notional | Fund Pays | Fund Receives | £'000 | % |
| Barclays | GBP | 03/07/22 | 20,000,000 | 06 Month GBP Libor | 0.9875 | (244) | (0.09) |
| Citigroup | EUR | 20/12/22 | 10,000,000 | 1.0000 | Itraxx Financials Sub Series 28 | (15) | (0.01) |
| JPM Chase | EUR | 20/06/22 | 4,500,000 | Virgin Media Finance | 5.0000 | 543 | 0.21 |
| Merrill Lynch International | EUR | 20/12/22 | 18,000,000 | 1.0000 | Itraxx Europe Series 28 | (430) | (0.17) |
| Merrill Lynch International | EUR | 20/12/22 | 15,000,000 | 5.0000 | Itraxx Europe Crossover Series 28 | (1,543) | (0.60) |
| Unrealised losses or | n swap | contracts | | | | (1,689) | (0.66) |
| Unrealised losses or | n deriv | atives | | | | (425) | (0.17) |
| Total investments [≠] | | | | | | 254,147 | 98.88 |
| Other net assets | | | | | | 2,868 | 1.12 |
| Total net assets | | | | | | 257,015 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.
Including derivative liabilities.

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|--------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 15,180 | 5.97 | 5.91 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| Australia (Commonwealth of) | 6,234 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| UK Treasury | 6,123 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| France (Government of) | 2,124 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Germany (Federal Republic of) | 1,337 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Norway (Kingdom of) | 258 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Denmark (Kingdom of) | 11 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Netherlands (Kingdom of) | 2 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 16,089 | | | |

| | Proportion held in |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Market value | of segregated |
| collateral he | ld accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian £'00 | 00 % |
| BNP Paribas 16,08 | 39 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| As at 31 January 2018 | |
| AUD | 6,234 |
| DKK | 11 |
| EUR | 3,463 |
| GBP | 6,123 |
| NOK | 258 |
| Total collateral received | 16,089 |

| Counterparties per type of SFT | Market value of securities lending £'000 | Countries of counterparty establishment | Settlement and clearing |
|--|--|---|-------------------------|
| JPM Chase | 7,546 | United States | Tri-party |
| Barclays | 5,643 | United Kingdom | Tri-party |
| BNP Paribas | 1,393 | France | Tri-party |
| Credit Suisse | 423 | Switzerland | Tri-party |
| Morgan Stanley | 175 | United States | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | 15,180 | | |

| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
|---|-------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | 5 | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 15 | 16,069 | - | 16,089 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | 80 | 15,100 | - | 15,180 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be reca | alled on demand. | | | |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collater | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 31 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent of | costs) | | (6) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser ope | erational costs) | | - | - |
| Total costs | | | (6) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 25 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | ary 2018 | 31 Janu | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital losses | | (1,725) | | (4,511) |
| Revenue | 5,625 | | 12,567 | |
| Expenses | (1,481) | | (1,943) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 4,144 | | 10,624 | |
| Taxation | - | | - | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 4,144 | | 10,624 |
| Total return before distributions | | 2,419 | | 6,113 |
| Distributions | | (4,144) | | (10,651) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | (1,725) | | (4,538) |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 461,190 | | 734,809 |
| | | | | |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 2,986 | | 22,255 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (205,883) | | (109,517) | |
| | | (202,897) | | (87,262) |
| | | | | |
| Dilution adjustment | | 112 | | 174 |
| | | | | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | (1,725) | | (4,538) |
| | | | | |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 334 | | 342 |
| | | | | |
| Unclaimed distributions > 6 years | | 1 | | - |
| | | | | |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 257,015 | | 643,525 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | 2 000 | 2 000 |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 256,493 | 440,237 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 3,421 | 16,685 |
| Cash and bank balances | 4,247 | 21,093 |
| Total assets | 264,161 | 478,015 |
| | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 2,346 | 4,066 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers | 831 | 2,449 |
| Other creditors | 2,607 | 7,347 |
| Distribution payable | 1,362 | 2,963 |
| Total liabilities | 7,146 | 16,825 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 257,015 | 461,190 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

First Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 October 2017

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 31/01/18 | 31/01/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.69585 | - | 0.69585 | 0.67373 |
| Group 2 | 0.49585 | 0.20000 | 0.69585 | 0.67373 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.58801 | - | 0.58801 | 0.58246 |
| Group 2 | 0.39293 | 0.19508 | 0.58801 | 0.58246 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.90271 | - | 0.90271 | 0.83580 |
| Group 2 | 0.59736 | 0.30535 | 0.90271 | 0.83580 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.75598 | - | 0.75598 | 0.71959 |
| Group 2 | 0.35622 | 0.39976 | 0.75598 | 0.71959 |
| I Gross Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.84151 | - | 0.84151 | 0.96675 |
| Group 2 | 0.84151 | - | 0.84151 | 0.96675 |
| I Gross Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.68824 | - | 0.68824 | 0.81404 |
| Group 2 | 0.68824 | - | 0.68824 | 0.81404 |
| P Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.79858 | - | 0.79858 | 0.74673 |
| Group 2 | 0.79858 | - | 0.79858 | 0.74673 |
| P Gross Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.79857 | - | 0.79857 | 0.93498 |
| Group 2 | 0.79857 | - | 0.79857 | 0.93498 |
| Q Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.82772 | - | 0.82772 | 0.76970 |
| Group 2 | 0.48864 | 0.33908 | 0.82772 | 0.76970 |
| Q Gross Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.82751 | - | 0.82751 | 0.95966 |
| Group 2 | 0.82751 | - | 0.82751 | 0.95966 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.79483 | _ | 0.79483 | 0.51633 |
| Group 2 | 0.79483 | _ | 0.79483 | 0.51633 |

Second Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 November 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.77435 | - | 0.77435 | 0.70067 |
| Group 2 | 0.77435 | - | 0.77435 | 0.70067 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.65099 | - | 0.65099 | 0.60263 |
| Group 2 | 0.55099 | 0.10000 | 0.65099 | 0.60263 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.98667 | - | 0.98667 | 0.89424 |
| Group 2 | 0.72756 | 0.25911 | 0.98667 | 0.89424 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.82100 | - | 0.82100 | 0.76510 |
| Group 2 | 0.62543 | 0.19557 | 0.82100 | 0.76510 |
| I Gross Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.91968 | - | 0.91968 | 0.83590 |
| Group 2 | 0.91968 | - | 0.91968 | 0.83590 |
| I Gross Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.74735 | - | 0.74735 | 0.69845 |
| Group 2 | 0.74735 | - | 0.74735 | 0.69845 |
| P Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.86137 | - | 0.86137 | 0.80929 |
| Group 2 | 0.68237 | 0.17900 | 0.86137 | 0.80929 |
| P Gross Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.86102 | - | 0.86102 | 0.80961 |
| Group 2 | 0.86102 | - | 0.86102 | 0.80961 |
| Q Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.88900 | - | 0.88900 | 0.83768 |
| Group 2 | 0.09900 | 0.79000 | 0.88900 | 0.83768 |
| Q Gross Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.88632 | _ | 0.88632 | 0.83779 |
| Group 2 | 0.88632 | - | 0.88632 | 0.83779 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.86211 | _ | 0.86211 | 0.77796 |
| Group 2 | 0.60211 | 0.26000 | 0.86211 | 0.77796 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in Investment grade corporate Debt and debt-related securities denominated in (or hedged back to) Sterling with a maturity of up to five years.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Debt and debt-related securities issued by corporate issuers, governments, public bodies and supranational issuers worldwide, in each case of any maturity or credit quality and denominated in any currency, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 0.07% compared to an increase of 0.30% in the benchmark, Iboxx Sterling Corporates 1 – 5 year Index.

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

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

Sterling corporate bonds outperformed UK government bonds over the six months to 31 January. Underlying gilt yields trended downwards from the beginning of July through to the first week of September, when hawkish rhetoric from the Bank of England's Monetary policy Committee pushed yields sharply higher. Financials led the performance tables – in particular subordinated bonds – but spreads tightened in practically all sectors. Markets have been supported by a constructive fundamental backdrop which continues to fuel strong levels of demand in a very low yield environment.

The final three months of 2017 continued in the same positive vein; benign government bond markets, loose monetary policies and improving levels of economic activity all helped create an environment which attracted investors into riskier assets.

Moving into 2018, sterling investment grade credit continued to outperform UK government bonds in January. However, the return generated by a tightening of credit spreads over gilts was entirely offset by yield moves, with the 10-year gilt yield finishing 0.30% higher over the month at 1.52%.

Portfolio review

The Aberdeen Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund underperformed its benchmark in the six months to 31 January.

Short-end credit was in demand in August and the Aberdeen Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund posted positive returns, with corporates outperforming financials. US dollar names such as Microsoft and Exelon led some of the strength in total returns. The Fund delivered negative absolute returns in September as short-end yields moved higher, but resilience in credit spreads offset some of the duration loss. This was in the face of an uptick in £6.9 billion of sterling corporate supply. Most of the issuance came from financials and the portfolio added a new four-year issue from Swedbank, a Barclays Holdco senior deal and a tap from ABN AMRO of its existing 1% 2020s. The Fund also

participated in US dollar primary markets, with new issues from truck leasing company Penske and Australian insurer QBE.

Returns were positive in October, offsetting some of the upward yield moves of the previous month. Credit spreads tightened in sterling investment grade corporates while short-end yields were broadly unchanged, with the five-year gilt yield declining just two basis points to 0.78%. Subordinated financials produced the most positive price returns, with Standard Life and Aviva outperforming. BHP Billiton hybrids also outperformed on the back of commodity price strength.

Short duration credit was firmer in November, and a combination of cash inflows and bond maturities gave the Fund liquidity to invest in several primary issues including a five-year issue from Severn Trent Water Utilities and a new insurance premium-backed floating-rate AAA-rated deal from PCL Funding. The strongest sector was autos, with bonds from Volkswagen, recently issued RCI Banque and Honda among the best performers. In utilities, strength in SSE hybrids was offset by softness in Cadent Finance and Centrica, following proposed regulatory changes in the UK.

Healthy total returns in December were driven both by a fall in gilt yields and a narrowing of short-end credit spreads. Sterling credit markets benefitted from low volatility across risk assets and a general lack of corporate supply. Financials outperformed corporates, and Tier 2 Phoenix and Bupa Finance bonds were among the portfolio's strongest performers. Floating-rate asset-backed securities underperformed given the rally in government bonds, whereas five-year issues from First Group and RCI Banque posted solid returns.

A rise in gilt yields in January led to negative absolute returns. This was mitigated by resilience in credit spreads which started 2018 by rallying strongly. High quality residential mortgage-backed securities such as London Wall and Castell were the strongest absolute performers in the portfolio, given their floating rate nature. Primary market supply was limited to financials, and the Fund used cash to add attractively priced issues from UBS London, Deutsche Bank and BFCM. In secondary markets, the portfolio added PPL 23s (the holding company entity of Western Power), and topped up an existing holding of BAT 1.75% 21s.

Outlook

Lately, higher economic growth has not been reflected in rising inflation – not a normal relationship. Typically, as growth picks up, inflationary pressures build with wages rising over and above the inflation level. January saw some signs of a return to normal, perhaps due to reduced spare capacity in the US and particularly Europe and China. We think there is a natural limit to how much higher yields can move without hard evidence of significant wage or broad economy growth.

The outlook for 2018 is somewhat uncertain for bond markets. Although the economic backdrop remains constructive, the tightening of monetary policy in some jurisdictions and some increasing of political and geopolitical risks elsewhere mean that valuations are less compelling than they have been for some time. Although there is scope for positive total returns, a more cautious approach has been adopted.

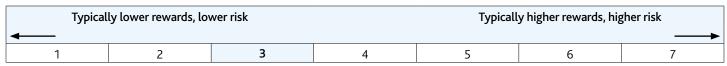
Sterling yield spreads still look attractive to overseas investors, especially in longer dated maturities. For UK investors, sterling credit is at or around fair value with little in the way of notable risks in 2018, bearing in mind the mixed UK/overseas nature of the companies contained within the index, and continued global growth.

Pan European Credit Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- · This Fund is ranked at 3 because funds of this type have experienced average 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

| Comparative tables A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | | 51 July 17 |
| Closing number of shares | 14,800 | 6,000 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 100.90 | 100.84 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.06% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.69% | 0.69% |
| | | |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 6 | 6 |
| Closing number of shares | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 99.47 | 100.03 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.56%) | - |
| Operating charges | 0.69% | 0.69% |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 28,517 | 21,308 |
| Closing number of shares | 28,156,427 | 21,077,367 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 101.28 | 101.10 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.18% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.39% | 0.39% |
| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 21,421 | 17,450 |
| Closing number of shares | 21,538,132 | 17,441,544 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 99.45 | 100.05 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.60%) | - |
| Operating charges | 0.39% | 0.39% |
| K Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 18,822 | 9,072 |
| Closing number of shares | 18,560,117 | 8,967,100 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 101.41 | 101.17 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.24% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.29% | 0.29% |
| | | |
| K Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 80,052 | 66,010 |
| Closing number of shares | 80,494,418 | 65,982,006 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 99.45 | 100.04 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.59%) | - 2004 |
| Operating charges | 0.29% | 0.29% |
| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 6 | 6 |
| Closing number of shares | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 101.68 | 101.35 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.33% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.09% | 0.09% |

Fund launched on 3 October 2016.
The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | - (5) | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Transferable securities and money market instruments (2017: 93.32%) | admitted to an offic | ial exchange listii | ng or dealt on a | nother regulated m | narket 92.60% |
| Bonds 92.60% (2017: 93.32%) | | | | | |
| Asset Backed Bonds/Mortgage Backed Bonds 2.26% (2017: 1.96%) | | | | | |
| United Kingdom 2.26% (2017: 1.96%) | | | | | |
| Castell 2017-1 | FRN | 25/10/44 | 589,366 | 591 | 0.40 |
| Feldspar 2016-1 | FRN | 15/09/45 | 508,265 | 510 | 0.34 |
| London Wall Mortgage Capital | FRN | 15/11/49 | 899,893 | 904 | 0.61 |
| PCL Funding III | FRN | 15/06/23 | 540,000 | 542 | 0.36 |
| Together Asset Backed Securitisation 1 | FRN | 12/03/49 | 812,227 | 814 | 0.55 |
| | | | | 3,361 | 2.26 |
| Total Asset Backed Bonds/Mortgage Backed Bonds | | | | 3,361 | 2.26 |
| Corporate Bonds 88.47% (2017: 91.36%) | | | | | |
| Australia 4.78% (2017: 2.96%) | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton Finance | VAR | 22/10/77 | 500,000 | 588 | 0.40 |
| Commonwealth Bank of Australia (EMTN) | VAR | 19/12/23 | 1,400,000 | 1,446 | 0.98 |
| Commonwealth Bank of Australia (EMTN) | 2.2500 | 07/12/18 | 500,000 | 506 | 0.34 |
| Commonwealth Bank of Australia (EMTN) | 1.1250 | 22/12/21 | 305,000 | 301 | 0.20 |
| National Australia Bank (EMTN) | 1.8750 | 20/02/20 | 1,050,000 | 1,063 | 0.71 |
| National Australia Bank (EMTN) | 0.8750 | 26/06/20 | 900,000 | 893 | 0.60 |
| National Capital Trust I | VAR | PERP | 1,100,000 | 1,135 | 0.76 |
| QBE Insurance (EMTN) | 3.0000 | 25/05/23 | 1,500,000 | 1,018 | 0.68 |
| SGSP Australia Assets (EMTN) | 5.1250 | 11/02/21 | 146,000 | 160 | 0.11 |
| (| | | | 7,110 | 4.78 |
| Canada 2.41% (2017: 3.26%) | | | | | |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce | 1.1250 | 30/06/22 | 1,800,000 | 1,773 | 1.19 |
| Canadian Natural Resources | 2.9500 | 15/01/23 | 1,300,000 | 902 | 0.61 |
| Glencore Canada Financial (EMTN) | 7.3750 | 27/05/20 | 800,000 | 905 | 0.61 |
| Gieneore Canada Financial (EFFITA) | 7.5750 | 21703720 | 000,000 | 3,580 | 2.41 |
| Denmark 1.38% (2017: 1.01%) | | | | | |
| Danske Bank (EMTN) | VAR | 29/09/21 | 2,000,000 | 2,054 | 1.38 |
| Durine Durik (El 1111) | YAIN | LJIUJILI | 2,000,000 | ۲,054 | 1.30 |
| France 7.66% (2017: 6.10%) | | | | | |
| AXA | 7.1250 | 15/12/20 | 1,000,000 | 1,151 | 0.77 |
| Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel (EMTN) | 0.8750 | 08/06/20 | 1,800,000 | 1,783 | 1.19 |
| Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel (EMTN) | 1.3750 | 20/12/21 | 600,000 | 596 | 0.40 |
| CNP Assurances | VAR | 30/09/41 | 500,000 | 593 | 0.40 |
| Engie | VAR | PERP | 900,000 | 927 | 0.62 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton (EMTN) | 1.0000 | 14/06/22 | 1,357,000 | 1,340 | 0.90 |
| Orange | VAR | PERP | 1,100,000 | 1,243 | 0.84 |
| Orange (EMTN) | 7.2500 | 10/11/20 | 900,000 | 1,043 | 0.70 |
| RCI Banque (EMTN) | 1.8750 | 08/11/22 | 1,300,000 | 1,306 | 0.88 |
| RCI Banque (EMTN) | 3.2500 | 25/04/18 | 600,000 | 604 | 0.41 |
| Total Capital (EMTN) | 3.8750 | 14/12/18 | 800,000 | 822 | 0.55 |
| | | | | 11,408 | 7.66 |
| Germany 5.94% (2017: 8.77%) | | | | | |
| BMW Finance (EMTN) | 1.8750 | 29/06/20 | 500,000 | 508 | 0.34 |
| BMW International Investment (EMTN) | 1.0000 | 17/11/21 | 1,200,000 | 1,183 | 0.79 |
| Daimler (EMTN) | 1.0000 | 20/12/19 | 700,000 | 699 | 0.47 |
| Daimler (EMTN) | 2.3750 | 16/12/21 | 214,000 | 222 | 0.15 |
| Deutsche Bank | 1.7500 | 16/12/21 | 600,000 | 595 | 0.40 |
| E.ON International Finance (EMTN) | 6.0000 | 30/10/19 | 1,000,000 | 1,083 | 0.73 |
| FMS Wertmanagement | 0.6250 | 06/03/20 | 1,000,000 | 994 | 0.67 |
| innogy Finance (EMTN) | 5.5000 | 06/07/22 | 1,400,000 | 1,624 | 1.09 |
| Volkswagen Financial Services | 1.7500 | 17/04/20 | 500,000 | 505 | 0.34 |
| Volkswagen Financial Services (EMTN) | 1.7500 | 12/09/22 | 1,000,000 | 1,002 | 0.67 |
| Volkswagen Financial Services (EMTN) | 1.5000 | 12/04/21 | 425,000 | 425 | 0.29 |
| , | | | | 8,840 | 5.94 |
| | | | | | |
| Italy 1.62% (2017: 2.03%) | 6.2500 | 20/06/110 | 007.000 | 060 | 0.65 |
| Enel (EMTN) | 6.2500 | 20/06/19 | 907,000 | 969 | 0.65 |
| FCA Bank Ireland (EMTN) | 1.6250 | 29/09/21 | 1,450,000 | 1,441 2,410 | 0.97 1.62 |
| | | | | 2,110 | 1.02 |
| Japan 0.47% (2017: 0.67%) | 2.0522 | 20/02/22 | 1 000 000 | | |
| Mizuho Financial | 2.9530 | 28/02/22 | 1,000,000 | 696 | 0.47 |
| Netherlands 5.53% (2017: 3.63%) | | | | | |
| ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN) | 1.0000 | 30/06/20 | 1,800,000 | 1,787 | 1.20 |
| ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN) | 1.3750 | 07/06/22 | 1,000,000 | 991 | 0.67 |
| ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN) | 2.5000 | 18/12/18 | 600,000 | 609 | 0.41 |
| Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten (EMTN) | 1.0000 | 15/03/22 | 1,000,000 | 988 | 0.66 |
| Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten (EMTN) | 1.0000 | 17/06/22 | 600,000 | 592 | 0.40 |
| Rabobank Capital Funding Trust IV | VAR | PERP | 2,000,000 | 2,136 | 1.44 |
| Shell International Finance (EMTN) | 2.0000 | 20/12/19 | 1,100,000 | 1,120 | 0.75 |
| | | | | 8,223 | 5.53 |
| New Zealand 1.23% (2017: 1.15%) | | | | | |
| | | | | | |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|------------|----------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | <u>%</u> |
| Spain 0.93% (2017: 1.24%) | 4.4400 | 00/05/00 | 4 000 000 | 000 | 0.50 |
| FCC Aqualia | 1.4130 | 08/06/22 | 1,000,000 | 890 | 0.59 |
| Telefonica Emisiones (EMTN) | 5.3750 | 02/02/18 | 500,000 | 500 | 0.34 |
| | | | | 1,390 | 0.93 |
| Supranational nil (2017: 1.14%) | | | | | |
| Sweden 0.91% (2017: 0.62%) | | | | | |
| Swedbank (EMTN) | 1.2500 | 29/12/21 | 1,365,000 | 1,353 | 0.91 |
| Switzerland 2.17% (2017: 1.45%) | | | | | |
| Credit Suisse Funding Guernsey | 3.0000 | 27/05/22 | 1,350,000 | 1,412 | 0.94 |
| Glencore Finance Europe | 6.0000 | 03/04/22 | 500,000 | 575 | 0.39 |
| UBS London | 2.4500 | 01/12/20 | 886,000 | 618 | 0.42 |
| UBS London (EMTN) | 1.2500 | 10/12/20 | 630,000 | 628 | 0.42 |
| | | | | 3,233 | 2.17 |
| | | | | | |
| United Kingdom 36.11% (2017: 37.07%) | 4.0750 | 47/02/20 | | 044 | 0.54 |
| Abbey National Treasury Services (EMTN) | 1.8750 | 17/02/20 | 800,000 | 811 | 0.54 |
| Aviva (EMTN) | VAR | 03/06/41 | 1,800,000 | 2,055 | 1.37 |
| Bank of Scotland | 9.3750 | 15/05/21 | 980,000 | 1,206 | 0.81 |
| Barclays (EMTN) | VAR | 06/10/23 | 1,124,000 | 1,132 | 0.76 |
| BAT International Finance (EMTN) | 1.7500 | 05/07/21 | 1,550,000 | 1,563 | 1.05 |
| BP Capital Markets | 2.3150 | 13/02/20 | 1,000,000 | 701 | 0.47 |
| BP Capital Markets | 1.3750 | 10/05/18 | 650,000 | 457 | 0.31 |
| BUPA Finance | 3.3750 | 17/06/21 | 1,100,000 | 1,164 | 0.78 |
| BUPA Finance | 5.0000 | 25/04/23 | 600,000 | 679 | 0.46 |
| Cadent Finance (EMTN) | 1.1250 | 22/09/21 | 1,200,000 | 1,185 | 0.80 |
| Centrica (EMTN) | 6.3750 | 10/03/22 | 600,000 | 711 | 0.48 |
| Close Brothers Finance (EMTN) | 3.8750 | 27/06/21 | 1,307,000 | 1,396 | 0.94 |
| Coventry Building Society (EMTN) | 5.8750 | 28/09/22 | 750,000 | 887 | 0.60 |
| Coventry Building Society (EMTN) | 1.0000 | 05/05/20 | 690,000 | 686 | 0.46 |
| Daily Mail & General Trust | 5.7500 | 07/12/18 | 700,000 | 726 | 0.49 |
| FCE Bank (EMTN) | 2.6250 | 20/11/18 | 700,000 | 709 | 0.48 |
| Firstgroup | 5.2500 | 29/11/22 | 1,800,000 | 2,054 | 1.38 |
| GKN | 6.7500 | 28/10/19 | 1,100,000 | 1,195 | 0.80 |
| Heathrow Funding (EMTN) | 6.2500 | 10/09/18 | 1,100,000 | 1,135 | 0.76 |
| HSBC Bank Capital Funding Sterling 2 | VAR | PERP | 1,200,000 | 1,297 | 0.87 |
| HSBC Bank (EMTN) | VAR | 20/03/23 | 686,000 | 690 | 0.46 |
| Imperial Tobacco Finance (EMTN) | 9.0000 | 17/02/22 | 1,050,000 | 1,343 | 0.90 |
| InterContinental Hotels (EMTN) | 3.8750 | 28/11/22 | 1,300,000 | 1,419 | 0.95 |
| JP Morgan American Investment Trust | 6.8750 | 08/06/18 | 625,000 | 636 | 0.43 |
| LAB Investments | 7.1250 | 18/02/19 | 990,000 | 1,041 | 0.70 |
| Lloyds Bank | FRN | 16/01/20 | 691,000 | 693 | 0.47 |

| | 5 (01) | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security (FAATA) | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | 4.22 |
| Lloyds Bank (EMTN) | VAR | 09/07/25 | 1,800,000 | 1,966 | 1.32 |
| Marks & Spencer (EMTN) | 6.1250 | 02/12/19 | 400,000 | 434 | 0.29 |
| Northern Powergrid Yorks | 7.2500 | 15/12/22 | 1,100,000 | 1,374 | 0.92 |
| PGH Capital (EMTN) | 4.1250 | 20/07/22 | 1,400,000 | 1,487 591 | 1.00 |
| Principality Building Society (EMTN) Prudential (EMTN) | 2.3750 1.7500 | 23/11/23 27/11/18 | 595,000 1,000,000 | 1,007 | 0.40 0.68 |
| RELX | 2.7500 | 01/08/19 | 400,000 | 408 | 0.68 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland (EMTN) | 2.7300 FRN | 15/05/20 | 881,000 | 884 | 0.59 |
| Santander UK | FRN | 05/05/20 | 737,000 | 739 | 0.59 |
| Scottish Power UK (EMTN) | 6.7500 | 29/05/23 | 1,500,000 | 1,852 | 1.25 |
| Segro | 7.0000 | 14/03/22 | 1,100,000 | 1,325 | 0.89 |
| Severn Trent Utilities Finance (EMTN) | 1.6250 | 04/12/22 | 830,000 | 825 | 0.55 |
| Severn Trent Utilities Finance (EMTN) | 1.1250 | 07/09/21 | 739,000 | 728 | 0.49 |
| Sky (EMTN) | 2.8750 | 24/11/20 | 1,000,000 | 1,041 | 0.70 |
| Southern Water Services Finance (EMTN) | 5.0000 | 31/03/21 | 1,300,000 | 1,440 | 0.97 |
| Southern Water Services Finance (EMTN) | 6.1250 | 31/03/19 | 950,000 | 1,004 | 0.67 |
| SSE | VAR | PERP | 1,300,000 | 1,354 | 0.91 |
| Standard Life Aberdeen† | VAR | PERP | 500,000 | 548 | 0.37 |
| Standard Life Aberdeen (EMTN) [†] | VAR | 04/12/42 | 400,000 | 453 | 0.30 |
| Thames Water Utilities Cayman Finance (EMTN) | VAR | 13/09/30 | 650,000 | 739 | 0.50 |
| Thames Water Utilities Cayman Finance (EMTN) | 2.3750 | 03/05/23 | 380,000 | 374 | 0.25 |
| Thames Water Utilities Finance (EMTN) | 5.0500 | 30/06/20 | 1,200,000 | 1,293 | 0.87 |
| United Utilities Water (EMTN) | 5.7500 | 25/03/22 | 1,100,000 | , 1,286 | 0.86 |
| Wales & West Utilities Finance (EMTN) | VAR | 17/12/36 | 1,000,000 | 1,043 | 0.70 |
| Western Power Distribution | 3.6250 | 06/11/23 | 1,000,000 | 1,068 | 0.72 |
| Western Power Distribution East Midlands (EMTN) | 5.2500 | 17/01/23 | 800,000 | 928 | 0.62 |
| · | | | | 53,762 | 36.11 |
| United States 17.33% (2017: 20.26%) | | | | | |
| Anadarko Petroleum | 4.8500 | 15/03/21 | 500,000 | 369 | 0.25 |
| AT&T | 2.8500 | 14/02/23 | 1,500,000 | 1,050 | 0.71 |
| AT&T | 2.3750 | 27/11/18 | 1,000,000 | 705 | 0.47 |
| AutoNation | 3.3500 | 15/01/21 | 527,000 | 375 | 0.25 |
| Bank of America (EMTN) | 5.5000 | 22/11/21 | 1,000,000 | 1,137 | 0.76 |
| Bank of America (EMTN) | 5.5000 | 04/12/19 | 800,000 | 864 | 0.58 |
| Caterpillar Financial Services (MTN) | 1.3500 | 18/05/19 | 1,000,000 | 695 | 0.47 |
| Citigroup (EMTN) | 5.1250 | 12/12/18 | 1,500,000 | 1,553 | 1.04 |
| Edison International | 2.1250 | 15/04/20 | 750,000 | 520 | 0.35 |
| Exelon | 3.4970 | 01/06/22 | 400,000 | 283 | 0.19 |
| Ford Motor Credit | 3.3390 | 28/03/22 | 1,500,000 | 1,052 | 0.71 |
| GE Capital UK Funding Unlimited (EMTN) | 5.8750 | 04/11/20 | 1,100,000 | 1,227 | 0.82 |
| Goldman Sachs | 5.5000 | 12/10/21 | 1,000,000 | 1,128 | 0.76 |
| JM Smucker | 2.5000 | 15/03/20 | 650,000 | 456 | 0.31 |
| JPMorgan Chase (EMTN) | 1.8750 | 10/02/20 | 700,000 | 711 | 0.48 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|-------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Marathon Petroleum | 3.4000 | 15/12/20 | 1,000,000 | 715 | 0.48 |
| Metropolitan Life Global Funding I (EMTN) | 1.1250 | 15/12/21 | 1,691,000 | 1,666 | 1.12 |
| Metropolitan Life Global Funding I (EMTN) | 2.6250 | 05/12/22 | 1,355,000 | 1,412 | 0.95 |
| Microsoft | 2.4000 | 06/02/22 | 1,200,000 | 835 | 0.56 |
| Morgan Stanley | FRN | 20/01/22 | 1,000,000 | 717 | 0.48 |
| Mylan | 2.5000 | 07/06/19 | 1,000,000 | 701 | 0.47 |
| New York Life Global Funding | 1.0000 | 15/12/21 | 1,200,000 | 1,182 | 0.79 |
| Newell Brands | 2.6000 | 29/03/19 | 94,000 | 66 | 0.04 |
| PACCAR Financial Europe (EMTN) | 1.5130 | 29/05/18 | 600,000 | 602 | 0.40 |
| Penske Truck Leasing | 2.7000 | 14/03/23 | 1,208,000 | 826 | 0.56 |
| Philip Morris International | 2.0000 | 21/02/20 | 1,000,000 | 696 | 0.47 |
| Toyota Motor Credit (MTN) | 2.6000 | 11/01/22 | 1,100,000 | 769 | 0.52 |
| Wells Fargo Bank (EMTN) | 5.2500 | 01/08/23 | 3,000,000 | 3,484 | 2.34 |
| , | | | | 25,796 | 17.33 |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 131,681 | 88.47 |
| Corporate Convertible Bonds 1.30% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| United Kingdom 1.30% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| British Land White 2015 | <u>-</u> | 09/06/20 | 2,000,000 | 1,930 | 1.30 |
| 5.13.1.1 <u>24.10</u> 11.11.10 <u>20.13</u> | | 05,00,20 | | .,,,,, | |
| Total Corporate Convertible Bonds | | | | 1,930 | 1.30 |
| Government Bonds 0.57% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| United Kingdom 0.57% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| UK Treasury | 0.5000 | 22/07/22 | 870,000 | 851 | 0.57 |
| | 0.5000 | | 0.0,000 | | |
| Total Government Bonds | | | | 851 | 0.57 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 137,823 | 92.60 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market in | | n official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated ma | arket | | | 137,823 | 92.60 |
| Other transferable securities and money market | instruments 5.61% (2017 | 7: 3.32%) | | | |
| Bonds 5.61% (2017: 3.32%) | | | | | |
| Asset Backed Bonds/Mortgage Backed Bonds 1.64 | 4% (2017: 1.96%) | | | | |
| Luxembourg nil (2017: 0.25%) | | | | | |
| United Kingdom 1.64% (2017: 1.71%) | | | | | |
| London Wall Mortgage Capital | FRN | 15/08/48 | 414,708 | 418 | 0.28 |
| London Wall Mortgage Capital 2018-FL1 | FRN | 15/05/50 | 720,000 | 720 | 0.48 |
| Motor 2016-1 | 1.3000 | 25/11/25 | 750,000 | 749 | 0.51 |
| | FRN | 15/06/22 | 314,000 | 315 | 0.21 |
| PCL Funding II 2017-1 | 11314 | | | | |
| PCL Funding II 2017-1 Precise Mortgage Funding 2018-1B | FRN | 12/12/54 | 232,000 | 232 | 0.16 |

| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|--|--|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Total Asset Backed Bonds/Mortgage Backed Bonds | | | | 2,434 | 1.64 |
| Corporate Bonds 3.97% (2017: 1.36%) Supranational 0.85% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| European Coal & Steel Community | 6.8750 | 25/01/19 | 1,200,000 | 1,264 | 0.85 |
| United States 3.12% (2017: 1.36%) | | | | | |
| American Honda Finance | 1.3000 | 21/03/22 | 2,150,000 | 2,135 | 1.42 |
| Citigroup (EMTN) | 7.6250 | 03/04/18 | 1,246,000 | 1,260 | 0.85 |
| Fidelity National Information Services | 1.7000 | 30/06/22 | 1,270,000 | 1,263 | 0.85 |
| | | | | 4,658 | 3.12 |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 5,922 | 3.97 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 8,356 | 5.61 |
| Total Other transferable securities and money market | Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments | | | | |

Derivatives 0.67% (2017: 0.20%) Future contracts 0.10% (2017: nil)

| | | | Unrealised | Total Net |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------------|-----------|
| | | G | ains/(Losses) | Assets |
| Future | Maturity | Notional | £'000 | % |
| CBT US 5 Year Note | 29/03/18 | (111) | 150 | 0.10 |
| Unrealised gains on future contracts | | | 150 | 0.10 |

Forward currency exchange contracts 0.57% (2017: 0.20%)

| | | | | | | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets |
|--------------------------------------|----------|---------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | £'000 | % |
| Citigroup | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 636,763 | 859,000 | 33 | 0.02 |
| HSBC | GBP | EUR | 06/03/18 | 865,977 | 982,000 | 5 | - |
| Merrill Lynch | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 15,650,127 | 21,138,000 | 803 | 0.55 |
| Unrealised gains on forward currency | exchange | contrac | ts | | | 841 | 0.57 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Unrealised gains on derivatives | | | | | | 991 | 0.67 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total investments | | | | | | 147,170 | 98.88 |
| Other net assets | | | | | | 1,669 | 1.12 |
| Total net assets | | | | | | 148,839 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc. Currently forward positions are not collateralised. Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ry 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|---------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital losses | | (834) | | (209) |
| Revenue | 1,293 | | 270 | |
| Expenses | (221) | | (56) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 1,072 | | 214 | |
| Taxation | - | | - | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 1,072 | | 214 |
| Total return before distributions | | 238 | | 5 |
| Distributions | | (1,072) | | (214) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | (834) | | (209) |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 Janua | ary 2017 |
|--|-----------------|---------|----------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 113,858 | | - |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 38,356 | | 66,657 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (2,894) | | (902) | |
| | | 35,462 | | 65,755 |
| Dilution adjustment | | - | | 110 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | (02.1) | | (200) |
| investment activities | | (834) | | (209) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 353 | | 41 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 148,839 | | 65,697 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 147,170 | 110,295 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 3,220 | 2,453 |
| Cash and bank balances | 669 | 2,756 |
| Total assets | 151,059 | 115,504 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | - | 37 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers | 150 | 103 |
| Other creditors | 1,644 | 1,191 |
| Distribution payable | 426 | 315 |
| Total liabilities | 2,220 | 1,646 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 148,839 | 113,858 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

First Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 October 2017

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 31/01/18 | 31/01/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.30339 | - | 0.30339 | 0.06558 |
| Group 2 | 0.02339 | 0.28000 | 0.30339 | 0.06558 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.30096 | - | 0.30096 | 0.06558 |
| Group 2 | 0.30096 | - | 0.30096 | 0.06558 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.37997 | - | 0.37997 | 0.07604 |
| Group 2 | 0.16087 | 0.21910 | 0.37997 | 0.07604 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.37603 | - | 0.37603 | 0.07604 |
| Group 2 | 0.19303 | 0.18300 | 0.37603 | 0.07604 |
| K Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.40576 | - | 0.40576 | 0.08903 |
| Group 2 | 0.18273 | 0.22303 | 0.40576 | 0.08903 |
| K Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.40123 | - | 0.40123 | 0.08903 |
| Group 2 | 0.17372 | 0.22751 | 0.40123 | 0.08903 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.45450 | - | 0.45450 | 0.10266 |
| Group 2 | 0.45450 | - | 0.45450 | 0.10266 |

Second Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 November 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.32414 | - | 0.32414 | 0.21640 |
| Group 2 | 0.31414 | 0.01000 | 0.32414 | 0.21640 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.32059 | - | 0.32059 | 0.21625 |
| Group 2 | 0.32059 | - | 0.32059 | 0.21625 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.40298 | - | 0.40298 | 0.29914 |
| Group 2 | 0.16525 | 0.23773 | 0.40298 | 0.29914 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.39730 | - | 0.39730 | 0.29891 |
| Group 2 | 0.19147 | 0.20583 | 0.39730 | 0.29891 |
| K Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.42907 | - | 0.42907 | 0.32102 |
| Group 2 | 0.15978 | 0.26929 | 0.42907 | 0.32102 |
| K Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.42257 | - | 0.42257 | 0.32074 |
| Group 2 | 0.17966 | 0.24291 | 0.42257 | 0.32074 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.47633 | - | 0.47633 | 0.37933 |
| Group 2 | 0.47633 | - | 0.47633 | 0.37933 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in Sterling denominated UK government Debt and debt-related securities with a maturity of up to five years.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Debt and debt-related securities of any maturity and denominated in any currency issued by governments, public bodies and supra-national issuers worldwide, Investment grade corporate Debt and debt-related securities, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, derivatives (for efficient portfolio management only) and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Sterling Short Term Government Bond Fund – A Accumulation shares decreased by 1.17% compared to a decrease of 0.89% in the benchmark, the FTSE-A British Government under 5 Years Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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

Investors in UK government bonds experienced something of a roller-coaster ride in the six months to 31 January. The yield on the 10-year benchmark gilt started the review period at 1.28% and touched a low of 1.02%, oscillating in a range between 1.2% and 1.4% before moving sharply higher to end January 2018 at 1.52%.

The period started with heightened geo-political tensions. The US tensions with North Korea escalated with President Trump saying any threats to the US or its allies would be met with "fire and fury". This sparked risk-off moves with 'safe' assets rising in price, while assets perceived as risky sold off. As a result, the yield of the benchmark 10-year UK gilt fell from 1.20% level to just above 1%.

In September the Bank of England came to the fore. At the September Bank of England Monetary Policy meeting, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) shifted well and truly to the hawkish side and effectively gave the market an unconditional pledge to hike interest rates. To paraphrase the MPC minutes; 'if the economy continues along the same path withdrawal of stimulus is likely to be appropriate over the coming months'. In previous months the MPC had warned the market that more needed to be priced into the yield curve, however with limited market reaction. In September they upped the hawkish rhetoric and the market obliged by pricing imminent rate hikes into the yield curve. With regards market moves at the close of business on the Friday before its September meeting the 10-year gilt yield stood at just below 1% and the value of sterling versus the US Dollar was \$1.32. When the market closed a week later the 10-year gilt yield was at 1.30% and the pound had appreciated to \$1.36.

Following on from the September Bank of England meeting, November was a monumental month for the Bank of England. For the first time since 2007 the Bank of England increased the official bank rate. Going

into the meeting the market fully expected the 0.25% increase in rates, what was unclear was how the Bank of England would hike rates. The question was whether the MPC would signal the start of a hiking cycle or was the hike more to do with taking back the August 2016 rate cut. The message would come from the vote, the accompanying monetary policy statement and then the forecasts within the Quarterly Inflation Report. The vote came in at 7-2 as broadly expected, the message from the supporting documents and press conference were seen by the market to be dovish. The key document was the monetary policy statement in which the focus was not the content but on what lines had been removed from the statement in comparison to previous months. Back at the start of the summer, the MPC introduced a line which suggested that monetary policy could need to be tightened by a greater extent than priced by the market. In the November monetary policy statement this line was removed suggesting the MPC was happy with where the market was pricing further rate hikes. Following the statement in the press conference Governor Carney stated that the outlook for inflation was conditioned on a market path that implied two additional 25bp increases over the three-year forecast period. The reaction by the market was therefore dovish.

Throughout the period UK politics continued to simmer, and the country is currently in a period of 'stable instability'. The Conservative Party is divided by Brexit, with no one candidate capable of uniting the party. This was highlighted in October with the disastrous Conservative Party Conference.

From a Brexit perspective, in December, a couple of months later than expected the magic words of 'sufficient progress' were muttered by the EU 27. This has allowed negotiations to progress from phase one to the all-important discussions around transition and the final deal.

In January, global forces drove global fixed income yields higher. US Treasuries went above 2.70%, a level not seen since 2014. This, coupled with optimistic Brexit headlines and slightly better economic data, helped drive UK government bond yields higher. The yield on the 10-year gilt at the start of the month was languishing at 1.22%, but finished 30 basis points higher at 1.52%. There were a number of drivers to the bond sell-off from various corners of the world. In Japan there were hawkish comments from Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda , and in Europe a more hawkish tone from the European Central Bank.

Portfolio review

Early in the review period, sharp moves lower in UK gilt yields following risk-off periods were used to build a short duration position. We took profits following the moves higher after September's MPC meeting, and added a tactical long duration position. We thought the market moves were overdone and entered the position anticipating a short-term retracement lower in yields. The market had begun to price in the probability of two rate hikes next year after a first move from the MPC in November, and we thought this was overshooting realistic expectations.

Held over from July, the Fund continued to hold Australian government bonds. This position has performed well, and we still believe that this trade will continue to work. The rationale for the trade is the belief that the Royal Bank of Australia will not join the global hiking cycle and

rates will remain on hold longer than the market expects. This position was the main driver of relative performance in the final three months of 2017.

Also that month, we initiated a cross-market trade into US Treasuries following gilt outperformance. Exposure to the New Zealand dollar was also added after a depreciation of its currency post the election, a move we felt was overdone. The Fund's other currency position - into US dollars - was a drag on performance and was closed near the end of the January. The market's slightly more optimistic view on Brexit led to sterling strength against a continued weak US dollar.

Outlook

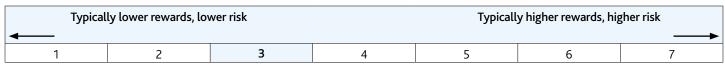
The two clear themes for the last six months should continue to be key drivers going into 2018. The Brexit negotiations and the impact on the UK economic and political landscape will continue to dominate for the foreseeable future. Going forward into March, we wait to see if the UK can agree a transition agreement with the EU. Further into the year, we wait to see what type of Brexit the UK government looks to pursue. With regards monetary policy, following the dovish hike in November, the market waits to see what tone the Bank of England set for 2018. The key data point for the Bank of England is to see growth in wages and subsequently supply-side generated inflation.

Pan Euro Macro Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- This Fund is ranked at 3 because funds of this type have experienced average 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

| Com | ıpar | ative | tab | les |
|-----|------|-------|-----|-----|
| | | | | |

| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 6,599 | 7,291 | 9,152 | 14,150 |
| Closing number of shares | 5,194,215 | 5,671,889 | 7,018,909 | 11,049,163 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 127.05 | 128.54 | 130.39 | 128.06 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.16%) | (1.42%) | 1.82% | - |
| Operating charges | 1.12% | 1.12% | 1.12% | 1.12% |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1,283 | 1,508 | 1,941 | 9,397 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,118,699 | 1,299,839 | 1,649,520 | 8,129,663 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 114.67 | 116.02 | 117.69 | 115.59 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.16%) | (1.42%) | 1.82% | - |
| Operating charges | 1.12% | 1.12% | 1.12% | 1.12% |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 64,244 | 69,932 | 72,753 | 71,733 |
| Closing number of shares | 63,617,730 | 68,621,371 | 70,721,637 | 71,328,317 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 100.98 | 101.91 | 102.87 | 100.57 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.91%) | (0.93%) | 2.29% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.62% | 0.62% | 0.62% | 0.62% |
| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 21,921 | 24,828 | 23,031 | 32,439 |
| Closing number of shares | 21,980,898 | 24,650,027 | 22,638,375 | 32,566,702 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 99.73 | 100.72 | 101.73 | 99.61 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.98%) | (0.99%) | 2.13% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.62% | 0.62% | 0.62% | 0.62% |
| P Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 5,468 | 1 | 170 | 354 |
| Closing number of shares | 4,713,086 | 851 | 143,659 | 305,904 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 116.02 | 117.17 | 118.15 | 115.67 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.98%) | (0.83%) | 2.14% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.32% | 0.32% | 0.32% | 0.32% |
| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 979 | 965 | 710 | 1,045 |
| | | | | |

Operating charges
Fund launched on 19 June 2015.

Closing number of shares

Closing net asset value per share (pence)

Change in net asset value per share

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

642,064

150.34

(0.47%)

0.12%

469,905

151.05

2.71%

0.12%

710,641

147.06

0.12%

655,393

149.35

(0.66%)

0.12%

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|--|------------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Transferable securities and money market instrume (2017: 100.77%) | | | | nother regulated m | narket 98.97% |
| Bonds 98.97% (2017: 100.77%) | | | | | |
| Government Bonds 98.97% (2017: 100.77%) | | | | | |
| Australia 16.14% (2017: 15.11%) | | | | | |
| Australia (Commonwealth of) | 5.7500 | 15/07/22 | 24,909,000 | 16,219 | 16.14 |
| United Kingdom 82.83% (2017: 81.72%) | | | | | |
| UK Treasury [∞] | 5.0000 | 07/03/18 | 9,502,000 | 9,544 | 9.50 |
| UK Treasury | 4.5000 | 07/03/19 | 7,615,000 | 7,938 | 7.90 |
| UK Treasury | 1.7500 | 22/07/19 | 7,647,000 | 7,772 | 7.73 |
| UK Treasury [∞] | 4.7500 | 07/03/20 | 6,960,000 | 7,548 | 7.51 |
| UK Treasury | 3.7500 | 07/09/19 | 6,684,000 | 7,013 | 6.98 |
| UK Treasury [∞] | 2.0000 | 22/07/20 | 6,706,000 | 6,912 | 6.88 |
| UK Treasury | 1.5000 | 22/01/21 | 6,757,000 | 6,892 | 6.86 |
| UK Treasury | 3.7500 | 07/09/21 | 5,918,000 | 6,523 | 6.49 |
| UK Treasury | 8.0000 | 07/06/21 | 5,013,000 | 6,196 | 6.17 |
| UK Treasury | 3.7500 | 07/09/20 | 5,127,000 | 5,521 | 5.49 |
| UK Treasury | 0.5000 | 22/07/22 | 5,641,000 | 5,520 | 5.49 |
| UK Treasury | 1.2500 | 22/07/18 | 4,783,000 | 4,802 | 4.78 |
| UK Treasury | 1.7500 | 07/09/22 | 791,000 | 818 | 0.81 |
| UK Treasury | 4.0000 | 07/03/22 | 214,000 | 241 | 0.24 |
| | | | | 83,240 | 82.83 |
| United States nil (2017: 3.94%) Total Government Bonds | | | | 99,459 | 98.97 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 99,459 | 98.97 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market insteachange listing or dealt on another regulated mark | | n official | | 99,459 | 98.97 |

Derivatives (0.21%) (2017: 0.03%)

Forward currency exchange contracts (0.21%) (2017: 0.03%)

| | _ | | | | | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|----------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | £'000 | % |
| Goldman Sachs | GBP | AUD | 06/03/18 | 1,300,146 | 2,324,000 | (22) | (0.02) |
| HSBC | GBP | AUD | 06/03/18 | 14,648,197 | 26,084,000 | (186) | (0.19) |
| Unrealised losses on forward currence | y exchang | e contra | cts | | | (208) | (0.21) |
| | | | | | | | |
| Unrealised losses on derivatives | | | | | | (208) | (0.21) |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total investments [≠] | | | | | | 99,251 | 98.76 |
| Other net assets | | | | | | 1,243 | 1.24 |
| Total net assets | | | | | | 100,494 | 100.00 |

[∞] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.
[≠] Including derivative liabilities.
Currently forward positions are not collateralised.
Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | | 20,372 | 20.53 | 20.27 |
| | Market value of | | | |
| | collateral received | | | |
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| UK Treasury | 21,559 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 21,559 | | | |
| | | | | Proportion held in |
| | | | Market value of | segregated |
| | | | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | | | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | | | 21,559 | 100.00 |
| One custodian is used to hold the collateral. | | | | |
| | | | | Market value of |
| | | | | collateral received |
| Collateral analysed by currency | | | | £'000 |
| GBP | | | | 21,559 |
| Total collateral received | | | | 21,559 |
| | | Market value of | Carretrian of | |
| | | securities lending | Countries of counterparty | Settlement |
| Counterparties per type of SFT | | £'000 | establishment | and clearing |
| Barclays | | 20,372 | United Kingdom | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | | 20,372 | Officed Kingdom | |
| Total market value of securities on tour | | 20,512 | | |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | 21,559 | - | 21,559 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | 6,497 |

| | Three months to | | | |
|--|-----------------|----------------|---------------|--------|
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £′000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | 13,875 | - | 20,372 |
| | | | | |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be recalled on d | emand. | | | |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collateral. | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £′000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return ^A | | | - | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent costs) ^A | | | - | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operational costs) | costs) | | - | - |
| Total costs | | | - | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | - | 100.00 |

^A The unrounded gross return was £304 and the direct operational costs and fees incurred for securities lending for the six months to 31 January 2018 was £61.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|--|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | |
| Income | | | | | |
| Net capital losses | | (984) | | (925) | |
| Revenue | 395 | | 316 | | |
| Expenses | (333) | | (348) | | |
| | | | | | |
| Net revenue/(expense) before taxation | 62 | | (32) | | |
| Taxation | - | | - | | |
| Not revenue // evenue) often to votion | | 62 | | (22) | |
| Net revenue/(expense) after taxation | | 62 | | (32) | |
| Total return before distributions | | (922) | | (957) | |
| Distributions | | (79) | | (92) | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | | |
| from investment activities | | (1,001) | | (1,049) | |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 104,525 | | 107,757 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 8,684 | | 6,671 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (11,769) | | (14,300) | |
| | | (3,085) | | (7,629) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | (1,001) | | (1,049) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 55 | | 46 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 100,494 | | 99,125 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 99,459 | 105,576 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 957 | 1,391 |
| Cash and bank balances | 471 | 970 |
| Total assets | 100,887 | 107,937 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 208 | 213 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 165 | 3,199 |
| Distribution payable | 20 | - |
| Total liabilities | 393 | 3,412 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 100,494 | 104,525 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

First Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 October 2017

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 31/01/18 | 31/01/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Group 2 | - | - | - | - |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Group 2 | - | - | - | - |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.02386 | - | 0.02386 | 0.06474 |
| Group 2 | - | 0.02386 | 0.02386 | 0.06474 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.02359 | - | 0.02359 | 0.06403 |
| Group 2 | - | 0.02359 | 0.02359 | 0.06403 |
| P Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.10219 | - | 0.10219 | 0.14940 |
| Group 2 | 0.10219 | - | 0.10219 | 0.14940 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.22515 | - | 0.22515 | 0.24713 |
| Group 2 | 0.22515 | - | 0.22515 | 0.24713 |

Second Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 November 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Group 2 | - | - | - | - |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Group 2 | - | - | - | - |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.05718 | - | 0.05718 | - |
| Group 2 | 0.01424 | 0.04294 | 0.05718 | - |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.05651 | - | 0.05651 | - |
| Group 2 | 0.00920 | 0.04731 | 0.05651 | - |
| P Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.15392 | - | 0.15392 | - |
| Group 2 | 0.03122 | 0.12270 | 0.15392 | - |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.27417 | - | 0.27417 | 0.02210 |
| Group 2 | 0.08418 | 0.18999 | 0.27417 | 0.02210 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Aberdeen Strategic Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to provide a combination of income and capital growth by investing predominantly in global Debt and debt related securities denominated in (or hedged back to) Sterling.

The Fund may also invest in other transferable securities, including Debt and debt-related securities denominated in any currency, as well as money market instruments, deposits, cash and near cash, and units in collective investment schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and/or efficient portfolio management. The Fund may use derivative instruments to create short and/or long positions.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Strategic Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 2%.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested GRP

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

Corporate bonds outperformed government bonds over the six months to 31 January. Underlying yields trended downwards from the beginning of July through to the first week of September, when hawkish rhetoric from the Bank of England's Monetary policy Committee and continued tightening from the Fed, pushed yields sharply higher. Financials led the performance tables – in particular subordinated bonds – but spreads tightened in practically all sectors. Markets have been supported by a constructive fundamental backdrop which continues to fuel strong levels of demand in a very low yield environment.

The final three months of 2017 continued in the same positive vein; benign government bond markets, loose monetary policies and improving levels of economic activity all helped create an environment which attracted investors into riskier assets.

Moving into 2018, sterling investment grade credit continued to outperform UK government bonds in January. However, the return generated by a tightening of credit spreads over gilts was entirely offset by yield moves, with the 10-year gilt yield finishing 0.30% higher over the month at 1.52%.

Portfolio review

The Aberdeen Strategic Bond Fund's duration was held at a low level in anticipation of inflation moving higher. Credit risk was fairly equally split between industrial and financial names, with a smaller exposure to asset backed security exposures.

Within financials, insurers suffered reversals in August. Within banks there were positive contributions from UT2 perpetual floating rate bonds from Nordea, National Australia Bank and ANZ. Within industrials, the capital goods sector performed well in August. In September, most of the positive returns came from the portfolio's high yield positions – in particular, bank and insurance capital bonds. Energy sector positions performed well as the oil price rose.

The Fund's position in residential mortgage-backed securities also helped preserve capital as yields rose in September, as the floating rate nature of these instruments means they are not correlated with lower gilt prices.

Both banks and insurers had a positive impact on returns in the final three months of 2017. Although low interest rates have a modestly negative impact on both sectors, the economic and regulatory conditions in which they operate continue to make them attractive. The banking sector benefits from improving fundamentals as earnings slowly improve, balance sheets shrink and new and better quality capital is raised. A small allocation to oil sensitive areas was also established. We see some good value in both investment grade and high yield corporates.

The Fund's positive return in January was largely the result of a long position in credit markets across the globe and a lack of interest rate exposure. We have been reducing interest rate exposure for some time based on both valuations and the increasing threat of the impact of higher policy rates. Credit exposure was also reduced with exposure to two key sectors – financials and energy – being the most relevant risk positions. Credit market exposure has also been reduced, however, and a pick up volatility may well provide some opportunities to add once again at some attractive levels. Exposure to floating rate residential mortgage backed security issuance were significant outperformers over the month.

Outlook

The outlook for 2018 is uncertain for bond markets. Although the economic backdrop remains constructive, the tightening of monetary policy in some jurisdictions and some increasing of political and geopolitical risks elsewhere mean valuations are less compelling than they have been for some time. Brexit risks are also likely to increase.

Lately, higher economic growth has not been reflected in rising inflation – not a normal relationship. Typically, as growth picks up, inflationary pressures build with wages rising over and above the inflation level. January saw some signs of a return to normal, perhaps due to reduced spare capacity in the US and particularly Europe and China. We think there is a natural limit to how much higher yields can move without hard evidence of significant wage or broad economy growth.

Sterling yield spreads still look attractive to overseas investors, especially in longer dated maturities. For UK investors, sterling credit is at or around fair value with little in the way of notable risks in 2018, bearing in mind the mixed UK/overseas nature of the companies contained within the index, and continued global growth.

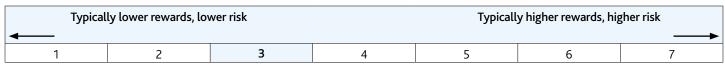
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Aberdeen Strategic Bond Fund

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- This Fund is ranked at 3 because funds of this type have experienced average 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Exchange Rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.
- Derivatives: This Fund can use derivatives in order to meet its investment objective. The use of derivatives may result in greater fluctuations in the value of the Fund, and may increase the magnitude of any losses.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

| Comparative tables | | | |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 5,612 | 5,795 | 726 |
| Closing number of shares | 3,719,756 | 3,915,615 | 520,815 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 150.88 | 148.01 | 139.44 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.94% | 6.15% | - |
| Operating charges | 1.14% | 1.14% | 1.14% |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 21 | 70 | 57 |
| Closing number of shares | 17,191 | 58,671 | 49,771 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 119.84 | 118.98 | 115.23 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.72% | 3.25% | - |
| Operating charges | 1.14% | 1.14% | 1.14% |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 22,692 | 21,054 | 7,809 |
| Closing number of shares | 14,522,177 | 13,769,648 | 5,448,248 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 156.26 | 152.90 | 143.33 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 2.20% | 6.68% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.64% | 0.64% | 0.64% |
| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1,637 | 1,700 | 2,628 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,367,680 | 1,430,591 | 2,284,191 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 119.69 | 118.84 | 115.04 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.72% | 3.30% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.64% | 0.64% | 0.64% |
| I Gross Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 983 | 928 | 519 |
| Closing number of shares | 801,828 | 773,628 | 461,928 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 122.62 | 119.98 | 112.24 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 2.20% | 6.90% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.64% | 0.64% | 0.64% |

| I Gross Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 13,678 | 12,887 | 10,301 |
| Closing number of shares | 13,128,482 | 12,458,482 | 10,285,382 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 104.18 | 103.44 | 100.16 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.72% | 3.27% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.64% | 0.64% | 0.64% |

| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 64,596 | 73,280 | 100,278 |
| Closing number of shares | 39,788,367 | 46,244,367 | 67,821,467 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 162.35 | 158.46 | 147.86 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 2.45% | 7.17% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.14% | 0.14% | 0.14% |

Fund launched on 11 September 2015.
The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|------------------|----------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | Assets % |
| Transferable securities and money market instrur | | | | | |
| 92.23% (2017: 90.16%) | | | | | |
| Bonds 92.23% (2017: 90.16%) | | | | | |
| Asset Backed Bonds/Mortgage Backed Bonds 1.98 | 8% (2017: 2.69%) | | | | |
| United Kingdom 1.98% (2017: 2.69%) | | | | | |
| Alba 2007-1 | FRN | 17/03/39 | 600,640 | 579 | 0.53 |
| London Wall Mortgage Capital | FRN | 15/11/49 | 599,929 | 603 | 0.55 |
| PCL Funding III | FRN | 15/06/23 | 439,000 | 440 | 0.40 |
| Together Asset Backed Securitisation 1 | FRN | 12/03/49 | 541,180 | 542 | 0.50 |
| | | | | 2,164 | 1.98 |
| Total Asset Backed Bonds/Mortgage Backed Bond | ls | | | 2,164 | 1.98 |
| | | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds 88.69% (2017: 86.40%) | | | | | |
| Australia 4.24% (2017: 4.54%) | | / / | | | |
| APT Pipelines (EMTN) | 3.5000 | 22/03/30 | 1,470,000 | 1,528 | 1.41 |
| Australia & New Zealand Banking | FRN | PERP | 700,000 | 429 | 0.39 |
| National Australia Bank | FRN | PERP | 1,000,000 | 647 | 0.59 |
| National Capital Trust I | VAR | PERP | 850,000 | 877 | 0.80 |
| QBE Insurance | VAR | 24/05/42 | 1,012,000 | 1,150 | 1.05 |
| | | | | 4,631 | 4.24 |
| Canada 2.38% (2017: 1.74%) | | | | | |
| Bank of Nova Scotia (EMTN) | 1.2500 | 08/06/22 | 100,000 | 99 | 0.09 |
| Barrick North America Finance | 5.7500 | 01/05/43 | 1,000,000 | 866 | 0.79 |
| Canadian Natural Resources | 3.8000 | 15/04/24 | 1,600,000 | 1,143 | 1.05 |
| MEG Energy | 7.0000 | 31/03/24 | 800,000 | 487 | 0.45 |
| Tied Energy | 7.0000 | 31703724 | 000,000 | 2,595 | 2.38 |
| | | | | | |
| Denmark 1.03% (2017: 0.98%) | | | | | |
| Danica Pension Livsforsikringsaktieselskab | VAR | 29/09/45 | 600,000 | 610 | 0.56 |
| Danske Bank (EMTN) | VAR | 29/09/21 | 500,000 | 514 | 0.47 |
| | | | | 1,124 | 1.03 |
| France 8.55% (2017: 8.94%) | | | | | |
| AXA (EMTN)∞ | VAR | PERP | 1,500,000 | 1,852 | 1.69 |
| Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel (EMTN) | 3.0000 | 21/05/24 | 500,000 | 482 | 0.44 |
| BNP Paribas Cardif | VAR | PERP | 700,000 | 695 | 0.64 |
| CNP Assurances | VAR | 30/09/41 | 400,000 | 475 | 0.43 |
| Credit Agricole Assurances | VAR | PERP | 300,000 | 301 | 0.28 |
| Engie | VAR | PERP | 500,000 | 489 | 0.45 |
| Natixis | VAR | PERP | 1,500,000 | 1,070 | 0.98 |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Orange | VAR | PERP | 500,000 | 565 | 0.52 |
| SFR | 5.6250 | 15/05/24 | 705,000 | 629 | 0.58 |
| Societe Generale | VAR | PERP | 1,508,000 | 1,545 | 1.41 |
| TDF Infrastructure | 2.5000 | 07/04/26 | 600,000 | 553 | 0.51 |
| TOTAL (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 700,000 | 672 | 0.62 |
| | | | | 9,328 | 8.55 |
| Germany 3.45% (2017: 4.73%) | | | | | |
| ATF Netherlands (EMTN) | 1.8750 | 19/01/26 | 700,000 | 624 | 0.57 |
| Daimler Finance North America | 3.3000 | 19/05/25 | 1,250,000 | 877 | 0.80 |
| E.ON International Finance (EMTN)∞ | 6.3750 | 07/06/32 | 800,000 | 1,125 | 1.03 |
| Volkswagen Financial Services (EMTN) | 1.5000 | 12/04/21 | 472,000 | 472 | 0.43 |
| Vonovia Finance | VAR | PERP | 700,000 | 674 | 0.62 |
| | | - | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | 3,772 | 3.45 |
| Ireland 0.29% (2017: 3.04%) | | | | | |
| Ardagh Packaging Finance | 6.7500 | 15/05/24 | 334,000 | 321 | 0.29 |
| 0 0 | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | |
| taly 1.84% (2017: 2.77%) | | | | | |
| Enel (EMTN)∞ | 5.7500 | 22/06/37 | 650,000 | 879 | 0.81 |
| Intesa Sanpaolo (EMTN) | 5.2500 | 28/01/22 | 1,000,000 | 1,129 | 1.03 |
| | | | | 2,008 | 1.84 |
| Kazakhstan nil (2017: 0.34%) | | | | | |
| Luxembourg 2.71% (2017: 2.65%) | | | | | |
| Altice [∞] | 7.2500 | 15/05/22 | 330,000 | 283 | 0.26 |
| SES | VAR | PERP | 1,515,000 | 1,426 | 1.31 |
| SIG Combibloc | 7.7500 | 15/02/23 | 330,000 | 300 | 0.27 |
| Telenet Finance VI Luxembourg | 4.8750 | 15/07/27 | 1,000,000 | 949 | 0.87 |
| <u> </u> | | | | 2,958 | 2.71 |
| Netherlands 4.30% (2017: 3.46%) | | | | | |
| ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN) | 6.2500 | 27/04/22 | 1,650,000 | 1,286 | 1.17 |
| ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN) | 1.3750 | 07/06/22 | 900,000 | 892 | 0.82 |
| NG Bank (EMTN) | VAR | 29/05/23 | 700,000 | 713 | 0.65 |
| Rabobank Capital Funding Trust IV | VAR | 29/03/23 PERP | 1,000,000 | 1,068 | 0.63 |
| Rabobank Nederland | VAR | PERP | 500,000 | 742 | 0.98 |
| מטטטמווג ושפעפונמווט | VAK | PERP | 300,000 | 4,701 | 4.30 |
| | | | | 7,701 | т.30 |
| New Zealand 1.01% (2017: 0.98%) | | | | | |
| Chorus (EMTN) | 6.7500 | 06/04/20 | 1,000,000 | 1,107 | 1.01 |

| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|---|-------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Norway nil (2017: 0.54%) | 2007000(10) | | Q | | |
| Singapore 0.77% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Puma International Financing | 5.0000 | 24/01/26 | 1,200,000 | 843 | 0.77 |
| | | | ., | | |
| Spain 1.08% (2017: 1.79%) | | | | | |
| CaixaBank (EMTN) | VAR | 15/02/27 | 500,000 | 472 | 0.43 |
| Obrascon Huarte Lain | 4.7500 | 15/03/22 | 800,000 | 712 | 0.65 |
| | | | | 1,184 | 1.08 |
| Sweden 0.93% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Swedbank (EMTN) | 1.2500 | 29/12/21 | 1,024,000 | 1,015 | 0.93 |
| Sweedank (E. Titt) | 1.2300 | 23/ 12/21 | 1,02 1,000 | .,0.5 | 0.55 |
| Switzerland 2.52% (2017: 2.72%) | | | | | |
| Credit Suisse | VAR | 12/09/25 | 500,000 | 494 | 0.45 |
| UBS | 7.6250 | 17/08/22 | 1,500,000 | 1,229 | 1.12 |
| UBS Jersey (EMTN) | VAR | 19/11/24 | 506,000 | 546 | 0.50 |
| UBS London | 2.4500 | 01/12/20 | 699,000 | 487 | 0.45 |
| | | | · | 2,756 | 2.52 |
| United Arab Emirates 0.54% (2017: nil) IPIC GMTN (EMTN) | 6.8750 | 14/03/26 | 440,000 | 587 | 0.54 |
| United Kingdom 45.24% (2017: 40.07%) | | | | | |
| ABP Finance (EMTN) | 6.2500 | 14/12/26 | 500,000 | 628 | 0.57 |
| Anglian Water Osprey Financing (EMTN) | 5.0000 | 30/04/23 | 1,100,000 | 1,184 | 1.08 |
| Annington Funding (EMTN) [∞] | 3.6850 | 12/07/34 | 1,060,000 | , 1,111 | 1.02 |
| Aviva (EMTN) | VAR | 04/06/50 | 700,000 | 783 | 0.72 |
| Aviva (EMTN) | VAR | 12/09/49 | 238,000 | 253 | 0.23 |
| Barclays Bank | VAR | PERP | 350,000 | 404 | 0.37 |
| Barclays Bank | VAR | 10/04/23 | 400,000 | 282 | 0.26 |
| Barclays (EMTN) | VAR | 06/10/23 | 1,123,000 | 1,131 | 1.04 |
| Barclays (EMTN) | 3.2500 | 17/01/33 | 683,000 | 676 | 0.62 |
| BAT International Finance (EMTN) | 4.0000 | 04/09/26 | 1,100,000 | 1,224 | 1.12 |
| British Land (EMTN) [∞] | 2.3750 | 14/09/29 | 339,000 | 324 | 0.30 |
| BUPA Finance | 5.0000 | 08/12/26 | 400,000 | 463 | 0.42 |
| Channel Link Enterprises Finance | VAR | 30/06/50 | 170,000 | 168 | 0.15 |
| City Greenwich Lewisham Rail Link | 9.3750 | 11/10/20 | 191,152 | 205 | 0.19 |
| Daily Mail & General Trust | 6.3750 | 21/06/27 | 300,000 | 347 | 0.32 |
| Dignity Finance | 4.6956 | 31/12/49 | 800,000 | 907 | 0.83 |
| DS Smith (EMTN) | 2.8750 | 26/07/29 | 200,000 | 196 | 0.18 |
| Gatwick Funding (EMTN) | 6.1250 | 02/03/28 | 1,500,000 | 1,891 | 1.73 |
| Greene King Finance (SINK) | 4.0643 | 15/03/35 | 154,468 | 167 | 0.15 |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|--|---------------|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Assets % |
| HBOS Capital Funding | VAR | PERP | 2,550,000 | 2,646 | 2.43 |
| HBOS Capital Funding | 6.8500 | PERP | 500,000 | 360 | 0.33 |
| Heathrow Funding (EMTN) | 7.1250 | 14/02/24 | 1,100,000 | 1,375 | 1.26 |
| HSBC Bank Capital Funding Sterling 1 | 7.1230 VAR | PERP | 1,512,000 | 2,003 | 1.83 |
| HSBC Bank Capital Funding Sterling 2 | VAR | PERP | 992,000 | 2,003 1,072 | 0.98 |
| HSBC (EMTN) | VAR | 13/11/26 | 551,000 | 546 | 0.50 |
| InterContinental Hotels (EMTN) | 3.7500 | 14/08/25 | 700,000 | 755 | 0.50 |
| Jaguar Land Rover Automotive | 5.0000 | 15/02/22 | | 733 796 | 0.69 |
| . • | 3.0000 VAR | PERP | 733,000 | 1,876 | 1.72 |
| Lloyds Bank (EMTN) | | PERP | 1,000,000 | | |
| Lloyds Bank (EMTN) Mizzen Bondco | VAR | | 500,000 | 675 686 | 0.62 |
| | 7.0000 | 01/05/21 | 662,900 | | 0.63 |
| National Westminster Bank | 6.5000 | 07/09/21 | 630,000 | 728 | 0.67 |
| National Westminster Bank (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 1,400,000 | 1,209 | 1.11 |
| National Westminster Bank (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 500,000 | 570 | 0.52 |
| NGG Finance [∞] | VAR | 18/06/73 | 1,050,000 | 1,200 | 1.10 |
| NIE Finance | 6.3750 | 02/06/26 | 400,000 | 521 | 0.48 |
| Northumbrian Water Finance | 2.3750 | 05/10/27 | 350,000 | 346 | 0.32 |
| Paragon | VAR | 09/09/26 | 750,000 | 816 | 0.75 |
| PGH Capital | 6.6250 | 18/12/25 | 1,187,000 | 1,429 | 1.31 |
| Premiertel | 6.1750 | 08/05/32 | 480,839 | 530 | 0.49 |
| Principality Building Society (EMTN) | 2.3750 | 23/11/23 | 383,000 | 380 | 0.35 |
| Prudential (EMTN) | VAR | 20/07/55 | 1,000,000 | 1,130 | 1.03 |
| RI Finance Bonds No 3 | 6.1250 | 13/11/28 | 400,000 | 477 | 0.44 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland | VAR | PERP | 1,500,000 | 1,387 | 1.27 |
| RSA Insurance | VAR | 10/10/45 | 1,000,000 | 1,139 | 1.04 |
| Scottish Amicable Finance | 8.5000 | PERP | 1,500,000 | 1,549 | 1.42 |
| Segro | 2.8750 | 11/10/37 | 470,000 | 466 | 0.43 |
| Severn Trent Utilities Finance (EMTN) | 1.6250 | 04/12/22 | 890,000 | 885 | 0.81 |
| Society of Lloyd's | 4.7500 | 30/10/24 | 223,000 | 254 | 0.23 |
| SSE | VAR | PERP | 1,500,000 | 1,562 | 1.43 |
| Stagecoach | 4.0000 | 29/09/25 | 377,000 | 404 | 0.37 |
| Standard Chartered (EMTN) | 5.1250 | 06/06/34 | 500,000 | 562 | 0.51 |
| Standard Life Aberdeen [†] | VAR | PERP | 750,000 | 953 | 0.87 |
| Telereal Securitisation [∞] | 5.4252 | 10/12/31 | 788,800 | 919 | 0.84 |
| Tesco Property Finance 3 | 5.7440 | 13/04/40 | 876,787 | 1,016 | 0.93 |
| Thames Water Utilities Cayman Finance (EMTN) | 2.8750 | 03/05/27 | 710,000 | 691 | 0.63 |
| THFC Funding No 2 (EMTN) | 6.3500 | 08/07/39 | 510,000 | 764 | 0.70 |
| Thomas Cook | 6.2500 | 15/06/22 | 519,000 | 492 | 0.45 |
| Trafford Centre Finance | 7.0300 | 28/01/29 | 471,813 | 589 | 0.54 |
| Tritax Big Box (EMTN) (REIT) | 3.1250 | 14/12/31 | 220,000 | 221 | 0.20 |
| Virgin Media Secured Finance | 6.2500 | 28/03/29 | 1,000,000 | 1,074 | 0.98 |
| | | | | 49,397 | 45.24 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| United States 7.81% (2017: 7.11%) | | | | | |
| Andeavor | 4.5000 | 01/04/48 | 730,000 | 516 | 0.47 |
| AT&T | 4.3750 | 14/09/29 | 1,000,000 | 1,123 | 1.03 |
| Brown-Forman | 2.6000 | 07/07/28 | 290,000 | 294 | 0.27 |
| Endo Finance | 6.0000 | 15/07/23 | 570,000 | 314 | 0.29 |
| Energy Transfer Partners | 4.2000 | 15/04/27 | 1,250,000 | 871 | 0.80 |
| Exelon | 3.4970 | 01/06/22 | 800,000 | 566 | 0.52 |
| General Motors Financial (EMTN) | 2.2500 | 06/09/24 | 1,181,000 | 1,169 | 1.07 |
| MPLX | 4.8750 | 01/06/25 | 750,000 | 561 | 0.51 |
| Mylan | 2.5000 | 07/06/19 | 800,000 | 560 | 0.51 |
| Mylan | 3.7500 | 15/12/20 | 336,000 | 241 | 0.22 |
| Sabine Pass Liquefaction | 5.0000 | 15/03/27 | 1,200,000 | 896 | 0.82 |
| √aleant Pharmaceuticals | 4.5000 | 15/05/23 | 919,000 | 719 | 0.66 |
| Wells Fargo | 3.0690 | 24/01/23 | 1,000,000 | 704 | 0.64 |
| | | | | 8,534 | 7.81 |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 96,861 | 88.69 |
| United Kingdom 1.56% (2017: 0.11%) | 40000 | 07/02/22 | 1 200 000 | 1.462 | 1.7 |
| United Kingdom 1.56% (2017: 0.11%) JK Treasury | 4.0000 4.5000 | 07/03/22 07/09/34 | 1,300,000 177,000 | 1,462 245 1707 | 0.22 |
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| United Kingdom 1.56% (2017: 0.11%) UK Treasury UK Treasury Total Government Bonds | | | | 245 1,707 1,707 | 1.34 0.22 1.56 1.56 |
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| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|-------------|----------|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Corporate Bonds 0.78% (2017: 0.27%) | | | | | |
| United Kingdom 0.11% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Porterbrook Rail Finance (EMTN) | 4.6250 | 04/04/29 | 100,000 | 115 | 0.11 |
| | | | | | |
| United States 0.67% (2017: 0.27%) | | | | | |
| Fidelity National Information Services | 1.7000 | 30/06/22 | 740,000 | 736 | 0.67 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 851 | 0.78 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Bonds | | | | 3,100 | 2.84 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Other transferable securities and money market | instruments | | | 3,100 | 2.84 |
| | | | | | |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 1.50% (2017: 1.53%) | | | | | |
| Aberdeen Global - Indian Bond Fund Z-2 [†] | | | 189,916 | 1,642 | 1.50 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | | | 1,642 | 1.50 |

Derivatives 1.50% (2017: 0.31%)

Future contracts 0.65% (2017: 0.11%)

| | | | Unrealised | Total Net |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| | | Gai | ns/(Losses) | Assets |
| Future | Maturity | Notional | £'000 | % |
| CBT US Ultra Bond | 20/03/18 | (15) | 60 | 0.05 |
| CBT US 10 Year Ultra | 20/03/18 | (54) | 113 | 0.10 |
| CBT US 5 Year Note | 29/03/18 | (122) | 165 | 0.15 |
| EUX Euro-Bobl | 08/03/18 | (39) | 63 | 0.06 |
| EUX Euro-Bund | 08/03/18 | (16) | 61 | 0.06 |
| ICE Long Gilt | 27/03/18 | (110) | 243 | 0.23 |
| Unrealised gains on future contracts | | | 705 | 0.65 |

Forward currency exchange contracts 0.91% (2017: (0.07%))

| | | | | | | Unrealised | Total Net |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|
| | | | | | | Gains/(Losses) | Assets |
| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | £'000 | % |
| Barclays Capital | EUR | GBP | 06/03/18 | 280,000 | 249,267 | (4) | - |
| BNP Paribas | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 80,171 | 108,000 | 4 | - |
| Citigroup | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 409,189 | 552,000 | 21 | 0.02 |
| Citigroup | USD | GBP | 06/03/18 | 79,000 | 55,909 | - | - |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 1,129,246 | 1,585,000 | 16 | 0.01 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 546,583 | 764,000 | 10 | 0.01 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 490,306 | 700,000 | (1) | - |
| HSBC | USD | GBP | 06/03/18 | 585,000 | 423,627 | (13) | (0.01) |
| JPM Chase | GBP | EUR | 06/03/18 | 477,796 | 544,000 | 1 | - |
| JPM Chase | GBP | EUR | 06/03/18 | 102,918 | 116,000 | 1 | - |
| Merrill Lynch | GBP | EUR | 06/03/18 | 13,372,817 | 15,155,000 | 87 | 0.08 |
| Morgan Stanley | EUR | GBP | 06/03/18 | 813,000 | 720,740 | (8) | (0.01) |
| UBS | EUR | GBP | 06/03/18 | 77,000 | 68,084 | (1) | - |
| UBS | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 17,055,118 | 23,043,000 | 869 | 0.79 |
| UBS | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 348,150 | 467,000 | 20 | 0.02 |
| UBS | GBP | USD | 06/03/18 | 53,995 | 73,000 | 3 | - |
| UBS | USD | GBP | 06/03/18 | 79,000 | 58,433 | (3) | - |
| Unrealised gains on forward currenc | y exchange | contract | ts | | | 1,002 | 0.91 |

Swaps (0.06%) (2017: 0.27%)

| | | | | | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Counterparty | Ccy Termination | Notional | Fund Pays | Fund Receives | £'000 | % |
| Citigroup | EUR 20/12/22 | 5,000,000 | 1.0000 | Itraxx Financials Sub Series 28 | (8) | (0.01) |
| JPM Chase | EUR 20/06/22 | 2,000,000 | Virgin Media Finance | 5.0000 | 242 | 0.23 |
| Merrill Lynch | EUR 20/12/22 | 2,000,000 | 5.0000 | Itraxx Europe Crossover Series 28 | (206) | (0.19) |
| Merrill Lynch | EUR 20/12/22 | 4,000,000 | 1.0000 | Itraxx Europe Series 28 | (96) | (0.09) |
| Unrealised losses | on swap contracts | | | | (68) | (0.06) |
| Unrealised gains o | on derivatives | | | | 1,639 | 1.50 |
| Total investments | S [≠] | | | | 107,113 | 98.07 |
| Other net assets | | | | | 2,106 | 1.93 |
| Total net assets | | | | | 109,219 | 100.00 |

† Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

[∞] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.

[‡] Including derivative liabilities.

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 5,670 | 5.29 | 5.19 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| UK Treasury | 5,557 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| France (Government of) | 239 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Germany (Federal Republic of) | 215 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 6,011 | | | |

| | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Market value of | segregated |
| collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas 6,011 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| | collateral received |
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| EUR | 454 |
| GBP | 5,557 |
| Total collateral received | 6,011 |

| | Market value of securities lending | Countries of counterparty | Settlement |
|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Counterparties per type of SFT | £'000 | establishment | and clearing |
| Barclays | 5,251 | United Kingdom | Tri-party |
| BNP Paribas | 219 | France | Tri-party |
| Credit Suisse | 200 | Switzerland | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | 5,670 | | |

| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | _ | 3 | _ |

| | Three months to | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-------|
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | 6,008 | - | 6,011 |

| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
|--|-------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | 5,670 | - | 5,670 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be recalled on The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collateral. | demand. | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 5 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent costs) | | | (1) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operational | l costs) | | - | - |
| Total costs | | | (1) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 4 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 810 | | 456 |
| Revenue | 1,989 | | 2,572 | |
| Expenses | (206) | | (149) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 1,783 | | 2,423 | |
| Taxation | - | | 2 | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 1,783 | | 2,425 |
| Total return before distributions | | 2,593 | | 2,881 |
| Distributions | | (1,783) | | (2,426) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 810 | | 455 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 115,714 | | 122,318 |
| | | | | |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 4,566 | | 11,179 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (13,401) | | (16,241) | |
| | | (8,835) | | (5,062) |
| Dilution adjustment | | - | | 34 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 810 | | 455 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 1,530 | | 1,935 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 109,219 | | 119,680 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 107,453 | 110,141 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 1,759 | 4,215 |
| Cash and bank balances | 2,834 | 4,683 |
| Total assets | 112,046 | 119,039 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 340 | 911 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers | 973 | 722 |
| Other creditors | 1,402 | 1,568 |
| Distribution payable | 112 | 124 |
| Total liabilities | 2,827 | 3,325 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 109,219 | 115,714 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

First Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 October 2017

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 31/01/18 | 31/01/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.90002 | - | 0.90002 | 1.00108 |
| Group 2 | 0.71724 | 0.18278 | 0.90002 | 1.00108 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.72349 | - | 0.72349 | 0.82721 |
| Group 2 | 0.68183 | 0.04166 | 0.72349 | 0.82721 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.12434 | - | 1.12434 | 1.17690 |
| Group 2 | 0.59357 | 0.53077 | 1.12434 | 1.17690 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.87382 | - | 0.87382 | 0.94462 |
| Group 2 | 0.55479 | 0.31903 | 0.87382 | 0.94462 |
| I Gross Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.88220 | - | 0.88220 | 1.15654 |
| Group 2 | 0.34286 | 0.53934 | 0.88220 | 1.15654 |
| I Gross Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.76059 | - | 0.76059 | 1.03189 |
| Group 2 | 0.45597 | 0.30462 | 0.76059 | 1.03189 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.36676 | - | 1.36676 | 1.36131 |
| Group 2 | 1.36676 | - | 1.36676 | 1.36131 |

Second Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 November 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.90826 | - | 0.90826 | 0.82847 |
| Group 2 | 0.64607 | 0.26219 | 0.90826 | 0.82847 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.72574 | - | 0.72574 | 0.67975 |
| Group 2 | 0.67658 | 0.04916 | 0.72574 | 0.67975 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.13695 | - | 1.13695 | 1.03607 |
| Group 2 | 0.65546 | 0.48149 | 1.13695 | 1.03607 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.87721 | - | 0.87721 | 0.82490 |
| Group 2 | 0.39044 | 0.48677 | 0.87721 | 0.82490 |
| I Gross Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.89222 | - | 0.89222 | 0.81404 |
| Group 2 | 0.57305 | 0.31917 | 0.89222 | 0.81404 |
| I Gross Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.76363 | - | 0.76363 | 0.71899 |
| Group 2 | 0.49548 | 0.26815 | 0.76363 | 0.71899 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.38418 | - | 1.38418 | 1.26082 |
| Group 2 | 1.38418 | _ | 1.38418 | 1.26082 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to achieve a positive return over a rolling 12-month period, independent of prevailing market conditions, by investing predominantly in Debt and debt-related securities issued by governments, supranational institutions, government-related bodies and/or corporations, as well as money market instruments, cash, near cash and deposits. There is no guarantee that a positive return will be achieved over 12 months or any time period and capital may be at risk. Investors may not get back the full amount originally invested.

All or a substantial proportion of the physical assets of the Fund may at any time consist of cash and near cash, deposits and/or money market instruments.

Additionally, the Fund may invest in units in collective investments schemes (including other funds managed by the Investment Adviser or its affiliates).

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes and/or efficient portfolio management. The Fund may use derivative instruments to create short and/or long positions.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen Target Return Bond Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 0.50% compared to an increase of 0.21% in the benchmark, the LIBOR GBP 3 Month Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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

Credit markets continued to perform well during the period, with spreads further tightening across the major developed markets. Macroeconomic data and positive equity markets provided a solid backdrop, and even the prospect of political uncertainty in a number of countries failed to derail markets' enthusiasm. Valuations in investment-grade credit and other asset classes are becoming slightly stretched. The Barclays Multiverse Index ended the period at a spread of 0.46% to yield 2.04%.

Following a period of electoral uncertainty in the first half of 2017 in France and the UK, a continuation of strong global growth into the second half left the markets free to rally. An improving economic environment triggered further monetary tightening by the world's most significant central banks. In the United States (US), the Federal Reserve (Fed) carried out the third rate hike of the year in December taking the base rate to 1.5%. Despite this, the US Dollar Index (dollar vs. a basket of currencies) continued to fall. In Europe, strong economic data led the European Central Bank (ECB) to tighten monetary conditions in the region by committing to cut its quantitative easing programme in half. From January 2018 the size of monthly purchases reduced from €60bn to €30bn. Lastly, the Bank of England hesitantly raised its base rate in November back to the level it was prior to the Brexit referendum. This was done despite the uncertainties posed by negotiations to exit the EU.

The oil price rallied strongly as bullish sentiment in the Brent Crude oil price was supported by the renewal of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) -led production cuts and strong global economic growth. Political tensions in Iran at the end of December also reminded the market of the oil price's role as a barometer for political developments in the Middle East. The Brent crude oil benchmark ended the period at \$69.05 per barrel, an increase of 33.4% from the start of August.

Portfolio review

Interest rate strategies positively contributed over the period. US yield curve positioning contributed as expectations of an interest rate hike in December firmed prompting shorter dated maturities to underperform relative to longer tenors. Duration shorts at the belly of the curve, particularly in the US, UK and Europe, performed well in the second half of the period as solid global economic data, higher oil prices and fiscal stimulus in the US helped drag the rates complex higher. An outright duration long in Australia also added value as soft inflation data helped push rates lower. These gains were partially offset by long duration positions in Canada (outright and on spread) as the Bank of Canada surprised markets by raising interest rates twice over the period. Short peripheral spread positions also negatively contributed as risk-on sentiment supported spread compression. Inflation strategies marginally detracted due to a short European breakeven inflation position as solid economic data and higher oil prices helped bolster inflation expectations, although this was partially offset by a long US breakeven trade.

Active currency management was a drag to performance. This was largely driven by the Fund's overweight to US dollars, particularly in comparison to the euro, yen, sterling and Chinese yuan reflecting upside growth surprises in these markets and expectations of a shift towards tighter policy. These losses were partially offset by underweights in Israeli shekel, Hungarian forint and an overweight to Czech koruna which all performed well. An overweight to Russian rouble also added value.

Credit review

Contribution was positive over the period under review, generating a strong return for the overall portfolio. Financials outperformed non-financials; Outperformance was driven by higher beta issues such as subordinated CYBG and ABN Amro bonds which tightened 180 and 145 basis points (bps) respectively over the period. Detractors were higher quality issues 5-years and shorter as higher beta generally outperformed higher quality names. Fundamentals remain strong in the banking sector with asset quality near peak levels, capital ratios well over minimum requirements, and continued cost exercises continuing to improve efficiencies allowing better margins and strong earnings. We continue to remain positive on the banking sector and will continue with our exposure through 2018.

The top performing sectors were energy, consumer cyclicals and telecommunications (TMT). A similar theme to financials was higher beta outperformance, with the Funds high-yield and emerging market issuer's performing well for the Fund (Petrobras within energy and Boparan within consumers). Energy was a top performer as spreads continued to compress compared to the overall market. Oil prices were

driven to over \$60 per barrel (WTI) over the period due to a number of factors: larger than expected inventory draws against US crude oil stocks, unrest in Iran and some minor pipeline disruptions. Upward pressure on oil resulted in production crossing the 10 million barrels per day threshold for the first time in the US. This is a positive for midstream development as the sector will need to expand to support increased US production levels. We still view the midstream sector as cheap relative to the market. Holdings in Cenovus were positive for the portfolio.

- Short-dated assets (less than three years to maturity) currently represent 67% of the portfolio. These types of bonds provided stability to Fund performance.
- Within our credit alpha allocation, the beta hedge represents 50% of the Funds credit risk, reflecting our desire to lock in recent market outperformance and isolate the alpha within these positions.
- The asset mix continues to favour an internationally diversified mix of countries, with over 65% of issuers based outside of the UK (across 27 countries).

Outlook

The overall environment remains supportive, as evidenced by a further improvement in global growth, continued European Central Bank (ECB) purchases against lower-than-expected new issuance and rising credit quality in the weaker parts of the European banking sector. However, valuations have clearly become more expensive after January's rally.

This recent sell-off in US equities and Treasuries was, in our view, driven more by technical and valuation factors than fundamental ones. The small uptick in US inflation would appear to have started a debate on the potential overheating of the US economy and how faster rate rises than anticipated would affect the valuation of risk assets. High valuations and crowded positions in short equity volatility strategies exacerbated the correction in equities and caused some volatility in credit spreads. However, the reaction of credit markets was generally fairly muted. We believe this is rational given the cause of the volatility (a better economy) should be seen as credit positive rather than negative. That said, the speed of rate increases matters for credit spreads, with a gradual increase being mildly positive and a rapid rise being, in our opinion, rather negative for spreads.

Clearly, this is something to monitor but we remain of the view that the stronger economic backdrop in combination with the positive technical factor of ECB policy should support spreads in the first half of 2018. Key to our process is adhering to a bottom up security selection discipline and while many bonds have or are approaching our spread targets, we continue to find attractive opportunities.

Fundamentals remain strong in the banking sector with asset quality near peak levels, capital ratios well over minimum requirements, and continued cost exercises continuing to improve efficiencies allowing better margins and strong earnings. We continue to remain positive on the banking sector and will continue to keep a decent exposure into 2018. There are some reasons for caution in the sector where capital markets have pulled down total revenues as trading especially in Fixed Income, Commodities and Currencies (FICC) remains low due to low volatility environment. Loan growth has been lower than expected with the commercial sector leading the slowdown by refunding bank loans into the capital markets and pulling back on spending, but we expect a pickup there with the US tax plan resolution going into effect. We believe these risks remain manageable and until we see cracks in the economy and a weakening consumer we feel that banks provide safety in generally tight trading market.

TMT may not be the area of the market where we first look for defensive holdings as event risk is elevated and many bonds are through our spread targets. However, we are re-evaluating capital structures in issuers we trust & looking for bonds with less downside. We have had recent discussions internally on AT&T and Verizon where we continue to believe bonds are attractively priced. We are closely following the proposed acquisition of Time Warner by AT&T with Department of Justice hearings scheduled for mid-March. In addition, as Q4 2017 earnings seasons rolls in, we are keeping a close ear on large technology company comments regarding management's intended use for offshore cash.

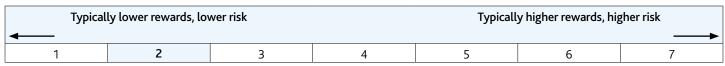
Fundamentals continue to look strong for the Utilities sector and although tax reform in the US will be a marginal negative for the regulated utilities cash flows in 2018, most management teams plan to address the shortfall through equity issuance and/or capex spend deferral. Net-net, longer term we continue to expect tax reform to be neutral to slightly positive for US regulated utilities. We continue to expect elevated issuance out of utilities sector in 2018 both on higher refinancing needs as well as comparatively higher merger and acquisition activity versus 2017.

Global Credit Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- This Fund is ranked at 2 because funds of this type have experienced average 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.
- Exchange Rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- Derivatives: This Fund can use derivatives in order to meet its investment objective. The use of derivatives may result in greater fluctuations in the value of the Fund, and may increase the magnitude of any losses.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

| Comparative tables A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1,514 | 4,920 | 8,138 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,265,442 | 4,140,283 | 6,967,665 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 119.67 | 118.84 | 116.80 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.70% | 1.75% | - |
| Operating charges | 1.13% | 1.13% | 1.13% |
| | 241 | 2411.47 | 2411.46 |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 8 | 8 | 13 |
| Closing number of shares | 8,376 | 8,376 | 12,976 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 98.35 | 98.04 | 97.05 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.32% | 1.02% | - |
| Operating charges | 1.13% | 1.13% | 1.13% |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 17,579 | 19,711 | 32,109 |
| Closing number of shares | 16,504,908 | 18,682,666 | 31,131,893 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 106.51 | 105.50 | 103.14 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.96% | 2.29% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.63% | 0.63% | 0.63% |
| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 5,738 | 9,387 | 10,604 |
| Closing number of shares | 5,930,652 | 9,735,252 | 11,113,152 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 96.74 | 96.42 | 95.42 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.33% | 1.05% | _ |
| Operating charges | 0.63% | 0.63% | 0.63% |
| | | 241147 | 2411.46 |
| I Gross Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 61,891 | 70,799 | 36,290 |
| Closing number of shares | 50,594,403 | 58,428,503 | 30,635,103 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 122.33 | 121.17 | 118.46 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.96% | 2.29% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.63% | 0.63% | 0.63% |
| I Gross Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 151 | 161 | 1,964 |
| Closing number of shares | 157,603 | 167,903 | 2,074,403 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 96.00 | 95.68 | 94.69 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.33% | 1.05% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.63% | 0.63% | 0.63% |

| K Accumulation Shares ^A | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 102 | 26 | 23 |
| Closing number of shares | 97,544 | 25,429 | 22,588 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 104.21 | 103.20 | 100.68 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.98% | 2.50% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.58% | 0.58% | 0.58% |

| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 148,222 | 77,064 | 66,865 |
| Closing number of shares | 112,570,125 | 59,233,225 | 52,825,525 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 131.67 | 130.10 | 126.58 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.21% | 2.78% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.13% | 0.13% | 0.13% |

A K Accumulation share class launched on 23 March 2016.
Fund launched on 28 August 2015.
The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | C (0/) | Mari | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|-----------------|----------------------|---|-------------------|---------------------|
| Security Transferable securities and money market instrume | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity ing or dealt on | £'000 | % market |
| 83.15% (2017: 92.66%) | | ciat exeriarige tist | ing or death on | another regulated | market |
| Bonds 83.15% (2017: 92.66%) | | | | | |
| Asset Backed Bonds/Mortgage Backed Bonds 0.22% | % (2017: 1.32%) | | | | |
| United Kingdom 0.22% (2017: 1.32%) | | | | | |
| Orbita Funding 2016-1 | FRN | 15/12/35 | 508,503 | 510 | 0.22 |
| Total Asset Backed Bonds/Mortgage Backed Bonds | | | | 510 | 0.22 |
| Corporate Bonds 75.50% (2017: 87.06%) | | | | | |
| Australia 1.91% (2017: 1.61%) | | | | | |
| BHP Billiton Finance | VAR | 22/04/76 | 1,390,000 | 1,367 | 0.58 |
| QBE Insurance | VAR | 24/05/42 | 1,250,000 | 1,421 | 0.60 |
| Suncorp Metway | 2.3500 | 27/04/20 | 2,440,000 | 1,700 | 0.73 |
| · | | | | 4,488 | 1.91 |
| Belgium 0.57% (2017: 0.64%) | | | | | |
| KBC | VAR | PERP | 890,000 | 812 | 0.34 |
| KBC Bank | VAR | PERP | 500,000 | 533 | 0.23 |
| | | | · | 1,345 | 0.57 |
| Brazil 1.74% (2017: 1.13%) | | | | | |
| Marfrig | 6.8750 | 24/06/19 | 1,400,000 | 1,015 | 0.43 |
| Petrobras Global Finance | 5.2990 | 27/01/25 | 1,718,000 | 1,216 | 0.52 |
| Petrobras Global Finance | 5.3750 | 27/01/21 | 1,200,000 | 878 | 0.37 |
| Petrobras Global Finance∞ | 3.0000 | 15/01/19 | 1,200,000 | 848 | 0.36 |
| QGOG Atlantic/Alaskan Rigs | 5.2500 | 30/07/18 | 212,500 | 146 | 0.06 |
| | | | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | 4,103 | 1.74 |
| Canada 2.42% (2017: 0.69%) | | | | | |
| Bank of Montreal (EMTN) | 1.3750 | 29/12/21 | 1,520,000 | 1,511 | 0.64 |
| Cenovus Energy | 3.0000 | 15/08/22 | 3,210,000 | 2,215 | 0.94 |
| Glencore Canada Financial (EMTN) | 7.3750 | 27/05/20 | 1,740,000 | 1,968 | 0.84 |
| Cicrico. C Curiada i maneiar (El 1114) | 1.5150 | LITOSILO | 1,7 10,000 | 5,694 | 2.42 |
| China 1.01% (2017: 1.01%) | | | | | |
| CNPC General Capital | 2.7500 | 14/05/19 | 1,400,000 | 983 | 0.41 |
| Sinopec Group Overseas Development 2014 | 2.7500 | 10/04/19 | 1,200,000 | 843 | 0.41 |
| Yunnan Energy Investment Overseas Finance | 3.7500 | 14/11/20 | 800,000 | 555 | 0.24 |
| Tarman Energy investment Overseas Finance | 3.1 300 | 17/11/20 | 550,000 | 2,381 | 1.01 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|------------|----------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Denmark 0.75% (2017: 0.62%) | | | | | |
| Danske Bank | VAR | PERP | 870,000 | 827 | 0.35 |
| Danske Bank (EMTN) | VAR | 29/09/21 | 919,000 | 944 | 0.40 |
| | | | | 1,771 | 0.75 |
| France 6.61% (2017: 4.46%) | | | | | |
| Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel (EMTN) [∞] | 1.3750 | 20/12/21 | 1,900,000 | 1,887 | 0.80 |
| CNP Assurances | VAR | 30/09/41 | 900,000 | 1,068 | 0.45 |
| Credit Agricole | VAR | PERP | 2,200,000 | 2,427 | 1.03 |
| Engie | VAR | PERP | 900,000 | 927 | 0.39 |
| RCI Banque (EMTN) | 1.8750 | 08/11/22 | 652,000 | 655 | 0.28 |
| RCI Banque (EMTN) | 0.7500 | 26/09/22 | 615,000 | 541 | 0.23 |
| Societe Generale | VAR | PERP | 4,650,000 | 4,650 | 1.99 |
| TOTAL (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 2,600,000 | 2,379 | 1.01 |
| Veolia Environnement | VAR | PERP | 1,000,000 | 1,006 | 0.43 |
| | | | | 15,540 | 6.61 |
| Germany 5.19% (2017: 7.57%) | | | | | |
| ADO Properties | 1.5000 | 26/07/24 | 600,000 | 528 | 0.22 |
| ATF Netherlands | 1.5000 | 03/05/22 | 2,000,000 | 1,815 | 0.77 |
| Deutsche Bank | 1.7500 | 16/12/21 | 2,100,000 | 2,084 | 0.89 |
| Deutsche Telekom International Finance (EMTN) | 7.3750 | 04/12/19 | 1,170,000 | 1,301 | 0.55 |
| Grand City (EMTN) | 1.3750 | 03/08/26 | 400,000 | 345 | 0.15 |
| Muenchener Rueckversicherungs-Gesellschaft in | 1.3730 | 03/00/20 | 100,000 | 3.13 | 0.13 |
| Muenchen | VAR | 21/06/28 | 2,200,000 | 2,254 | 0.96 |
| PrestigeBidCo | 6.2500 | 15/12/23 | 220,000 | 205 | 0.09 |
| Unitymedia Hessen | 4.0000 | 15/01/25 | 1,500,000 | 1,387 | 0.59 |
| Volkswagen International Finance | VAR | PERP | 2,550,000 | 2,278 | 0.97 |
| <u> </u> | | | | 12,197 | 5.19 |
| Guatemala 0.50% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Comcel Trust | 6.8750 | 06/02/24 | 1,600,000 | 1,186 | 0.50 |
| Hong Kong 0.80% (2017: 1.07%) | | | | | |
| Hutchison Whampoa Europe Finance 13 | VAR | PERP | 2,130,000 | 1,882 | 0.80 |
| Trutchison Whampoa Europe Finance 13 | VAIC | FLIXE | 2,130,000 | 1,002 | 0.80 |
| India 0.97% (2017: 0.90%) | | | | | |
| Bharti Airtel International Netherlands | 5.1250 | 11/03/23 | 869,000 | 641 | 0.27 |
| ICICI Bank Dubai (EMTN) | 4.8000 | 22/05/19 | 900,000 | 647 | 0.28 |
| NTPC (EMTN) | 5.6250 | 14/07/21 | 1,310,000 | 990 | 0.42 |
| | | | | 2,278 | 0.97 |
| Indonesia 0.38% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Pertamina Persero | 5.2500 | 23/05/21 | 1,200,000 | 898 | 0.38 |
| | | | | | |

| Consider | Causas (0/) | Matricita | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security Israel 0.25% (2017: nil) | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II [∞] | 0.3750 | 25/07/20 | 700,000 | 589 | 0.25 |
| Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II | 0.5730 | 23/07/20 | 700,000 | 369 | 0.23 |
| Italy 1.72% (2017: 3.37%) | | | | | |
| Enel | VAR | 24/09/73 | 446,000 | 388 | 0.17 |
| Intesa Sanpaolo | 6.5000 | 24/02/21 | 2,170,000 | 1,670 | 0.70 |
| Italgas (EMTN) | 1.1250 | 14/03/24 | 1,300,000 | 1,148 | 0.49 |
| UniCredit (EMTN) | VAR | 03/01/27 | 870,000 | 841 | 0.36 |
| | | | | 4,047 | 1.72 |
| Kazakhstan nil (2017: 0.51%) | | | | | |
| Kuwait 0.43% (2017: 0.52%) | | | | | |
| Equate Petrochemical | 3.0000 | 03/03/22 | 1,453,000 | 1,003 | 0.43 |
| Luxembourg 1.14% (2017: 0.40%) | | | | | |
| Altice | 7.7500 | 15/05/22 | 900,000 | 608 | 0.26 |
| SELP Finance | 1.2500 | 25/10/23 | 1,250,000 | 1,094 | 0.46 |
| SES [∞] | VAR | PERP | 1,000,000 | 977 | 0.42 |
| | | | | 2,679 | 1.14 |
| Mexico 1.22% (2017: 1.00%) | | | | | |
| America Movil | VAR | 06/09/73 | 950,000 | 1,052 | 0.45 |
| America Movil | VAR | 06/09/73 | 400,000 | 362 | 0.15 |
| Petroleos Mexicanos | FRN | 11/03/22 | 1,300,000 | 1,007 | 0.43 |
| Petroleos Mexicanos (EMTN) | 3.7500 | 15/03/19 | 500,000 | 456 | 0.19 |
| | | | | 2,877 | 1.22 |
| Netherlands 5.38% (2017: 4.76%) | | | | | |
| ABN AMRO Bank | VAR | 27/03/28 | 600,000 | 432 | 0.18 |
| ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN) | 1.0000 | 30/06/20 | 500,000 | 496 | 0.21 |
| Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten (EMTN) | 1.0000 | 17/06/22 | 2,950,000 | 2,912 | 1.24 |
| Cooperatieve Rabobank | VAR | PERP | 2,500,000 | 1,944 | 0.83 |
| ING Bank (EMTN) | VAR | 29/05/23 | 1,810,000 | 1,843 | 0.78 |
| Koninklijke | VAR | PERP | 4,000,000 | 3,627 | 1.55 |
| Rabobank Nederland | VAR | 26/05/26 | 1,500,000 | 1,389 | 0.59 |
| | | | | 12,643 | 5.38 |
| Russian Federation 1.35% (2017: 1.23%) | | | | | |
| Gazprom (EMTN) | 8.1460 | 11/04/18 | 900,000 | 639 | 0.27 |
| Lukoil International Finance | 3.4160 | 24/04/18 | 2,000,000 | 1,408 | 0.60 |
| Lukoil International Finance | 7.2500 | 05/11/19 | 1,500,000 | 1,127 | 0.48 |
| | | | .,= = 0,000 | 3,174 | 1.35 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Spain 1.71% (2017: 1.61%) | 1445 | 4.407.400 | 4 200 000 | 4.400 | 0.54 |
| CaixaBank (EMTN) | VAR | 14/07/28 | 1,300,000 | 1,189 | 0.51 |
| FCC Aqualia | 1.4130 | 08/06/22 | 1,246,000 | 1,109 | 0.47 |
| Telefonica Europe | VAR | PERP | 1,900,000 | 1,729 4,027 | 0.73 1.71 |
| Sri Lanka 0.43% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| National Savings Bank | 8.8750 | 18/09/18 | 1,400,000 | 1,014 | 0.43 |
| Sweden 1.63% (2017: 2.21%) | | | | | |
| Nordea Bank (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 1,500,000 | 1,076 | 0.46 |
| Swedbank (EMTN) | 1.2500 | 29/12/21 | 1,252,000 | 1,241 | 0.53 |
| Volvo Treasury | VAR | 10/06/75 | 1,600,000 | 1,508 | 0.64 |
| | | | | 3,825 | 1.63 |
| Switzerland 3.20% (2017: 2.03%) | | | | | |
| Credit Suisse | VAR | 12/09/25 | 556,000 | 549 | 0.23 |
| Credit Suisse Group | VAR | PERP | 1,000,000 | 759 | 0.32 |
| Glencore Finance Europe (EMTN) | 6.5000 | 27/02/19 | 1,500,000 | 1,583 | 0.68 |
| UBS London | 2.4500 | 01/12/20 | 1,574,000 | 1,097 | 0.47 |
| UBS London (EMTN) | 1.2500 | 10/12/20 | 1,145,000 | 1,140 | 0.48 |
| UBS | VAR | PERP | 800,000 | 800 | 0.34 |
| UBS | VAR | PERP | 800,000 | 593 | 0.25 |
| Zurich Finance UK (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 845,000 | 1,006 | 0.43 |
| | | | | 7,527 | 3.20 |
| Turkey nil (2017: 0.52%) | | | | | |
| United Arab Emirates 0.26% (2017: 0.37%) | | | | | |
| National Bank of Abu Dhabi (EMTN) | 3.0000 | 30/03/22 | 880,000 | 613 | 0.26 |
| United Kingdom 15.05% (2017: 21.02%) | | | | | |
| Anglo American Capital | 3.7500 | 10/04/22 | 893,000 | 635 | 0.27 |
| Anglo American Capital (EMTN) | 3.5000 | 28/03/22 | 1,270,000 | 1,233 | 0.52 |
| Aviva (EMTN) [∞] | VAR | 03/06/41 | 1,100,000 | 1,256 | 0.53 |
| Barclays Bank | 7.6250 | 21/11/22 | 1,860,000 | 1,481 | 0.63 |
| Barclays Bank (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 1,100,000 | 1,177 | 0.50 |
| Barclays (EMTN) | VAR | 06/10/23 | 1,243,000 | 1,252 | 0.53 |
| Barclays (EMTN) | VAR | 07/02/28 | 610,000 | 538 | 0.23 |
| Cadent Finance (EMTN) | 1.1250 | 22/09/21 | 750,000 | 741 | 0.31 |
| Centrica (EMTN) | 7.0000 | 19/09/18 | 1,500,000 | 1,556 | 0.66 |
| Coventry Building Society (EMTN) | 1.0000 | 05/05/20 | 650,000 | 647 | 0.27 |
| CPUK Finance | 4.2500 | 28/02/47 | 546,000 | 557 | 0.24 |
| CYBG | VAR | 09/02/26 | 320,000 | 340 | 0.14 |
| Friends Life | VAR | PERP | 2,250,000 | 1,642 | 0.70 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| HBOS Capital Funding | VAR | PERP | 2,790,000 | 2,896 | 1.24 |
| HBOS Capital Funding | VAR | PERP | 900,000 | 915 | 0.39 |
| HSBC | VAR | 13/03/23 | 2,396,000 | 1,689 | 0.72 |
| Jaguar Land Rover Automotive | 5.6250 | 01/02/23 | 880,000 | 634 | 0.27 |
| Legal & General (EMTN) [∞] | VAR | 23/07/41 | 1,200,000 | 1,519 | 0.65 |
| Lloyds Bank (MTN) | 3.2500 | 01/04/20 | 1,000,000 | 576 | 0.24 |
| Lloyds Banking (EMTN) | VAR | 15/01/24 | 1,860,000 | 1,604 | 0.68 |
| National Westminster Bank | 6.5000 | 07/09/21 | 2,000,000 | 2,310 | 0.99 |
| Paragon | VAR | 09/09/26 | 677,000 | 737 | 0.31 |
| PGH Capital | 5.7500 | 07/07/21 | 1,500,000 | 1,672 | 0.71 |
| Saga∞ | 3.3750 | 12/05/24 | 1,000,000 | 951 | 0.40 |
| Scottish Amicable Finance | 8.5000 | PERP | 1,655,000 | 1,709 | 0.73 |
| SSE | VAR | PERP | 2,060,000 | 2,146 | 0.91 |
| Standard Chartered | 2.1000 | 19/08/19 | 812,000 | 565 | 0.24 |
| Tesco (EMTN) | 6.1250 | 24/02/22 | 1,184,000 | 1,356 | 0.58 |
| Tesco (EMTN) | 5.5000 | 13/12/19 | 1,000,000 | 1,076 | 0.46 |
| | | | | 35,410 | 15.05 |
| | | | | | |
| United States 18.88% (2017: 27.81%) | | | | | |
| Actavis Funding | 3.8000 | 15/03/25 | 1,700,000 | 1,200 | 0.51 |
| American International | 4.1250 | 15/02/24 | 336,000 | 245 | 0.10 |
| Anadarko Petroleum | 4.8500 | 15/03/21 | 1,100,000 | 812 | 0.35 |
| AT&T | 3.2000 | 01/03/22 | 1,132,000 | 798 | 0.34 |
| AutoNation | 5.5000 | 01/02/20 | 165,000 | 122 | 0.05 |
| Bank of America (MTN) | FRN | 21/10/22 | 2,410,000 | 1,739 | 0.74 |
| Capital One National Association | 2.6500 | 08/08/22 | 1,210,000 | 830 | 0.35 |
| Cardinal Health | FRN | 15/06/22 | 2,420,000 | 1,709 | 0.73 |
| Citibank | FRN | 12/06/20 | 2,400,000 | 1,697 | 0.72 |
| Citigroup | FRN | 01/09/23 | 2,400,000 | 1,747 | 0.74 |
| Citigroup (EMTN) | 5.1250 | 12/12/18 | 1,500,000 | 1,553 | 0.66 |
| Continental Resources | 5.0000 | 15/09/22 | 1,500,000 | 1,068 | 0.45 |
| Crown Castle International | 2.2500 | 01/09/21 | 680,000 | 467 | 0.20 |
| CSC | 10.8750 | 15/10/25 | 635,000 | 532 | 0.23 |
| eBay | FRN | 30/01/23 | 2,470,000 | 1,747 | 0.74 |
| Electronic Arts | 3.7000 | 01/03/21 | 2,250,000 | 1,624 | 0.69 |
| EMC | 1.8750 | 01/06/18 | 2,000,000 | 1,401 | 0.60 |
| Endo Finance | 6.0000 | 15/07/23 | 700,000 | 386 | 0.16 |
| Exelon | 3.4970 | 01/06/22 | 764,000 | 541 | 0.23 |
| Ford Motor Credit | 3.3360 | 18/03/21 | 1,430,000 | 1,009 | 0.43 |
| Ford Motor Credit | 5.7500 | 01/02/21 | 1,000,000 | 754 | 0.32 |
| General Motors Financial (EMTN) | FRN | 10/05/21 | 1,122,000 | 994 | 0.42 |
| Goldman Sachs (EMTN) | FRN | 09/09/22 | 1,427,000 | 1,263 | 0.54 |
| Halliburton | 3.5000 | 01/08/23 | 1,239,000 | 885 | 0.38 |
| Intel | 2.8750 | 11/05/24 | 1,020,000 | 711 | 0.30 |
| JPMorgan Chase | VAR | PERP | 2,930,000 | 2,091 | 0.90 |
| Ji i loi gail Chase | VAIN | FLINE | ۵,550,000 | L,UJ I | 0.30 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| JPMorgan Chase | FRN | 24/10/23 | 2,405,000 | 1,744 | 0.74 |
| JPMorgan Chase | VAR | 25/04/23 | 2,000,000 | 1,388 | 0.59 |
| Kraft Heinz Foods | FRN | 10/02/21 | 2,360,000 | 1,664 | 0.71 |
| Morgan Stanley | VAR | 24/01/29 | 1,603,000 | 1,135 | 0.48 |
| Morgan Stanley (MTN) | FRN | 24/10/23 | 2,410,000 | 1,754 | 0.76 |
| MPLX | 4.5000 | 15/07/23 | 595,000 | 437 | 0.19 |
| Mylan | 1.2500 | 23/11/20 | 350,000 | 314 | 0.13 |
| Penske Truck Leasing | 3.3750 | 01/02/22 | 1,000,000 | 708 | 0.30 |
| Perrigo Finance | 3.5000 | 15/12/21 | 633,000 | 449 | 0.19 |
| Sabine Pass Liquefaction | 6.2500 | 15/03/22 | 500,000 | 388 | 0.16 |
| Sempra Energy | 2.4000 | 01/02/20 | 1,011,000 | 709 | 0.30 |
| Sherwin-Williams | 2.2500 | 15/05/20 | 2,040,000 | 1,421 | 0.60 |
| Sprint Communications | 9.0000 | 15/11/18 | 185,000 | 136 | 0.06 |
| Verizon Communications | FRN | 16/03/22 | 1,755,000 | 1,260 | 0.54 |
| Walt Disney | 2.7580 | 07/10/24 | 2,980,000 | 1,680 | 0.71 |
| Wells Fargo (EMTN) | 1.3750 | 30/06/22 | 1,300,000 | 1,277 | 0.54 |
| | | | | 44,389 | 18.88 |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 177,580 | 75.50 |
| Government Bonds 7.43% (2017: 4.28%) China 0.48% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| China Development Bank (EMTN) | 0.3750 | 16/11/21 | 1,294,000 | 1,121 | 0.48 |
| Crima Development Bank (El 1114) | 0.5750 | 10/11/21 | 1,23 1,000 | 1,121 | 0.10 |
| India 0.36% (2017: 0.50%) | | | | | |
| Export-Import Bank of India (EMTN) | 2.7500 | 01/04/20 | 1,200,000 | 839 | 0.36 |
| Nigeria 0.65% (2017: 0.75%) | | | | | |
| Nigeria (Federal Republic of) | 5.1250 | 12/07/18 | 2,170,000 | 1,534 | 0.65 |
| Serbia nil (2017: 1.01%) | 3.1230 | 12/07/10 | 2,170,000 | 1,334 | 0.03 |
| South Korea 0.29% (2017: 0.60%) | | | | | |
| Korea Water Resources | 2.7500 | 23/05/22 | 983,000 | 676 | 0.29 |
| Sweden 0.30% (2017: 0.42%) | | | | | |
| Svensk Exportkredit (EMTN) | VAR | 14/11/23 | 1,000,000 | 699 | 0.30 |
| | | | | | |
| Turkey 1 03% (2017: 1 00%) | | | | | |
| | 6 7500 | 03/0 <i>4</i> /18 | 3 440 000 | 2 434 | 1 02 |
| Turkey 1.03% (2017: 1.00%) Turkey (Republic of) | 6.7500 | 03/04/18 | 3,440,000 | 2,434 | 1.03 |
| | 6.7500 | 03/04/18 | 3,440,000 | 2,434 | 1.03 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|---------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security Total Government Bonds | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | 7.42 |
| Total Government Bonds | | | | 17,465 | 7.43 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 195,555 | 83.15 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instrur exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | nents admitted to a | n official | | 195,555 | 83.15 |
| Other transferable securities and money market instru Bonds 3.84% (2017: 2.82%) Asset Backed Bonds/Mortgage Backed Bonds 0.30% (2 Luxembourg nil (2017: 0.39%) | | : 2.82%) | | | |
| United Kingdom 0.30% (2017: 0.42%) | | | | | |
| Offa No 1 | FRN | 14/06/50 | 701,743 | 710 | 0.30 |
| Total Asset Backed Bonds/Mortgage Backed Bonds | | | | 710 | 0.30 |
| Corporate Bonds 3.54% (2017: 2.01%) Argentina 0.25% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Cablevision | 6.5000 | 15/06/21 | 800,000 | 593 | 0.25 |
| Australia 0.069/ (2017. vil) | | | | | |
| Australia 0.96% (2017: nil) Commonwealth Bank of Australia (EMTN) [∞] | VAR | 22/04/27 | 2,500,000 | 2,265 | 0.96 |
| Commonwealth Bank of Australia (EPTTY) | VAN | 22/04/21 | 2,300,000 | 2,203 | 0.30 |
| France 0.47% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Natixis (EMTN) | 5.8750 | 24/02/20 | 1,000,000 | 1,094 | 0.47 |
| | | | | · | |
| Netherlands 0.64% (2017: 0.88%) | | | | | |
| ABN AMRO Bank (MTN) | 3.2500 | 09/04/20 | 2,620,000 | 1,510 | 0.64 |
| Sweden nil (2017: 0.51%) | | | | | |
| United States 1.22% (2017: 0.62%) | | | | | |
| AT&T | FRN | 04/09/23 | 1,554,000 | 1,395 | 0.59 |
| General Electric (EMTN) | 5.5000 | 07/06/21 | 1,300,000 | 1,463 | 0.63 |
| | | | | 2,858 | 1.22 |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 8,320 | 3.54 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 9,030 | 3.84 |
| Total Other transferable securities and money market i | instruments | | | 9,030 | 3.84 |
| | | | | | |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 8.40% (2017: 1.39%) | | | | | |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 8.40% (2017: 1.39%) Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Sterling Fund Z-3 [†] | | | 19,765 | 19,765 | 8.40 |

Derivatives 1.38% (2017: (2.24%)) Future contracts 0.66% (2017: (0.15%))

| | | G | Unrealised ains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Future | Maturity | Notional | £'000 | % |
| CBT US 10 Year Note | 20/03/18 | (2) | 4 | - |
| CBT US 10 Year Ultra | 20/03/18 | 113 | (266) | (0.11) |
| CBT US 2 Year Note | 29/03/18 | 383 | (75) | (0.03) |
| CBT US 5 Year Note | 29/03/18 | (807) | 564 | 0.24 |
| EUX Euro-Bobl | 08/03/18 | (381) | 378 | 0.16 |
| EUX Euro-BTP | 08/03/18 | (39) | 112 | 0.05 |
| EUX Euro-Bund | 08/03/18 | 50 | (50) | (0.02) |
| EUX Euro-Buxl 30 Year Bond | 08/03/18 | 46 | (26) | (0.01) |
| EUX Euro-OAT | 08/03/18 | (169) | 614 | 0.26 |
| EUX Euro-Schatz | 08/03/18 | (88) | 23 | 0.01 |
| ICE Long Gilt | 27/03/18 | (83) | 180 | 0.08 |
| MSE Canada 10 Year Bond | 20/03/18 | (18) | 47 | 0.02 |
| OSE Japan 10 Year Bond | 13/03/18 | (9) | 31 | 0.01 |
| SFE Australia 3 Year Bond | 15/03/18 | (30) | 10 | - |
| Unrealised gains on future contracts | | | 1,546 | 0.66 |

Forward currency exchange contracts 1.99% (2017: (0.08%))

| | | | | | | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets |
|------------------|-----|------|------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | £'000 | % |
| Barclays Capital | USD | GBP | 22/02/18 | 669,000 | 497,386 | (27) | (0.01) |
| BNP Paribas | EUR | CZK | 27/03/18 | 5,187,111 | 139,393,229 | (285) | (0.12) |
| BNP Paribas | GBP | CAD | 22/02/18 | 1,763,025 | 2,975,000 | 59 | 0.02 |
| BNP Paribas | MXN | GBP | 22/02/18 | 11,973,000 | 469,185 | (18) | (0.01) |
| BNP Paribas | USD | GBP | 09/02/18 | 3,726,000 | 2,634,956 | (15) | (0.01) |
| BNP Paribas | USD | GBP | 09/02/18 | 204,000 | 150,527 | (7) | - |
| Citigroup | EUR | GBP | 09/02/18 | 330,000 | 293,471 | (4) | - |
| Citigroup | EUR | ILS | 22/02/18 | 5,597,000 | 23,383,964 | 82 | 0.04 |
| Citigroup | EUR | GBP | 22/02/18 | 866,000 | 772,668 | (14) | (0.01) |
| Citigroup | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 46,743,416 | 52,599,000 | 659 | 0.28 |
| Citigroup | GBP | ILS | 22/02/18 | 2,008,046 | 9,337,000 | 82 | 0.03 |
| Citigroup | GBP | AUD | 22/02/18 | 1,074,791 | 1,851,000 | 22 | 0.01 |
| Citigroup | GBP | USD | 22/02/18 | 166,986 | 221,000 | 12 | - |
| Citigroup | USD | GBP | 22/02/18 | 3,485,000 | 2,650,538 | (202) | (0.09) |
| Citigroup | USD | BRL | 22/02/18 | 2,437,462 | 8,029,000 | (65) | (0.03) |
| Deutsche Bank | CAD | CHF | 22/02/18 | 10,518,260 | 8,031,344 | (54) | (0.02) |
| Deutsche Bank | EUR | GBP | 09/02/18 | 1,200,000 | 1,054,021 | (3) | - |
| Deutsche Bank | EUR | GBP | 22/02/18 | 130,000 | 114,218 | - | - |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 09/02/18 | 41,732,455 | 56,562,000 | 1,966 | 0.84 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 09/02/18 | 41,732,455 | 56,562,000 | 1,967 | 0.84 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | EUR | 22/02/18 | 2,500,136 | 2,791,000 | 54 | 0.02 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 22/02/18 | 88,789 | 127,000 | - | - |
| Deutsche Bank | ILS | MXN | 22/02/18 | 11,668,000 | 62,878,852 | 36 | 0.02 |

| | | | | | | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets |
|----------------|-----|------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | £′000 | % |
| Deutsche Bank | NZD | AUD | 22/02/18 | 4,452,892 | 4,064,000 | 3 | - |
| Deutsche Bank | USD | GBP | 09/02/18 | 712,000 | 507,689 | (7) | - |
| Deutsche Bank | USD | GBP | 09/02/18 | 633,000 | 449,199 | (4) | - |
| Deutsche Bank | USD | GBP | 22/02/18 | 200,000 | 147,524 | (7) | - |
| Goldman Sachs | CHF | GBP | 22/02/18 | 4,908,000 | 3,762,575 | (47) | (0.02) |
| Goldman Sachs | CZK | GBP | 22/02/18 | 13,688,000 | 482,074 | (8) | - |
| Goldman Sachs | GBP | CAD | 22/02/18 | 726,697 | 1,213,000 | 32 | 0.01 |
| Goldman Sachs | GBP | USD | 22/02/18 | 486,699 | 661,000 | 22 | 0.01 |
| Goldman Sachs | MXN | GBP | 22/02/18 | 51,150,000 | 1,985,696 | (57) | (0.02) |
| Goldman Sachs | SEK | GBP | 22/02/18 | 30,617,000 | 2,781,809 | (39) | (0.02) |
| Goldman Sachs | SEK | GBP | 22/02/18 | 1,261,000 | 112,279 | 1 | - |
| Goldman Sachs | USD | GBP | 22/02/18 | 8,536,000 | 6,425,935 | (427) | (0.18) |
| Goldman Sachs | USD | GBP | 22/02/18 | 342,000 | 252,111 | (12) | (0.01) |
| HSBC | CZK | GBP | 22/02/18 | 58,321,000 | 2,042,527 | (21) | (0.01) |
| HSBC | GBP | CAD | 09/02/18 | 1,793,797 | 3,041,000 | 51 | 0.02 |
| HSBC | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 1,637,777 | 1,848,000 | 19 | 0.01 |
| HSBC | GBP | EUR | 22/02/18 | 17,099,899 | 19,133,000 | 331 | 0.14 |
| HSBC | GBP | JPY | 22/02/18 | 5,043,319 | 751,593,000 | 200 | 0.08 |
| HSBC | GBP | CNH | 22/02/18 | 697,105 | 6,127,000 | 14 | 0.01 |
| HSBC | HUF | GBP | 22/02/18 | 3,430,000 | 9,765 | | - |
| HSBC | SEK | GBP | 22/02/18 | 1,283,000 | 115,400 | _ | _ |
| HSBC | USD | GBP | 22/02/18 | 371,000 | 268,391 | (8) | _ |
| JPM Chase | AUD | CAD | 22/02/18 | 6,549,000 | 6,364,456 | 80 | 0.03 |
| JPM Chase | CAD | AUD | 22/02/18 | 6,283,634 | 6,379,000 | (30) | (0.01) |
| | CAD | USD | 22/02/18 | | | 54 | 0.02 |
| JPM Chase | | | | 2,117,295 | 1,650,000 | | |
| JPM Chase | CHF | CAD | 22/02/18 | 3,123,344 | 3,962,000 | 94 | 0.04 |
| JPM Chase | EUR | SEK | 22/02/18 | 5,583,000 | 55,491,782 | (78) | (0.03) |
| JPM Chase | EUR | JPY | 22/02/18 | 1,406,000 | 185,330,343 | 38 | 0.02 |
| JPM Chase | EUR | GBP | 22/02/18 | 266,000 | 235,043 | (2) | - |
| JPM Chase | EUR | GBP | 22/02/18 | 167,000 | 148,879 | (3) | - |
| JPM Chase | EUR | GBP | 22/02/18 | 139,000 | 121,893 | - | - |
| JPM Chase | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 488,911 | 561,000 | (3) | - |
| JPM Chase | GBP | EUR | 22/02/18 | 147,435 | 167,000 | 1 | - |
| JPM Chase | JPY | SEK | 22/02/18 | 542,922,216 | 39,489,000 | (39) | (0.02) |
| JPM Chase | JPY | USD | 22/02/18 | 186,464,355 | 1,650,000 | 42 | 0.02 |
| JPM Chase | USD | EUR | 22/02/18 | 3,179,338 | 2,649,000 | (87) | (0.04) |
| Merrill Lynch | EUR | GBP | 09/02/18 | 1,639,000 | 1,436,851 | (1) | - |
| Merrill Lynch | GBP | AUD | 09/02/18 | 2,132,539 | 3,687,000 | 34 | 0.01 |
| Merrill Lynch | GBP | ILS | 22/02/18 | 502,160 | 2,331,000 | 21 | 0.01 |
| Merrill Lynch | GBP | EUR | 22/02/18 | 329,706 | 375,000 | 1 | - |
| Merrill Lynch | GBP | HUF | 22/02/18 | 9,808 | 3,430,000 | - | _ |
| Merrill Lynch | SEK | GBP | 22/02/18 | 106,806,000 | 9,665,246 | (98) | (0.04) |
| Morgan Stanley | EUR | GBP | 22/02/18 | 2,792,000 | 2,470,939 | (24) | (0.01) |
| Morgan Stanley | EUR | USD | 22/02/18 | 2,640,000 | 3,208,578 | 59 | 0.03 |

| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Morgan Stanley | USD | BRL | 22/02/18 | 841,144 | 2,809,000 | (31) | (0.01) |
| Royal Bank of Canada | CZK | EUR | 27/03/18 | 139,393,229 | 5,237,000 | 241 | 0.10 |
| Royal Bank of Canada | EUR | GBP | 22/02/18 | 282,000 | 250,175 | (3) | - |
| Royal Bank of Canada | GBP | USD | 09/02/18 | 322,643 | 437,000 | 15 | 0.01 |
| Royal Bank of Canada | GBP | CNH | 22/02/18 | 3,012,301 | 26,626,000 | 43 | 0.02 |
| State Street | AUD | GBP | 22/02/18 | 204,000 | 117,970 | (2) | - |
| State Street | EUR | GBP | 09/02/18 | 1,358,000 | 1,204,039 | (14) | (0.01) |
| State Street | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 1,795,143 | 2,020,000 | 25 | 0.01 |
| State Street | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 231,366 | 263,000 | 1 | - |
| State Street | GBP | EUR | 22/02/18 | 3,625,728 | 4,030,000 | 94 | 0.04 |
| State Street | GBP | JPY | 22/02/18 | 1,307,371 | 194,020,000 | 57 | 0.02 |
| State Street | GBP | EUR | 22/02/18 | 291,363 | 324,000 | 7 | - |
| State Street | JPY | AUD | 22/02/18 | 548,877,055 | 6,229,000 | (7) | - |
| State Street | JPY | CAD | 22/02/18 | 367,406,546 | 4,217,000 | (48) | (0.02) |
| State Street | SEK | EUR | 22/02/18 | 27,608,572 | 2,791,000 | 27 | 0.01 |
| State Street | USD | GBP | 09/02/18 | 300,000 | 221,358 | (10) | - |
| UBS | EUR | GBP | 22/02/18 | 541,000 | 480,344 | (6) | - |
| UBS | EUR | GBP | 22/02/18 | 277,000 | 246,535 | (4) | - |
| UBS | GBP | USD | 09/02/18 | 550,369 | 769,000 | 10 | - |
| UBS | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 484,176 | 553,000 | - | - |
| UBS | GBP | AUD | 22/02/18 | 2,759,632 | 4,815,000 | 20 | 0.01 |
| UBS | GBP | USD | 22/02/18 | 801,988 | 1,059,000 | 58 | 0.02 |
| UBS | GBP | EUR | 22/02/18 | 367,864 | 413,000 | 6 | - |
| UBS | GBP | EUR | 22/02/18 | 126,846 | 145,000 | - | - |
| UBS | USD | GBP | 22/02/18 | 2,410,000 | 1,825,081 | (132) | (0.06) |
| Unrealised gains on forward cur | rency exchange | contract | ts | | | 4,687 | 1.99 |

Swaps (1.27%) (2017: (2.01%))

| Counterparty | Ccv | Termination | Notional | Fund Pays | Fund Receives | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|------------------|-----|-------------|---------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Barclays Capital | | 15/04/22 | 20,350,000 | 1.1100 | EUR EXT CPI | 360 | 0.15 |
| , , | | | | Virgin Media | | | |
| Barclays Capital | EUR | 20/06/22 | 1,600,000 | Finance PLC | 5.0000 | 193 | 0.08 |
| Barclays Capital | EUR | 20/06/22 | 5,000,000 | 1.0000 | Itraxx Europe Series 27 | (123) | (0.05) |
| Barclays Capital | EUR | 15/04/27 | 20,350,000 | EUR EXT CPI | 1.3450 | (484) | (0.21) |
| Barclays Capital | GBP | 07/06/20 | 2,250,000 | 0.8530 | 06 Month GBP Libor | 8 | - |
| Barclays Capital | GBP | 15/10/21 | 16,330,000 | UK RPI | 3.4575 | 152 | 0.06 |
| Barclays Capital | GBP | 15/10/21 | 6,490,000 | UK RPI | 3.4575 | (230) | (0.10) |
| Barclays Capital | GBP | 15/10/21 | 3,510,000 | UK RPI | 3.4575 | 33 | 0.01 |
| Barclays Capital | GBP | 07/12/22 | 1,730,000 | 1.0560 | 06 Month GBP Libor | 21 | 0.01 |
| Barclays Capital | GBP | 07/12/22 | 1,650,000 | 1.0560 | 06 Month GBP Libor | 20 | 0.01 |
| Barclays Capital | SEK | 08/01/20 | 1,337,090,000 | 0.0650 | 03 Month SEK Stibo | 54 | 0.02 |
| Barclays Capital | SEK | 08/01/20 | 653,620,000 | 0.0650 | 03 Month SEK Stibo | 27 | 0.01 |
| Barclays Capital | SEK | 08/01/22 | 1,338,820,000 | 03 Month SEK Stibo | 0.9450 | (270) | (0.11) |

| | | | | | | Unrealised | Total Net |
|------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Counterparty | Cov | Termination | Notional | Fund Pays | Fund Receives | Gains/(Losses) £'000 | Assets % |
| Barclays Capital | | 08/01/22 | | 03 Month SEK Stibo | 0.9450 | (133) | (0.06) |
| Barclays Capital | USD | | 3,500,000 | 1.1470 | 0.5450 03 Month USD Libor | 46 | 0.02 |
| Barclays Capital | | 21/04/20 | 9,500,000 | 1.2910 | 03 Month USD Libor | 156 | 0.02 |
| Barclays Capital | USD | 30/09/20 | 8,400,000 | 1.6620 | 03 Month USD Libor | 117 | 0.07 |
| Barclays Capital | | 21/10/21 | 3,600,000 | 1.5550 | 03 Month USD Libor | 88 | 0.03 |
| barciays Capital | 030 | 21/10/21 | 3,000,000 | 1.5550 | North American Investment | 00 | 0.04 |
| Barclays Capital | USD | 20/06/22 | 140,000,000 | 1.0000 | Grade Series 28 | (2,247) | (0.97) |
| Barclays Capital | USD | | 2,500,000 | 1.3470 | 03 Month USD Libor | 97 | 0.04 |
| Barclays Capital | | 30/12/22 | 2,250,000 | 1.8540 | 03 Month USD Libor | 54 | 0.02 |
| Barclays Capital | USD | 17/05/23 | 5,000,000 | 2.0020 | 03 Month USD Libor | 107 | 0.05 |
| Barclays Capital | USD | | 2,400,000 | 2.0790 | 03 Month USD Libor | 57 | 0.02 |
| Citigroup | | 15/04/22 | 21,160,000 | 1.1100 | EUR EXT CPI | 375 | 0.16 |
| Citigroup | | 15/04/22 | 16,600,000 | 1.1100 | EUR EXT CPI | 166 | 0.07 |
| Citigroup | | 15/04/22 | 5,130,000 | 1.1100 | EUR EXT CPI | 51 | 0.02 |
| Citigroup | | 15/04/22 | 2,390,000 | 1.1100 | EUR EXT CPI | 42 | 0.02 |
| Citigroup | | 20/06/22 | 46,600,000 | 1.0000 | Itraxx Europe Series 27 | (1,143) | (0.49) |
| Citigroup | | 20/06/22 | 4,000,000 | 1.0000 | Vodafone | (78) | (0.03) |
| Citigroup | | 15/04/27 | 21,160,000 | EUR EXT CPI | 1.3450 | (504) | (0.03) |
| Citigroup | | 15/04/27 | 16,600,000 | EUR EXT CPI | 1.3450 | (240) | (0.10) |
| Citigroup | | 15/04/27 | 5,130,000 | EUR EXT CPI | 1.3450 | (74) | (0.10) |
| Citigroup | | 15/04/27 | 2,390,000 | EUR EXT CPI | 1.3450 | (57) | (0.03) |
| Citigroup | | 18/01/28 | 315,740,000 | 28 Day MXN TIIE | 8.2100 | (19) | (0.02) |
| Citigroup | LIXIN | 10/01/20 | 313,140,000 | 20 Day I TAIN THE | North American High Yield | (15) | (0.01) |
| Citigroup | USD | 20/06/22 | 2,300,000 | 4.9500 | Series 28 | (141) | (0.06) |
| Deutsche Bank | AUD | 17/12/19 | 221,370,000 | | 2.1110 | (72) | (0.03) |
| Goldman Sachs | | 03/01/20 | 215,120,000 | 03 Month CAD BA | 2.2680 | (189) | (0.08) |
| Goldman Sachs | USD | | 7,000,000 | 1.5210 | 03 Month USD Libor | 46 | 0.02 |
| Goldman Sachs | USD | 30/03/20 | 6,250,000 | 1.6150 | 03 Month USD Libor | 69 | 0.03 |
| Goldman Sachs | | 30/03/21 | 5,250,000 | 1.7150 | 03 Month USD Libor | 86 | 0.04 |
| Goldman Sachs | | 30/06/22 | 11,500,000 | 1.8180 | 03 Month USD Libor | 255 | 0.11 |
| Goldman Sachs | | 10/08/22 | | 03 Month USD Libor | 1.9030 | (407) | (0.17) |
| Goldman Sachs | | 10/08/27 | 20,620,000 | 2.2350 | 03 Month USD Libor | 630 | 0.27 |
| Goldman Sachs | | 10/08/47 | | 03 Month USD Libor | 2.5310 | (197) | (0.08) |
| | | | , , | North American | | , | (/ |
| | | | | Investment Grade | | | |
| JPM Chase | USD | 20/06/22 | 5,000,000 | Series 28 | 1.0000 | 80 | 0.03 |
| UBS | AUD | 17/12/19 | 93,080,000 | 03 Month AUD BBR | 2.1110 | (31) | (0.01) |
| UBS | GBP | 15/10/21 | 7,900,000 | UK RPI | 3.4580 | 74 | 0.03 |
| UBS | GBP | 24/09/19 | 91,740,000 | 06 Month GBP Libor | 0.9890 | (39) | (0.02) |
| UBS | GBP | 24/09/19 | 25,800,000 | 06 Month GBP Libor | 0.9890 | (11) | - |
| UBS | GBP | 24/09/19 | 9,070,000 | 06 Month GBP Libor | 0.9890 | (4) | - |
| UBS | GBP | 22/09/22 | 20,620,000 | 1.0965 | 06 Month GBP Libor | 180 | 0.08 |
| UBS | GBP | 22/09/22 | 5,800,000 | 1.0965 | 06 Month GBP Libor | 50 | 0.02 |
| UBS | GBP | 22/09/22 | 2,140,000 | 1.0965 | 06 Month GBP Libor | 19 | 0.01 |
| UBS | USD | 10/08/22 | 7,300,000 | 03 Month USD Libor | 1.9030 | (149) | (0.06) |

| | | | | | | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Counterparty | Ccy | Termination | Notional | Fund Pays | Fund Receives | £'000 | % |
| UBS | USD | 10/08/22 | 1,870,000 03 N | 1onth USD Libor | 1.9030 | (38) | (0.02) |
| UBS | USD | 10/08/27 | 6,800,000 | 2.2350 | 03 Month USD Libor | 208 | 0.09 |
| UBS | USD | 10/08/27 | 1,960,000 | 2.2350 | 03 Month USD Libor | 60 | 0.03 |
| UBS | USD | 10/08/47 | 1,300,000 03 N | 1onth USD Libor | 2.5310 | (59) | (0.03) |
| UBS | USD | 10/08/47 | 430,000 03 N | 1onth USD Libor | 2.5300 | (20) | (0.01) |
| Unrealised losses | on swap | contracts | | | | (2,978) | (1.27) |
| Unrealised gains o | on deriva | ntives | | | | 3,255 | 1.38 |
| Total investments | S [≠] | | | | | 227,605 | 96.77 |
| Other net assets | | | | | | 7,600 | 3.23 |
| Total net assets | | | | | | 235,205 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.

Including derivative liabilities.

Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 5,813 | 2.55 | 2.47 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| Australia (Commonwealth of) | 2,436 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| UK Treasury | 1,744 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| France (Government of) | 1,233 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Germany (Federal Republic of) | 666 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Norway (Kingdom of) | 101 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Denmark (Kingdom of) | 4 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 6,184 | | | |

| | Market value of collateral held | Proportion held in segregated accounts |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Collateral held per custodian | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 6,184 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| AUD | 2,436 |
| DKK | 4 |
| EUR | 1,899 |
| GBP | 1,744 |
| NOK | 101 |
| Total collateral received | 6,184 |

| Counterparties per type of SFT | Market value of securities lending £'000 | Countries of counterparty establishment | Settlement and clearing |
|--|--|---|-------------------------|
| JPM Chase | 3,268 | United States | Tri-party |
| Barclays | 1,592 | United Kingdom | Tri-party |
| Credit Suisse | 598 | Switzerland | Tri-party |
| BNP Paribas | 355 | France | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | 5,813 | | |

| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
|---|-------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | | - | 8 | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 6 | 6,170 | | 6,184 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | 355 | 5,458 | - | 5,813 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be recalled or | n demand. | | | |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collateral. | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 8 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent costs) | | | (2) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operational costs) | | | - | - |
| Total costs | | | (2) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 6 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|---|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 701 | | 1,666 |
| Revenue | 2,073 | | 1,541 | |
| Expenses | (405) | | (337) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 1,668 | | 1,204 | |
| Taxation | (10) | | (7) | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 1,658 | | 1,197 |
| Total return before distributions | | 2,359 | | 2,863 |
| Distributions | | (1,658) | | (1,204) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 701 | | 1,659 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 182,076 | | 156,006 |
| | | | | |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 71,660 | | 6,424 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (21,115) | | (12,337) | |
| | | 50,545 | | (5,913) |
| Dilution adjustment | | 112 | | - |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 701 | | 1,659 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 1,771 | | 1,120 |
| Unclaimed distributions > 6 years | | - | | 1 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 235,205 | | 152,873 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 236,934 | 180,821 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 4,303 | 3,191 |
| Cash and bank balances | 7,833 | 8,663 |
| Total assets | 249,070 | 192,675 |
| | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 9,329 | 8,532 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers | 2,501 | 446 |
| Bank overdrafts | - | 1 |
| Other creditors | 1,999 | 1,568 |
| Distribution payable | 36 | 52 |
| Total liabilities | 13,865 | 10,599 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 235,205 | 182,076 |

Aberdeen Target Return Bond Fund

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.44886 | - | 0.44886 | 0.50863 |
| Group 2 | 0.34603 | 0.10283 | 0.44886 | 0.50863 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.37029 | - | 0.37029 | 0.42263 |
| Group 2 | 0.37029 | - | 0.37029 | 0.42263 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.65270 | - | 0.65270 | 0.71639 |
| Group 2 | 0.41515 | 0.23755 | 0.65270 | 0.71639 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.59651 | - | 0.59651 | 0.66278 |
| Group 2 | 0.47428 | 0.12223 | 0.59651 | 0.66278 |
| I Gross Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.74864 | - | 0.74864 | 0.82322 |
| Group 2 | 0.32110 | 0.42754 | 0.74864 | 0.82322 |
| I Gross Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.59111 | - | 0.59111 | 0.65800 |
| Group 2 | 0.59111 | - | 0.59111 | 0.65800 |
| K Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.66705 | - | 0.66705 | 0.85804 |
| Group 2 | 0.49443 | 0.17262 | 0.66705 | 0.85804 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.13570 | - | 1.13570 | 1.17846 |
| Group 2 | 0.75085 | 0.38485 | 1.13570 | 1.17846 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The objective of the Fund is to provide capital growth through investment in companies registered in the United Kingdom, or companies which derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from the United Kingdom or have a significant proportion of their assets there.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen UK Equity Fund – A Income Shares increased by 1.82% compared to an increase of 3.92% in the benchmark, the FTSE All Share Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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 rose in the six months under review, rounding off an encouraging 2017. Initially, the stock market was buoyed by good corporate profits, resilient economic data, firmer oil prices, US tax reforms and the continued sterling weakness. Sentiment was dented towards the period end by a recovering pound, which took a toll on large caps reliant on overseas revenues, while a lack of clear leadership within the cabinet in Brexit talks caused those dependent on the domestic economy to falter as well. In economic news, fourth-quarter GDP expanded by more than expected, led by both manufacturing and services, but full-year growth was the slowest in five years. December data suggested that both the manufacturing and services sectors should continue expanding amid upbeat global growth. Inflation eased for the first time in six months, but remained above the central bank's target. While the unemployment rate was largely unchanged, wages continued to lag inflation.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, among the key detractors was Dignity, which underperformed following an announcement that it would reset its pricing strategy to respond to greater competitive intensity. Also costing the Fund was Provident Financial, whose shares were hurt by operational issues associated with implementation of a new working model in the company's home-credit business. We divested our holding in the company during the period. Last, our underweight exposure Royal Dutch Shell proved costly as its share price recovered somewhat in line with a rebound in the oil price.

In contrast, contributing to relative return was Aveva, which benefited from news of its £3-billion deal to combine with Schneider Electric's software division, creating a global leader in engineering and industrial software. Also benefiting the Fund was Croda, which performed well with its third-quarter update highlighting good growth in its personal-care division and continued high margins from its array of specialty chemicals. Meanwhile, Rotork benefited from expectations of an improvement in its key end-markets, as well as the appointment of a new CEO.

In key portfolio activity, we sold Capita after a period of disappointing operational performance; Essentra, given its less-than-compelling valuation; and divested both Imperial Brands, and as mentioned above, Provident Financial, to recycle capital into more compelling opportunities elsewhere. Against this we, introduced Abcam, in view of its long-term prospects, robust balance sheet and strong market positions. We also initiated a holding in veterinary-pharmaceuticals business Dechra, which is attractively positioned in the structurallygrowing pet market, as consumers' propensity to spend on pet welfare rises. It also benefits from rising global protein consumption which increases demand for medicines to help industrialise the production process. Another inclusion was leading online takeaway food platform Just Eat, which enjoys solid competitive positions across several markets. Its exciting growth prospects are underpinned by a trend towards greater consumer convenience, the company's rollout of new services, and improving profitability resulting from industry consolidation. We took advantage of share price weakness to introduce leading hotel company Intercontinental Hotels Group, which generates attractive returns, given its solid portfolio of brands, global scale and asset light strategy. Another new entrant to the portfolio was information and publishing group RELX for its mix of well-established brands, highly visible and recurring revenue streams, as well as a broad geographic spread of revenues. Last, we also initiated a position in Smart Metering Systems, an independent installer and owner of gas meters in the domestic industrial and commercial markets. We like it because it is well-positioned to capture the potential growth on offer as this new technology is rolled out.

Outlook

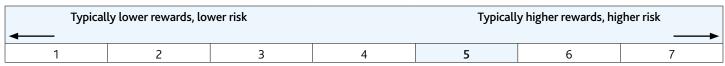
Looking ahead, the UK's economic resilience could well continue surprising investors, despite the pall of uncertainty from Brexit talks. Inflation remains a bugbear and the Bank of England's first interest rate hike in a decade may have been somewhat imprudent, with sterling weakness the real source of price pressures and not an overheating economy. However, with recent climbs in energy prices, the central bank's decision may start to look prescient in the months ahead. While we acknowledge there's still support for equity prices, namely a largely accommodative monetary policy environment and inferior yields on offer from other asset classes, valuations are nevertheless quite full. We must remain watchful. Having said that, we are still finding compelling long-term opportunities: quality businesses operating in high-growth markets that possess balance-sheet capacity and cash-flow strength, and are led by able management.

Pan European Equity Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- · This Fund is ranked at 5 because funds of this type have experienced medium to 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 88,779 | 95,821 | 94,094 | 124,465 |
| Closing number of shares | 45,145,749 | 49,638,662 | 54,589,673 | 73,462,945 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 196.65 | 193.04 | 172.37 | 169.43 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.87% | 11.99% | 1.74% | 2.13% |
| Operating charges | 1.60% | 1.60% | 1.60% | 1.60% |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 34,543 | 36,631 | 35,833 | 50,816 |
| Closing number of shares | 22,067,351 | 23,763,183 | 25,629,409 | 36,286,398 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 156.54 | 154.15 | 139.81 | 140.04 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.55% | 10.26% | (0.16%) | 0.20% |
| Operating charges | 1.60% | 1.60% | 1.60% | 1.60% |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 21 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 78,674 | 76,753 | 31 July 16 75,089 | 83,171 |
| Closing number of shares | 37,057,641 | 36,967,786 | 40,808,907 | 46,327,631 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 212.30 | 207.62 | 184.00 | 179.53 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 2.25% | 12.84% | 2.49% | 2.90% |
| Operating charges | 0.85% | 0.85% | 0.85% | 0.85% |
| Operating thanges | 0.0370 | 0.0370 | 0.0570 | 0.8376 |
| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value ($£$ '000) | 10,821 | 9,827 | 20,434 | 3,669 |
| Closing number of shares | 6,919,238 | 6,381,369 | 14,630,439 | 2,622,663 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 156.39 | 154.00 | 139.67 | 139.89 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.55% | 10.26% | (0.16%) | 0.21% |
| Operating charges | 0.85% | 0.85% | 0.85% | 0.85% |
| K Accumulation Shares ^A | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1,044 | 148 | 103 | |
| Closing number of shares | 820,487 | 118,674 | 92,989 | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 127.28 | 124.42 | 110.18 | |
| Change in net asset value per share | 2.30% | 12.92% | - | |
| Operating charges | 0.78% | 0.78% | 0.78% | |
| L Accumulation Shares ^B | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 180 | 178 | | |
| Closing number of shares | 156,800 | 159,700 | | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 114.65 | 111.69 | | |
| Change in net asset value per share | 2.65% | - | | |
| Operating charges | 0.10% | 0.13% | | |
| L Income Shares ^c | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 42 | 363 | | |
| Closing number of shares | 37,400 | 331,600 | | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 111.04 | 109.34 | | |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.55% | - | | |
| Operating charges | 0.10% | 0.13% | | |

| Z Accumulation Shares ^D | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|--|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Closing number of shares | 706 | 780 | 860 | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 139.11 | 135.50 | 119.13 | |
| Change in net asset value per share | 2.66% | 13.74% | - | |
| Operating charges | 0.10% | 0.10% | 0.10% | |

^A K Accumulation share class launched on 23 March 2016. ^B L Accumulation share class launched on 30 September 2016.

⁶ L Accumulation share class launched on 30 September 2016.

⁶ L Income share class launched on 30 September 2016.

⁷ L Accumulation share class launched on 3 February 2016.

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Security Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchar | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchar [2017: 94.40%] | ige listing or dealt on a | notner regulated m | arket 98.57% |
| Equities 98.57% (2017: 94.40%) | | | |
| Basic Materials 7.11% (2017: 7.18%) | | | |
| Chemicals 3.11% (2017: 3.07%) | | | |
| Croda International∞ | 148,300 | 6,650 | 3.11 |
| Mining 4.00% (2017: 4.11%) | | | |
| BHP Billiton | 288,900 | 4,518 | 2.1 |
| Rio Tinto | 103,600 | 4,063 | 1.90 |
| | | 8,581 | 4.00 |
| Total Basic Materials | | 15,231 | 7.1 |
| Consumer Goods 14.04% (2017: 15.23%) | | | |
| Automobiles & Parts nil (2017: nil) | | | |
| Beverages 3.26% (2017: 3.19%) | | | |
| Diageo | 275,700 | 6,982 | 3.2 |
| Food Producers 1.65% (2017: 2.11%) | | | |
| Associated British Foods | 129,300 | 3,534 | 1.6 |
| Personal Goods 4.79% (2017: 4.69%) | | | |
| Unilever | 256,100 | 10,244 | 4.79 |
| Tobacco 4.34% (2017: 5.24%) | | | |
| British American Tobacco | 193,000 | 9,301 | 4.34 |
| Total Consumer Goods | | 30,061 | 14.04 |
| Consumer Services 17.80% (2017: 13.79%) | | | |
| General Retailers 4.94% (2017: 4.00%) | | | |
| Dignity [∞] | 328,900 | 2,694 | 1.20 |
| nchcape | 479,000 | 3,470 | 1.6 |
| ust Eat∞ | 540,000 | 4,402 | 2.0 |
| | | 10,566 | 4.9 |
| Media 5.62% (2017: 3.73%) | | | |
| Euromoney Institutional Investor | 391,277 | 4,616 | 2.1 |
| Pearson [®] | 510,600 | 3,543 | 1.6 |
| RELX | 248,000 | 3,864 | 1.80 |
| | | 12,023 | 5.6 |

| | | | Total Net |
|---|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Travel & Leisure 7.24% (2017: 6.06%) | | | |
| Compass | 533,400 | 7,908 | 3.69 |
| InterContinental Hotels | 112,395 | 5,296 | 2.47 |
| Whitbread | 59,800 | 2,321 | 1.08 |
| | | 15,525 | 7.24 |
| Total Consumer Services | | 38,114 | 17.80 |
| Financials 11.39% (2017: 13.20%) | | | |
| Banks 2.48% (2017: 3.15%) | | | |
| Standard Chartered | 648,100 | 5,312 | 2.48 |
| | | | |
| Equity Investment Instruments 2.25% (2017: 1.89%) | | | |
| Dunedin Smaller Companies Investment Trust [†] | 1,748,400 | 4,826 | 2.25 |
| | | | |
| Financial Services 2.24% (2017: 3.83%) | | | |
| Schroders (non voting) | 180,200 | 4,802 | 2.24 |
| | | | |
| Life Insurance 4.42% (2017: 4.33%) | | | |
| Prudential | 495,400 | 9,442 | 4.42 |
| Total Financials | | 24,382 | 11.39 |
| Health Care 12.07% (2017: 7.46%) | | | |
| Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology 12.07% (2017: 7.46%) | | | |
| Abcam | 421,400 | 5,184 | 2.42 |
| AstraZeneca | 83,600 | 4,085 | 1.91 |
| BTG" | 681,300 | 5,066 | 2.37 |
| Dechra Pharmaceuticals | 118,134 | 2,835 | 1.32 |
| Genus | 181,000 | 4,380 | 2.05 |
| GlaxoSmithKline | 324,400 | 4,283 | 2.00 |
| | 32 1,100 | 25,833 | 12.07 |
| Total Health Care | | 25,833 | 12.07 |
| Total Federical Care | | 23,033 | 12.07 |
| Industrials 24.56% (2017: 26.51%) | | | |
| Aerospace & Defense 4.44% (2017: 4.95%) | | | |
| Rolls-Royce [∞] | 686,500 | 5,986 | 2.80 |
| Ultra Electronics [∞] | 230,278 | 3,514 | 1.64 |
| | | 9,500 | 4.44 |
| | | | |
| General Industrials 1.71% (2017: 2.01%) | | | |
| RPC | 430,100 | 3,660 | 1.71 |

| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|-----------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Industrial Engineering 6.57% (2017: 6.43%) | 4 440 400 | 4.270 | 2.00 |
| Rotork∞ | 1,448,100 | 4,279 | 2.00 |
| Spirax-Sarco Engineering | 84,700 | 4,807 | 2.25 |
| Weir | 225,789 | 4,987 14,073 | 2.32 6.57 |
| | | 14,073 | 0.57 |
| Industrial Transportation 1.95% (2017: 1.95%) | | | |
| BBA Aviation | 1,187,200 | 4,177 | 1.95 |
| Support Services 9.89% (2017: 11.17%) | | | |
| Aggreko [∞] | 301,000 | 2,428 | 1.13 |
| Bunzl∞ | 217,600 | 4,483 | 2.10 |
| Experian [∞] | 400,300 | 6,496 | 3.04 |
| Intertek [∞] | 80,100 | 4,024 | 1.88 |
| Smart Metering Systems | 494,965 | 3,727 | 1.74 |
| | | 21,158 | 9.89 |
| Total Industrials | | 52,568 | 24.56 |
| Oil & Gas 3.55% (2017: 3.41%) | | | |
| Oil & Gas Producers 2.14% (2017: 2.07%) | | | |
| Royal Dutch Shell 'B' | 184,000 | 4,593 | 2.14 |
| Oil Equipment, Services & Distribution 1.41% (2017: 1.34%) | | | |
| John Wood Group [∞] | 465,000 | 3,012 | 1.41 |
| Total Oil & Gas | | 7,605 | 3.55 |
| Total on a day | | 1,003 | 3.33 |
| Technology 6.51% (2017: 5.25%) | | | |
| Software & Computer Services 6.51% (2017: 5.25%) | 245 700 | 7 222 | 2.42 |
| Aveva | 245,700 | 7,332 6,611 | 3.42 |
| Sage | 882,400 | 13,943 | 3.09 6.51 |
| | | · · | |
| Total Technology | | 13,943 | 6.51 |
| Telecommunications 1.54% (2017: 2.37%) | | | |
| Mobile Telecommunications 1.54% (2017: 2.37%) | | | |
| Inmarsat [∞] | 708,000 | 3,289 | 1.54 |
| Total Telecommunications | | 3,289 | 1.54 |
| | | | |
| Total Equities | | 211,026 | 98.57 |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | 211 026 | 00.57 |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 211,026 | 98.57 |
| Other transferable securities and money market instruments nil (2017: nil) | | | |
| Equities nil (2017: nil) | | | |
| Financials nil (2017: nil) | | | |
| Equity Investment Instruments nil (2017: nil) | | | |
| Epic Brand Investments $^{\Omega}$ | 1,894,500 | - | - |
| HIE Ventures $^{\Omega}$ | 6,075 | _ | _ |
| | | - | - |
| | | | |
| Real Estate Investment & Services nil (2017: nil) | | | |
| Newfound $^{\Omega}$ | 4,492,239 | - | - |
| | | | |
| Total Financials | | - | - |
| | | | |
| Total Equities | | - | |
| | | | |
| Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments | | - | - |
| | | | |
| Open Ended Investment Funds 0.81% (2017: 2.65%) | | | |
| Aberdeen UK Smaller Companies Equity Fund Z-Acc [†] | 371,926 | 1,735 | 0.81 |
| | | | |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | 1,735 | 0.81 |
| | | | |
| Total investments | | 212,761 | 99.38 |
| Other net assets | | 1,323 | 0.62 |
| Total net assets | | 214,084 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

[∞] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.

^o Unapproved/unquoted security.

Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|--------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £′000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 37,596 | 17.67 | 17.56 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| Glencore Xstrata | 1,618 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| CRH | 1,573 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Carnival | 1,342 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Vinci | 1,330 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Barratt Developments | 1,024 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Nestle | 993 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Iberdrola | 989 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria | 988 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| easyjet | 987 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Taylor Wimpey | 981 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Equity | 29,544 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Government Bond | 357 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 41,726 | | | |

| | | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Market value of | segregated |
| | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 41,726 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| CAD | 1,886 |
| CHF | 1,072 |
| DKK | 149 |
| EUR | 11,847 |
| GBP | 17,890 |
| JPY | 7,092 |
| USD | 1,790 |
| Total collateral received | 41,726 |

| Countain antice court in a of SET | | Market value of securities lending £'000 | Countries of counterparty establishment | Settlement |
|--|-------------------|--|---|----------------|
| Counterparties per type of SFT | | | | and clearing |
| NATIXIS | | 17,877 | France | Tri-party |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | | 11,966 | Canada | Tri-party |
| Abbey National | | 6,296 | United Kingdom | Tri-party |
| Deutsche Bank | | 1,457 | Germany | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | | 37,596 | | |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | |
| Maturitantanan of colletonal | Three months to | A b | 0 | Tatal |
| Maturity tenor of collateral (remaining period to maturity) | one year £'000 | Above one year £'000 | Open maturity £'000 | Total £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 357 | 2 000 | | |
| Total collateral received | 331 | - | 41,369 | 41,726 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | <u>-</u> | | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | 37,596 | 37,596 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be recalled on the Fund does not engage in any re-use of collateral. | on demand. | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £′000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 13 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent costs) | | | (3) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operation | nal costs) | | - | - |
| Total costs | · | | (3) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 10 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ry 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|---------|---------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 3,393 | | 5,643 |
| Revenue | 2,483 | | 2,769 | |
| Expenses | (1,420) | | (1,447) | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 1,063 | | 1,322 | |
| Taxation | (6) | | (12) | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 1,057 | | 1,310 |
| Total return before distributions | | 4,450 | | 6,953 |
| Distributions | | (1,062) | | (1,321) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 3,388 | | 5,632 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janu | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|--|----------|-----------------|----------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 219,722 | | 225,554 |
| | 2.000 | | 4.054 | |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 3,090 | | 1,051 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (12,958) | | (21,173) | |
| | | (9,868) | | (20,122) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | 3,388 | | 5,632 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 831 | | 972 |
| Unclaimed distributions > 6 years | | 11 | | 23 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 214,084 | | 212,059 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 212,761 | 213,247 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 506 | 274 |
| Cash and bank balances | 1,465 | 7,309 |
| Total assets | 214,732 | 220,830 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 464 | 526 |
| Distribution payable | 184 | 582 |
| Total liabilities | 648 | 1,108 |
| | 24424 | 242 722 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 214,084 | 219,722 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

Interim dividend distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.61817 | - | 0.61817 | 0.73171 |
| Group 2 | - | 0.61817 | 0.61817 | 0.73171 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.49363 | - | 0.49363 | 0.59354 |
| Group 2 | - | 0.49363 | 0.49363 | 0.59354 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.46279 | - | 1.46279 | 1.48788 |
| Group 2 | 0.72543 | 0.73736 | 1.46279 | 1.48788 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.08500 | - | 1.08500 | 1.12941 |
| Group 2 | 0.24383 | 0.84117 | 1.08500 | 1.12941 |
| K Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.92881 | - | 0.92881 | 0.93157 |
| Group 2 | 0.92881 | - | 0.92881 | 0.93157 |
| L Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.21802 | - | 1.21802 | 0.26136 |
| Group 2 | 1.21802 | - | 1.21802 | 0.26136 |
| L Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.19239 | - | 1.19239 | 0.26136 |
| Group 2 | 1.19239 | - | 1.19239 | 0.26136 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.50941 | - | 1.50941 | 1.45577 |
| Group 2 | 1.50941 | - | 1.50941 | 1.45577 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund aims to achieve an attractive level of income combined with capital growth from a portfolio primarily consisting of UK Equity and Equity-Related Securities. This Fund may invest in companies listed or incorporated anywhere in the world, as long as the companies' principal activities are in, or their main economic exposure is to, the UK. This Fund may also invest in Equity and Equity-Related Securities of non-UK companies. The Fund may also hold ancillary liquid assets and debt and debt-related securities.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen UK Equity Income Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 0.70% compared to an increase of 3.92% in the benchmark, the FTSE All Share Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested. GBP.

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 rose in the six months under review, rounding off an encouraging 2017. Initially, the stock market was buoyed by good corporate profits, resilient economic data, firmer oil prices, US tax reforms and the continued sterling weakness. Sentiment was dented towards the period end by a recovering pound, which took a toll on large caps reliant on overseas revenues, while a lack of clear leadership within the cabinet in Brexit talks caused those dependent on the domestic economy to falter as well. In economic news, fourth-quarter GDP expanded by more than expected, led by both manufacturing and services, but full-year growth was the slowest in five years. December data suggested that both the manufacturing and services sectors should continue expanding amid upbeat global growth. Inflation eased for the first time in six months, but remained above the central bank's target. While the unemployment rate was largely unchanged, wages continued to lag inflation.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, among the key detractors was Roche, which underperformed as investors became increasingly concerned about its ability to compensate for the impact of new competition with its new product pipeline. Also costing the Fund was a lack of exposure to Glencore, whose shares recovered somewhat in line with the rise in commodity prices. Last, Euromoney suffered from news that the European Commission has raided the its newly-acquired specialist unit that focuses its coverage on the paper industry, as part of an investigation into the kraft paper and industrial pack-sack sector.

In contrast, contributing to relative return was Aveva, which benefited from news of its £3-billion deal to combine with Schneider Electric's software division, creating a global leader in engineering and industrial software. Meanwhile, Rotork benefited from expectations of an improvement in its key end-markets, as well as the appointment of a new CEO. Also benefiting the Fund was Ultra Electronics, which saw its shares regain some lost ground from prior weakness, following a few small contract wins.

In key portfolio activity, we exited Capita, Pearson and Provident Financial to recycle capital into more compelling opportunities elsewhere. Against this, we introduced leading self-storage company Big Yellow, which benefits from favourable market dynamics, backed by an attractive freehold estate and experienced management. We initiated a holding in Euromoney, a niche media business that provides data and services to the financial industry, recognising an improving portfolio of businesses and better growth prospects. Another inclusion was high-quality real estate company Londonmetric Property, given its excellent track record, while the demand for distribution and logistics assets should underpin both its business prospects, as well as continued dividend growth. We also participated in GIMA's initial public offer. The company designs and assembles packaging machines used in the tobacco industry, offers upbeat growth prospects and a sustainable competitive advantage, thanks to its intellectual property and customer relationships.

Outlook

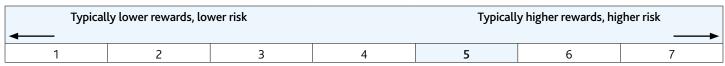
Looking ahead, the UK's economic resilience could well continue surprising investors, despite the pall of uncertainty from Brexit talks. Inflation remains a bugbear and the Bank of England's first interest rate hike in a decade may have been somewhat imprudent, with sterling weakness the real source of price pressures and not an overheating economy. However, with recent climbs in energy prices, the central bank's decision may start to look prescient in the months ahead. While we acknowledge there's still support for equity prices, namely a largely accommodative monetary policy environment and inferior yields on offer from other asset classes, valuations are nevertheless quite full. We must remain watchful. Having said that, we are still finding compelling long-term opportunities: quality businesses operating in high-growth markets that possess balance-sheet capacity and cash-flow strength, and are led by able management.

Pan European Equity Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- · This Fund is ranked at 5 because funds of this type have experienced medium to 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

| Comparative tables | | | | |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 63,433 | 66,961 | 67,384 | 84,874 |
| Closing number of shares | 5,297,313 | 5,632,976 | 6,228,829 | 8,069,720 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 1,197.47 | 1,188.73 | 1,081.81 | 1,051.76 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.74% | 9.88% | 2.86% | 0.35% |
| Operating charges | 1.62% | 1.62% | 1.62% | 1.61% |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 67,251 | 71,648 | 72,724 | 93,174 |
| Closing number of shares | 17,864,334 | 18,908,698 | 20,276,719 | 25,649,034 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 376.46 | 378.91 | 358.66 | 363.27 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.65%) | 5.65% | (1.27%) | (3.66%) |
| Operating charges | 1.62% | 1.62% | 1.62% | 1.61% |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 18,652 | 18,346 | 18,288 | 10,672 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,422,971 | 1,415,297 | 1,561,992 | 944,691 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 1,310.78 | 1,296.25 | 1,170.85 | 1,129.69 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.12% | 10.71% | 3.64% | 1.13% |
| Operating charges | 0.87% | 0.87% | 0.87% | 0.86% |
| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 17,038 | 16,529 | 16,894 | 8,810 |
| Closing number of shares | 4,112,015 | 3,978,616 | 4,328,974 | 2,245,905 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 414.34 | 415.44 | 390.25 | 392.28 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.26%) | 6.45% | (0.52%) | (2.91%) |
| Operating charges | 0.87% | 0.87% | 0.87% | 0.86% |
| K Income Shares ^A | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 17 | 1 | 33 | |
| Closing number of shares | 14,925 | 1,259 | 30,705 | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 115.09 | 114.96 | 108.46 | |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.11% | 5.99% | - | |
| Operating charges | 0.80% | 0.80% | 0.80% | |
| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 171 | 185 | 487 | 680 |
| Closing number of shares | 11,832 | 13,032 | 38,132 | 55,632 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 1,444.18 | 1,422.73 | 1,275.83 | 1,221.56 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.51% | 11.51% | 4.44% | 1.87% |
| Operating charges | 0.12% | 0.12% | 0.12% | 0.11% |

^A K Income share class launched on 23 March 2016.

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| Security | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange li | | | |
| 99.73% (2017: 98.75%) | | | |
| Equities 99.73% (2017: 98.75%) | | | |
| Basic Materials 4.83% (2017: 3.92%) | | | |
| Chemicals 2.23% (2017: 1.73%) | | | |
| Croda International | 83,000 | 3,722 | 2.23 |
| Mining 2.60% (2017: 2.19%) | | | |
| BHP Billiton | 276,100 | 4,318 | 2.60 |
| Total Basic Materials | | 8,040 | 4.83 |
| Consumer Goods 17.71% (2017: 17.41%) | | | |
| Beverages 2.41% (2017: 2.24%) | | | |
| Diageo | 158,700 | 4,019 | 2.41 |
| Food Producers 2.97% (2017: 3.03%) | | | |
| Associated British Foods | 63,000 | 1,722 | 1.03 |
| Nestle | 52,900 | 3,217 | 1.94 |
| | | 4,939 | 2.97 |
| Personal Goods 4.21% (2017: 4.70%) | | | |
| Unilever | 175,500 | 7,020 | 4.21 |
| Tobacco 8.12% (2017: 7.44%) | | | |
| British American Tobacco | 158,000 | 7,614 | 4.57 |
| Imperial Brands | 138,000 | 4,000 | 2.40 |
| Scandinavian Tobacco | 134,000 | 1,913 | 1.15 |
| | , | 13,527 | 8.12 |
| Total Consumer Goods | | 29,505 | 17.71 |
| Consumer Services 5.37% (2017: 6.70%) | | | |
| General Retailers 1.33% (2017: 1.41%) | | | |
| Inchcape | 305,500 | 2,213 | 1.33 |
| Media 1.18% (2017: 2.05%) | | | |
| Euromoney Institutional Investor | 166,400 | 1,964 | 1.18 |
| Travel & Leisure 2.86% (2017: 3.24%) | | | |
| | 321,115 | 4,760 | 2.86 |
| Compass | 32.,3 | ., | |

| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Financials 24.44% (2017: 24.62%) | | | |
| Banks 6.10% (2017: 6.10%) | | | |
| HSBC | 478,000 | 3,591 | 2.16 |
| Nordea Bank | 343,500 | 2,991 | 1.80 |
| Standard Chartered | 435,900 | 3,573 | 2.14 |
| | | 10,155 | 6.10 |
| Equity Investment Instruments 3.64% (2017: 2.98%) | | | |
| Dunedin Smaller Companies Investment Trust [†] | 2,199,000 | 6,069 | 3.64 |
| Financial Services 4.13% (2017: 7.15%) | | | |
| Close Brothers | 182,400 | 2,871 | 1.72 |
| Schroders (non voting) | 150,700 | 4,016 | 2.41 |
| Schroders (non vocing) | 130,700 | 6,887 | 4.13 |
| | | | |
| Life Insurance 4.13% (2017: 3.64%) | | | |
| Chesnara | 94,410 | 370 | 0.22 |
| Prudential | 341,700 | 6,512 6,882 | 3.91 4.13 |
| | | 0,002 | 7.13 |
| Real Estate Investment Trusts 6.44% (2017: 4.75%) | | | |
| Assura (REIT) | 4,380,616 | 2,699 | 1.62 |
| Big Yellow (REIT) | 230,000 | 1,995 | 1.20 |
| Hansteen (REIT) | 797,750 | 1,133 | 0.68 |
| LondonMetric Property (REIT) | 961,024 | 1,722 | 1.03 |
| Unibail-Rodamco (REIT) | 17,600 | 3,180 | 1.91 |
| | | 10,729 | 6.44 |
| Total Financials | | 40,722 | 24.44 |
| Health Care 12.73% (2017: 12.66%) | | | |
| Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology 12.73% (2017: 12.66%) | | | |
| AstraZeneca | 119,300 | 5,830 | 3.50 |
| GlaxoSmithKline | 475,000 | 6,271 | 3.76 |
| Novo Nordisk 'B' | 117,100 | 4,594 | 2.76 |
| Roche | 26,000 | 4,513 | 2.71 |
| | | 21,208 | 12.73 |
| Total Health Care | | 21,208 | 12.73 |
| Industrials 15.11% (2017: 14.76%) | | | |
| Aerospace & Defense 3.44% (2017: 3.84%) | | | |
| Rolls-Royce [∞] | 387,000 | 3,375 | 2.03 |
| Ultra Electronics∞ | 154,409 | 2,356 | 1.41 |
| | • | 5,731 | 3.44 |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Industrial Engineering 5.44% (2017: 3.85%) Gima TT | 05.600 | 1 450 | 0.00 |
| Rotork | 95,600 1,313,900 | 1,459 | 0.88 |
| | | 3,883 | 2.34 |
| Weir | 167,735 | 3,705 9,047 | 2.22 5.44 |
| Industrial Transportation 2.47% (2017: 2.51%) | | | |
| BBA Aviation | 1,171,200 | 4,120 | 2.47 |
| Support Services 3.76% (2017: 4.56%) | | | |
| Essentra® | 515,000 | 2,634 | 1.58 |
| Experian | 224,000 | 3,636 | 2.18 |
| Experium | 22 1,000 | 6,270 | 3.76 |
| Total Industrials | | 25,168 | 15.11 |
| Oil & Gas 7.23% (2017: 6.57%) | | | |
| Oil & Gas Producers 5.71% (2017: 5.20%) | | | |
| ВР | 703,600 | 3,526 | 2.12 |
| Royal Dutch Shell 'B' | 240,000 | 5,990 | 3.59 |
| | · | 9,516 | 5.71 |
| Oil Equipment, Services & Distribution 1.52% (2017: 1.37%) | | | |
| John Wood Group [∞] | 391,000 | 2,533 | 1.52 |
| Total Oil & Gas | | 12,049 | 7.23 |
| Technology 5.58% (2017: 4.41%) | | | |
| Software & Computer Services 5.58% (2017: 4.41%) | | | |
| Aveva | 171,900 | 5,129 | 3.08 |
| Sage | 556,000 | 4,166 | 2.50 |
| | | 9,295 | 5.58 |
| Total Technology | | 9,295 | 5.58 |
| Telecommunications 5.65% (2017: 6.52%) | | | |
| Fixed Line Telecommunications 0.50% (2017: 0.44%) | | | |
| Manx Telecom | 434,000 | 825 | 0.50 |
| Mobile Telecommunications 5.15% (2017: 6.08%) | | | |
| Inmarsat [®] | 545,800 | 2,535 | 1.52 |
| Vodafone | 2,692,000 | 6,046 | 3.63 |
| | | 8,581 | 5.15 |
| Total Telecommunications | | 9,406 | 5.65 |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|----------|--------------|-----------|
| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Utilities 1.08% (2017: 1.18%) | | | |
| Gas, Water & Multi-utilities 1.08% (2017: 1.18%) | | | |
| National Grid | 222,962 | 1,794 | 1.08 |
| Total Utilities | | 1,794 | 1.08 |
| Total Offities | | 1,134 | 1.00 |
| Total Equities | | 166,124 | 99.73 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 166,124 | 99.73 |
| Open Ended Investment Funds nil (2017: 0.54%) | | | |
| Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Sterling Fund Z-1 [†] | | - | - |
| | | | |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | - | - |

Derivatives nil (2017: (0.03%))

Options nil (2017: (0.03%))

| | | _ | Unrealised | Total Net |
|------|--------------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| | | G | ains/(Losses) | Assets |
| Туре | Expiry | Notional | £'000 | % |
| CALL | 15/06/18 | (15) | (6) | - |
| CALL | 16/02/18 | (26) | - | - |
| CALL | 16/03/18 | (39,500) | - | - |
| | | | (6) | - |
| | | | | |
| | | | (6) | - |
| | | | 166,118 | 99.73 |
| | | | 444 | 0.27 |
| | | | 166,562 | 100.00 |
| | CALL CALL | CALL 15/06/18 CALL 16/02/18 | Type Expiry Notional CALL 15/06/18 (15) CALL 16/02/18 (26) | Type Expiry Notional £'000 CALL 15/06/18 (15) (6) CALL 16/02/18 (26) - CALL 16/03/18 (39,500) - (6) |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

[∞] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.

^{*} Including derivative liabilities.

Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|--------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 11,342 | 6.83 | 6.81 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| CRH | 500 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Glencore Xstrata | 490 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Imperial Brands | 428 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Smith & Nephew | 421 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Toronto-Dominion Bank | 408 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Fresenius Medical Care | 408 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Royal Bank of Canada | 408 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| DCC | 408 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Deutsche Boerse | 408 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| British Sky Broadcasting | 397 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Equity | 8,188 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Government Bond | 124 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 12,588 | | | |

| | | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Market value of | segregated |
| | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 12,588 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| CAD | 1,158 |
| CHF | 108 |
| EUR | 3,576 |
| GBP | 6,598 |
| JPY | 711 |
| USD | 437 |
| Total collateral received | 12,588 |

| | | Market value of securities lending | Countries of counterparty | Settlement |
|--|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Counterparties per type of SFT | | £'000 | establishment | and clearing |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | | 7,347 | Canada | Tri-party |
| Abbey National | | 2,190 | United Kingdom | Tri-party |
| NATIXIS | | 1,805 | France | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | | 11,342 | | |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 124 | - | 12,464 | 12,588 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | 11,342 | 11,342 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be recalled The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collateral. | on demand. | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £′000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 7 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent costs |) | | (1) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operation | onal costs) | | - | 0.00 |
| Total costs | | | (1) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 6 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 139 | | 3,065 |
| Revenue | 2,501 | | 2,696 | |
| Expenses | (1,255) | | (1,302) | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 1,246 | | 1,394 | |
| Taxation | (15) | | 4 | |
| | | | | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 1,231 | | 1,398 |
| | | | | |
| Total return before distributions | | 1,370 | | 4,463 |
| | | | | |
| Distributions | | (2,364) | | (2,583) |
| Character at the table to decode 12 | | | | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | (00.4) | | 1.000 |
| from investment activities | | (994) | | 1,880 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janu | 31 January 2018 | | uary 2017 |
|--|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 173,670 | | 175,810 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 1,755 | | 1,440 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (9,016) | | (8,409) | |
| | | (7,261) | | (6,969) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | (994) | | 1,880 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 1,129 | | 1,225 |
| Unclaimed distributions > 6 years | | 18 | | 25 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 166,562 | | 171,971 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 166,124 | 172,429 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 560 | 1,664 |
| Cash and bank balances | 1,652 | 2,242 |
| Total assets | 168,336 | 176,335 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 6 | 48 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 594 | 419 |
| Distribution payable | 1,174 | 2,198 |
| Total liabilities | 1,774 | 2,665 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 166,562 | 173,670 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

Interim dividend distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 16.45144 | - | 16.45144 | 16.15310 |
| Group 2 | 7.01790 | 9.43354 | 16.45144 | 16.15310 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 5.24399 | - | 5.24399 | 5.35527 |
| Group 2 | 2.01345 | 3.23054 | 5.24399 | 5.35527 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 17.95837 | - | 17.95837 | 17.49654 |
| Group 2 | 8.85271 | 9.10566 | 17.95837 | 17.49654 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 5.75552 | - | 5.75552 | 5.83160 |
| Group 2 | 1.72544 | 4.03008 | 5.75552 | 5.83160 |
| K Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.58309 | - | 1.58309 | 2.45350 |
| Group 2 | 0.61372 | 0.96937 | 1.58309 | 2.45350 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 19.90537 | - | 19.90537 | 19.16783 |
| Group 2 | 19.90537 | - | 19.90537 | 19.16783 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund's objective is to maximise total return from capital investment predominantly in the companies of the FTSE 250 Index (excluding investment trusts), though other UK listed equities may be held where the ACD deems this appropriate.

Note: The term 'total return' means a combination of income and capital growth and no positive return is implied.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 2.11% compared to an increase of 3.63% in the benchmark, the FTSE 250 ex Investment Trusts Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested. GBP.

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 mid-cap equities rose in the six months under review, rounding off an encouraging 2017. Initially, the stock market was buoyed by good corporate profits, resilient economic data, firmer oil prices, US tax reforms and the continued sterling weakness. Sentiment was dented towards the period end by a recovering pound, which took a toll on large caps reliant on overseas revenues, while a lack of clear leadership within the cabinet in Brexit talks caused those dependent on the domestic economy to falter as well. In economic news, fourth-quarter GDP expanded by more than expected, led by both manufacturing and services, but full-year growth was the slowest in five years. December data suggested that both the manufacturing and services sectors should continue expanding amid upbeat global growth. Inflation eased for the first time in six months, but remained above the central bank's target. While the unemployment rate was largely unchanged, wages continued to lag inflation.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, among the key detractors was Dignity, which underperformed following an announcement that it would reset its pricing strategy to respond to greater competitive intensity. Also costing the Fund was Provident Financial, whose shares were hurt by operational issues associated with implementation of a new working model in the company's home-credit business. We divested our holding in the company during the period. Last, an overweight to Ultra Electronics also detracted as its shares suffered from disappointing organic growth and worries over contract wins and execution.

In contrast, contributing to relative return was Aveva, which benefited from news of its £3-billion deal to combine with Schneider Electric's software division, creating a global leader in engineering and industrial software. A lack of exposure to Capita Group proved beneficial as its shares underperformed following the announcement of a £700 million rights issue and the suspension of its dividend. Also contributing to Fund performance was Genus, which continued to perform well as market conditions for its customers were generally favourable, as evidenced by a positive trading update, while early reactions to its new Sexcel product have been encouraging.

In key portfolio activity, we sold Fenner after good share price performance; Mothercare, given its deteriorating business prospects and a weakening balance sheet; and Provident Financial, to recycle capital into more compelling opportunities elsewhere. Against this we, introduced leading self-storage company Big Yellow, which benefits from favourable market dynamics, backed by an attractive freehold estate and experienced management. We also initiated a position in Smart Metering Systems, an independent installer and owner of gas meters in the domestic industrial and commercial markets. We like it because it is well-positioned to capture the potential growth on offer as this new technology is rolled out.

Outlook

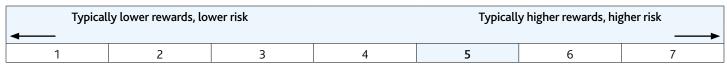
Looking ahead, the UK's economic resilience could well continue surprising investors, despite the pall of uncertainty from Brexit talks. Inflation remains a bugbear and the Bank of England's first interest rate hike in a decade may have been somewhat imprudent, with sterling weakness the real source of price pressures and not an overheating economy. However, with recent climbs in energy prices, the central bank's decision may start to look prescient in the months ahead. While we acknowledge there's still support for equity prices, namely a largely accommodative monetary policy environment and inferior yields on offer from other asset classes, valuations are nevertheless quite full. We must remain watchful. Having said that, we are still finding compelling long-term opportunities: quality businesses operating in high-growth markets that possess balance-sheet capacity and cash-flow strength, and are led by able management.

Pan European Equity Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- This Fund is ranked at 5 because funds of this type have experienced medium to 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risk of investing in this Fund:
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

| Comparative tables | | | | |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 22,675 | 22,846 | 20,598 | 25,855 |
| Closing number of shares | 9,954,795 | 10,299,881 | 11,045,353 | 13,941,665 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 227.78 | 221.81 | 186.48 | 185.45 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 2.69% | 18.95% | 0.56% | 9.75% |
| Operating charges | 1.61% | 1.61% | 1.61% | 1.60% |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 5,367 | 5,350 | 5,384 | 6,527 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,763,087 | 2,826,344 | 3,360,681 | 4,053,302 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 194.24 | 189.28 | 160.19 | 161.02 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 2.62% | 18.16% | (0.52%) | 8.40% |
| Operating charges | 1.61% | 1.61% | 1.61% | 1.60% |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 7,842 | 7,354 | 6,510 | 6,505 |
| Closing number of shares | 4,240,337 | 4,099,326 | 4,348,980 | 4,402,273 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 184.93 | 179.40 | 149.70 | 147.77 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 3.08% | 19.84% | 1.31% | 10.57% |
| Operating charges | 0.86% | 0.86% | 0.86% | 0.85% |
| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1,266 | 1,332 | 1,254 | 998 |
| Closing number of shares | 750,790 | 811,099 | 902,041 | 714,317 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 168.57 | 164.26 | 139.00 | 139.72 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 2.62% | 18.17% | (0.52%) | 8.41% |
| Operating charges | 0.86% | 0.86% | 0.86% | 0.85% |
| K Accumulation Shares ^A | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 8 | 8 | 13 | |
| Closing number of shares | 5,958 | 5,958 | 12,658 | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 131.58 | 127.59 | 106.38 | |
| Change in net asset value per share | 3.13% | 19.94% | - | |
| Operating charges | 0.79% | 0.79% | 0.79% | |
| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 5,281 | 12,117 | 27,453 | 26,167 |
| Closing number of shares | 1,956,576 | 4,645,576 | 12,707,476 | 12,362,976 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 269.90 | 260.84 | 216.04 | 211.66 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 3.47% | 20.74% | 2.07% | 11.41% |
| Operating charges | 0.11% | 0.11% | 0.11% | 0.10% |

^a K Accumulation share class launched on 23 March 2016.

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | | | Total Net |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official excha | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| (2017: 98.69%) | ange usung or deatt on a | nother regulated in | di Ket 99.09% |
| Equities 99.69% (2017: 98.69%) | | | |
| Basic Materials 6.73% (2017: 6.68%) | | | |
| Chemicals 6.73% (2017: 6.68%) | | | |
| Croda International | 19,100 | 856 | 2.02 |
| Elementis | 263,000 | 760 | 1.79 |
| Victrex | 48,600 | 1,241 | 2.92 |
| | | 2,857 | 6.73 |
| Total Basic Materials | | 2,857 | 6.73 |
| Consumer Goods 7.95% (2017: 7.89%) | | | |
| Beverages 2.00% (2017: 2.17%) | | | |
| A.G. Barr | 132,000 | 847 | 2.00 |
| | | | |
| Food Producers 1.52% (2017: 1.53%) | | | |
| Devro | 286,000 | 645 | 1.52 |
| Household Goods & Home Construction 2.95% (2017: 2.38%) | | | |
| Cairn Homes | 751,800 | 1,252 | 2.95 |
| Personal Goods 1.48% (2017: 1.81%) | | | |
| PZ Cussons [∞] | 201,000 | 628 | 1.48 |
| | | | |
| Total Consumer Goods | | 3,372 | 7.95 |
| Consumer Services 18.50% (2017: 19.52%) | | | |
| General Retailers 7.09% (2017: 8.18%) | | | |
| . , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | 85,700 | 702 | 1.65 |
| Inchcape | 107,000 | 775 | 1.83 |
| ust Eat [∞] | 167,000 | 1,362 | 3.21 |
| Mothercare | 382,854 | 171 | 0.40 |
| | | 3,010 | 7.09 |
| Media 7.42% (2017: 7.63%) | | | |
| Media 7.42% (2017: 7.63%) Auto Trader | 105 500 | 668 | 1 [7 |
| | 185,500 | | 1.57 |
| Euromoney Institutional Investor Rightmove | 105,500 | 1,244 | 2.94 |
| RIGHTHOVE | 28,000 | 1,236 | 2.91 |

| | | | Total Net |
|---|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Consider | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security Travel & Leisure 3.99% (2017: 3.71%) | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Fuller Smith & Turner | 86,000 | 847 | 2.00 |
| Millennium & Copthorne Hotels | 158,000 | 847 845 | 1.99 |
| Miller mum & Coptificine Hotels | 136,000 | 1,692 | 3.99 |
| Table on the factor | | | |
| Total Consumer Services | | 7,850 | 18.50 |
| Financials 17.53% (2017: 16.58%) | | | |
| Equity Investment Instruments 1.97% (2017: 2.46%) | | | |
| Burford Capital | 68,000 | 836 | 1.97 |
| Financial Services 4.35% (2017: 6.66%) | | | |
| Close Brothers | 60,000 | 944 | 2.23 |
| Rathbone Brothers | 33,000 | 900 | 2.12 |
| | | 1,844 | 4.35 |
| Nonlife Insurance 2.00% (2017: 2.13%) | | | |
| Hiscox | 59,900 | 847 | 2.00 |
| Real Estate Investment & Services 2.42% (2017: 2.16%) | | | |
| UNITE | 129,000 | 1,028 | 2.42 |
| ONTE | 123,000 | 1,020 | 2.72 |
| Real Estate Investment Trusts 6.79% (2017: 3.17%) | | | |
| Assura (REIT) | 1,569,299 | 967 | 2.28 |
| Big Yellow (REIT) | 107,000 | 928 | 2.19 |
| Workspace (REIT) | 95,500 | 989 | 2.32 |
| | | 2,884 | 6.79 |
| Total Financials | | 7,439 | 17.53 |
| Health Care 12.78% (2017: 9.39%) | | | |
| Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology 12.78% (2017: 9.39%) | | | |
| Abcam | 118,000 | 1,452 | 3.43 |
| BTG | 168,000 | 1,249 | 2.94 |
| Dechra Pharmaceuticals | 56,957 | 1,367 | 3.22 |
| Genus [®] | 56,000 | 1,355 | 3.19 |
| Gends | 30,000 | 5,423 | 12.78 |
| Total Health Care | | 5,423 | 12.78 |
| | | | |
| Industrials 28.17% (2017: 31.79%) | | | |
| Aerospace & Defense 3.90% (2017: 5.07%) | | | |
| Meggitt | 186,000 | 863 | 2.03 |
| Ultra Electronics [∞] | 52,000 | 794 | 1.87 |
| | | 1,657 | 3.90 |

| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Electronic & Electrical Equipment 4.07% (2017: 4.43%) | | | |
| Oxford Instruments | 105,600 | 971 | 2.29 |
| Spectris | 29,000 | 757 | 1.78 |
| | | 1,728 | 4.07 |
| General Industrials 2.01% (2017: 2.45%) | | | |
| RPC | 100,000 | 851 | 2.01 |
| Industrial Engineering 7.93% (2017: 9.22%) | | | |
| Melrose Industries [∞] | 335,000 | 758 | 1.79 |
| Rotork∞ | 450,300 | 1,330 | 3.13 |
| Spirax-Sarco Engineering | 22,500 | , 1,277 | 3.01 |
| | , | 3,365 | 7.93 |
| Industrial Transportation 3.79% (2017: 4.41%) | | | |
| BBA Aviation | 231,700 | 815 | 1.92 |
| James Fisher & Sons | 52,500 | 793 | 1.87 |
| | | 1,608 | 3.79 |
| Support Services 6.47% (2017: 6.21%) | | | |
| Aggreko [∞] | 70,000 | 565 | 1.33 |
| Essentra [∞] | 173,000 | 885 | 2.09 |
| Smart Metering Systems | 172,339 | 1,297 | 3.05 |
| | | 2,747 | 6.47 |
| Total Industrials | | 11,956 | 28.17 |
| Oil & Gas 1.99% (2017: 1.72%) | | | |
| Oil Equipment, Services & Distribution 1.99% (2017: 1.72%) | | | |
| John Wood Group [∞] | 130,500 | 845 | 1.99 |
| Total Oil & Gas | | 845 | 1.99 |
| Technology 4.43% (2017: 2.81%) | | | |
| Software & Computer Services 4.43% (2017: 2.81%) | | | |
| Aveva | 63,000 | 1,880 | 4.43 |
| Total Technology | | 1,880 | 4.43 |
| | | | |
| Telecommunications 1.61% (2017: 2.31%) | | | |
| Mobile Telecommunications 1.61% (2017: 2.31%) | | | |
| Invariant | 147,000 | 683 | 1.61 |
| Inmarsat | 117,000 | | |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|----------|--------------|-----------|
| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Total Equities | | 42,305 | 99.69 |
| | | | |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 42,305 | 99.69 |
| | | | |
| Open Ended Investment Funds nil (2017: 1.01%) | | | |
| Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Sterling Fund Z-1 [†] | 1 | 1 | - |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | 1 | - |
| | | | |
| Total investments | | 42,306 | 99.69 |
| Other net assets | | 133 | 0.31 |
| Total net assets | | 42,439 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc. [∞] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end. Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 7,581 | 17.92 | 17.86 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| Glencore Xstrata | 358 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| CRH | 347 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria | 261 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Barratt Developments | 229 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Nestle | 223 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Carnival | 223 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Vinci | 222 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Iberdrola | 222 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| easyjet | 221 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Taylor Wimpey | 220 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Equity | 5,860 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Government Bond | 42 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 8,428 | | | |

| | | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| M | arket value of | segregated |
| c | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 8,428 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| AUD | 31 |
| CAD | 407 |
| CHF | 240 |
| EUR | 2,439 |
| GBP | 3,084 |
| JPY | 2,009 |
| SEK | 8 |
| USD | 210 |
| Total collateral received | 8,428 |

| | | Market value of securities lending | Countries of counterparty | Settlement |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Counterparties per type of SFT | | £'000 | establishment | and clearing |
| NATIXIS | | 4,011 | France | Tri-party |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | | 2,582 | Canada | Tri-party |
| BNP Paribas | | 728 | France | Tri-party |
| JPM Chase | | 260 | United States | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | | 7,581 | | |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 2 | 40 | 8,386 | 8,428 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £′000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | 7,581 | 7,581 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be reca The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collater | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 7 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent of | costs) | | (1) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser ope | erational costs) | | - | _ |
| Total costs | | | (1) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 6 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|--|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | |
| Income | | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 1,001 | | 3,882 | |
| Revenue | 411 | | 598 | | |
| Expenses | (271) | | (261) | | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 140 | | 337 | | |
| Taxation | - | | - | | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 140 | | 337 | |
| Total return before distributions | | 1,141 | | 4,219 | |
| Distributions | | (141) | | (338) | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 1,000 | | 3,881 | |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 49,007 | | 61,212 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 881 | | 664 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (8,556) | | (5,753) | |
| | | (7,675) | | (5,089) |
| Dilution adjustment | | 12 | | 8 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 1,000 | | 3,881 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 95 | | 295 |
| Unclaimed distributions > 6 years | | - | | 1 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 42,439 | | 60,308 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

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Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 42,306 | 48,858 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 45 | 64 |
| Cash and bank balances | 203 | 205 |
| Total assets | 42,554 | 49,127 |
| | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 106 | 81 |
| Distribution payable | 9 | 39 |
| Total liabilities | 115 | 120 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 42,439 | 49,007 |

Aberdeen UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

Interim dividend distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.17228 | - | 0.17228 | 0.28596 |
| Group 2 | - | 0.17228 | 0.17228 | 0.28596 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.14703 | - | 0.14703 | 0.24565 |
| Group 2 | - | 0.14703 | 0.14703 | 0.24565 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.82654 | - | 0.82654 | 0.82486 |
| Group 2 | 0.15872 | 0.66782 | 0.82654 | 0.82486 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.75677 | - | 0.75677 | 0.76589 |
| Group 2 | 0.05957 | 0.69720 | 0.75677 | 0.76589 |
| K Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.64170 | - | 0.64170 | 0.57024 |
| Group 2 | 0.64170 | - | 0.64170 | 0.57024 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 2.19919 | - | 2.19919 | 2.03354 |
| Group 2 | 0.88079 | 1.31840 | 2.19919 | 2.03354 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The investment objective of Aberdeen UK Smaller Companies Equity Fund is to provide capital growth, whilst not excluding the occurrence of income, from investment in smaller UK companies being companies which are not included within the 200 largest UK companies at the time of purchase, in terms of market capitalisation.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen UK Smaller Companies Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 7.6% compared to an increase of 2.24% in the benchmark, the FTSE Small Cap ex Investment Trusts Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested. GBP.

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 small-cap equities rose in the six months under review, rounding off an encouraging 2017. Initially, the stock market was buoyed by good corporate profits, resilient economic data, firmer oil prices, US tax reforms and the continued sterling weakness. Sentiment was dented towards the period end by a recovering pound, which took a toll on large caps reliant on overseas revenues, while a lack of clear leadership within the cabinet in Brexit talks caused those dependent on the domestic economy to falter as well. In economic news, fourth-quarter GDP expanded by more than expected, led by both manufacturing and services, but full-year growth was the slowest in five years. December data suggested that both the manufacturing and services sectors should continue expanding amid upbeat global growth. Inflation eased for the first time in six months, but remained above the central bank's target. While the unemployment rate was largely unchanged, wages continued to lag inflation.

Portfolio Review

At the stock level, contributing to relative return was Dechra Pharmaceuticals, with investors responding positively to its acquisitions of both AST Farma and Le Vet, which strengthens its portfolio and provides new growth opportunities through the direct-to-vet model. Also benefiting the Fund was Abcam, which was buoyed by news of a significant 6% boost to the budget for the National Institute of Health, following an equally large increase previously. Another contributor was Aveva, which benefited from news of its £3-billion deal to combine with Schneider Electric's software division, creating a global leader in engineering and industrial software.

In contrast, among the key detractors was Dignity, which underperformed following an announcement that it would reset its pricing strategy to respond to greater competitive intensity. Also costing the Fund was Smart Metering Systems, which saw its share price dip on the back of a £150 million placement to fund the installation of 2.5 million of its smart meters. Last, Euromoney Institutional Investor suffered from news that the European Commission has raided its newly-acquired specialist unit that focuses its coverage on the paper industry, as part of an investigation into the kraft paper and industrial pack-sack sector.

In key portfolio activity, we sold Berendsen after good share-price performance and the imminent completion of its merger with Elis; EnQuest and Huntsworth on quality grounds; Interserve, given our concerns over its outlook; and Mothercare, because of deteriorating business prospects and a weakening balance sheet. We took the opportunity to recycle capital into more attractive companies, such as niche small-cap financial-services software developer Gresham Technologies. Its valuation is appealing given its growth prospects that are underpinned by the significant opportunity to grow recurring revenue. We also initiated a position in Smart Metering Systems, an independent installer and owner of gas meters in the domestic industrial and commercial markets. We like it because it is well-positioned to capture the potential growth on offer as this new technology is rolled out.

Outlook

Looking ahead, the UK's economic resilience could well continue surprising investors, despite the pall of uncertainty from Brexit talks. Inflation remains a bugbear and the Bank of England's first interest rate hike in a decade may have been somewhat imprudent, with sterling weakness the real source of price pressures and not an overheating economy. However, with recent climbs in energy prices, the central bank's decision may start to look prescient in the months ahead. While we acknowledge there's still support for equity prices, namely a largely accommodative monetary policy environment and inferior yields on offer from other asset classes, valuations are nevertheless quite full. We must remain watchful. Having said that, we are still finding compelling long-term opportunities: quality businesses operating in high-growth markets that possess balance-sheet capacity and cash-flow strength, and are led by able management.

Pan European Equity Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- This Fund is ranked at 4 because funds of this type have experienced average 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Smaller companies: Shares of smaller companies may be more difficult to buy and sell than those of larger companies. This means that the Investment Manager may not be able to buy and sell at the best time or may suffer losses. This could reduce your returns.
- Specialist sector: The Fund invests in a specialist sector and it will not perform in line with funds that have a broader investment policy.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

Comparative tables

| A Accumulation Shares 31 January 18 31 July 17 31 July 1 | 6 31 July 15 |
|--|--------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) 74,411 105,934 218,88 | 4 256,077 |
| Closing number of shares 19,046,354 29,217,880 75,965,0 | 8 84,392,326 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) 390.68 362.57 288. | 4 303.44 |
| Change in net asset value per share 7.75% 25.83% (5.04) | 6) 14.76% |
| Operating charges 1.60% 1.60% | 6 1.61% |

| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 21,904 | 18,088 | 14,704 | 12,737 |
| Closing number of shares | 10,687,557 | 9,546,438 | 9,838,745 | 8,153,273 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 204.95 | 189.48 | 149.45 | 156.22 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 8.16% | 26.78% | (4.33%) | 15.62% |
| Operating charges | 0.85% | 0.85% | 0.85% | 0.86% |

| K Accumulation Shares ^A | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|--|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 475 | 10 | 6 | |
| Closing number of shares | 337,199 | 7,600 | 6,000 | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 140.77 | 130.08 | 102.53 | |
| Change in net asset value per share | 8.22% | 26.87% | - | |
| Operating charges | 0.78% | 0.78% | 0.78% | |

| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 21,960 | 25,767 | 57,336 | 66,506 |
| Closing number of shares | 4,710,669 | 6,001,269 | 17,058,090 | 19,072,190 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 446.18 | 429.36 | 336.12 | 348.70 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 3.92% | 27.74% | (3.61%) | 16.49% |
| Operating charges | 0.10% | 0.10% | 0.10% | 0.11% |

A K Accumulation share class launched on 23 March 2016.
The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.
The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.
Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net |
|---|-----------|--------------|-------------|
| Security | Quantity | F'000 | Assets % |
| Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange l | | | |
| (2017: 97.36%) | | | |
| Equities 98.93% (2017: 97.36%) | | | |
| Basic Materials 4.69% (2017: 4.65%) | | | |
| Chemicals 4.69% (2017: 4.65%) | | | |
| Elementis | 748,500 | 2,163 | 1.82 |
| Victrex | 133,500 | 3,407 | 2.87 |
| | | 5,570 | 4.69 |
| Total Basic Materials | | 5,570 | 4.69 |
| Consumer Goods 13.31% (2017: 9.84%) | | | |
| Beverages 5.22% (2017: 3.96%) | | | |
| A.G. Barr | 411,300 | 2,641 | 2.22 |
| Stock Spirits | 1,172,300 | 3,563 | 3.00 |
| JOSEK SPITES | 1,172,300 | 6,204 | 5.22 |
| | | | |
| Food Producers 1.90% (2017: 1.84%) | | | |
| Devro | 1,001,700 | 2,259 | 1.90 |
| Household Goods & Home Construction 6.19% (2017: 4.04%) | | | |
| Cairn Homes | 2,343,600 | 3,901 | 3.29 |
| Victoria | 425,100 | 3,443 | 2.90 |
| Victoria | 123,100 | 7,344 | 6.19 |
| | | | |
| Total Consumer Goods | | 15,807 | 13.31 |
| Consumer Services 13.30% (2017: 14.23%) | | | |
| General Retailers 2.30% (2017: 4.66%) | | | |
| Dignity [∞] | 241,300 | 1,977 | 1.66 |
| Mothercare | 1,694,570 | 757 | 0.64 |
| | | 2,734 | 2.30 |
| Media 6.23% (2017: 6.94%) | | | |
| Euromoney Institutional Investor | 370,100 | 4,367 | 3.68 |
| Wilmington | 1,253,000 | 3,026 | 2.55 |
| vviuriing.com | 1,233,000 | 7,393 | 6.23 |
| | | | |
| Travel & Leisure 4.77% (2017: 2.63%) | | | |
| Fuller Smith & Turner | 294,800 | 2,901 | 2.44 |
| Patisserie | 755,000 | 2,763 | 2.33 |
| | | 5,664 | 4.77 |
| Total Consumer Services | | 15,791 | 13.30 |

| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|----------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Security | Quantity | F'000 | Assets % |
| Financials 16.63% (2017: 18.16%) | £ | | ,, |
| Equity Investment Instruments 2.14% (2017: 2.76%) | | | |
| Burford Capital | 207,000 | 2,546 | 2.14 |
| | · | · | |
| Financial Services 2.67% (2017: 2.85%) | | | |
| Rathbone Brothers | 116,400 | 3,173 | 2.67 |
| | | | |
| Life Insurance 2.49% (2017: 2.45%) | | | |
| Chesnara | 754,191 | 2,953 | 2.49 |
| D. 15 | | | |
| Real Estate Investment & Services 4.89% (2017: 4.86%) Helical Bar | 420 500 | 1 225 | 1 1 2 |
| Savills | 420,500 | 1,335 | 1.12 |
| U & I | 236,600 1,002,700 | 2,423 2,035 | 2.05 1.72 |
| 0 & 1 | 1,002,700 | 5,793 | 4.89 |
| | | 5,. 55 | |
| Real Estate Investment Trusts 4.44% (2017: 5.24%) | | | |
| Assura (REIT) | 5,510,799 | 3,395 | 2.85 |
| Hansteen (REIT) | 1,326,100 | 1,883 | 1.59 |
| | | 5,278 | 4.44 |
| Total Financials | | 19,743 | 16.63 |
| | | | |
| Health Care 9.84% (2017: 7.65%) | | | |
| Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology 9.84% (2017: 7.65%) | | | |
| Abcam | 260,600 | 3,205 | 2.70 |
| Dechra Pharmaceuticals | 189,279 | 4,543 | 3.83 |
| Genus | 162,600 | 3,935 | 3.31 |
| | | 11,683 | 9.84 |
| Total Health Care | | 11,683 | 9.84 |
| | | • | |
| Industrials 33.79% (2017: 37.40%) | | | |
| Aerospace & Defense 2.52% (2017: 3.07%) | | | |
| Ultra Electronics [∞] | 195,900 | 2,989 | 2.52 |
| Construction & Materials 3.97% (2017: 4.50%) | | | |
| Keller | 203,300 | 2,029 | 1.71 |
| Morgan Sindall | 212,600 | 2,683 | 2.26 |
| 0 | 2.12,000 | 4,712 | 3.97 |
| | | | |
| Electronic & Electrical Equipment 8.84% (2017: 9.12%) | | | |
| Oxford Instruments | 326,300 | 3,002 | 2.53 |
| TT Electronics | 490,700 | 1,040 | 0.88 |
| Xaar | 629,300 | 2,294 | 1.93 |
| XP Power | 124,700 | 4,165 | 3.50 |
| | | 10,501 | 8.84 n-asset.com 47 |

| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|-----------|------------------|---------------------|
| Security Constitution of the 1 0400 (2017, 2 7400) | Quantity | £′000 | % |
| General Industrials 1.84% (2017: 2.74%) | 257.400 | 2.400 | 4.0.1 |
| RPC | 257,400 | 2,190 | 1.84 |
| Industrial Engineering 2.65% (2017: 2.68%) | | | |
| Fenner | 662,400 | 3,141 | 2.65 |
| Industrial Transportation 2 000/ (2017, 4 620/) | | | |
| Industrial Transportation 3.99% (2017: 4.63%) BBA Aviation | 652,700 | 2,296 | 1.93 |
| James Fisher & Sons | 161,700 | 2,290 | 2.06 |
| James Fisher & 20115 | 161,700 | 4,738 | 3.99 |
| 5 | | | |
| Support Services 9.98% (2017: 10.66%) | 4 407 400 | 4 207 | 2.54 |
| Acal | 1,107,100 | 4,207 | 3.54 |
| Robert Walters | 445,110 | 2,920 | 2.46 |
| Smart Metering Systems [∞] | 626,799 | 4,721 | 3.98 |
| | | 11,848 | 9.98 |
| Total Industrials | | 40,119 | 33.79 |
| 0:10 (2007 1070) | | | |
| Oil & Gas nil (2017: 1.07%) | | | |
| Oil & Gas Producers nil (2017: 1.07%) | | | |
| Technology 5.55% (2017: 2.81%) | | | |
| Software & Computer Services 5.55% (2017: 2.81%) | | | |
| Aveva | 171,900 | 5,129 | 4.32 |
| Gresham Technologies Gresham Technologies | 763,827 | 1,467 | 1.23 |
| | | 6,596 | 5.55 |
| Total Technology | | 6,596 | 5.55 |
| Talagaram unications 1 920/ (2017, 1 550/) | | | |
| Telecommunications 1.82% (2017: 1.55%) | | | |
| Fixed Line Telecommunications 1.82% (2017: 1.55%) | 1 120 400 | 2.165 | 1 02 |
| Manx Telecom | 1,139,400 | 2,165 | 1.82 |
| | | | |
| Total Telecommunications | | 2,165 | 1.82 |
| | | | |
| | | 2,165 117,474 | 98.93 |
| Total Equities Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | | 98.93 |
| Total Equities Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | | |
| Total Equities Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 117,474 | 98.93 |
| Total Equities Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market Other transferable securities and money market instruments nil (2017: nil) | | 117,474 | 98.93 |
| Total Equities Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market Other transferable securities and money market instruments nil (2017: nil) Equities nil (2017: nil) | | 117,474 | 98.93 |
| Total Telecommunications Total Equities Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market Other transferable securities and money market instruments nil (2017: nil) Equities nil (2017: nil) Financials nil (2017: nil) Equity Investment Instruments nil (2017: nil) | | 117,474 | 98.93 |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|----------|--------------|-----------|
| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Total Financials | | - | - |
| Total Equities | | - | |
| Total Other transferable securities and money market instruments | | - | |
| Open Ended Investment Funds nil (2017: 1.35%) | | | |
| Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Sterling Fund Z-1† | 1 | 1 | - |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | 11 | - |
| Total investments | | 117,475 | 98.93 |
| Other net assets | | 1,275 | 1.07 |
| Total net assets | | 118,750 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.

Unapproved/unquoted security.

Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 5,094 | 4.34 | 4.29 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| Carnival | 157 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Vinci | 157 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Iberdrola | 156 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria | 156 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| easyjet | 156 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Nestle | 155 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Glencore Xstrata | 155 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Taylor Wimpey | 155 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Barratt Developments | 154 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Takeda Pharmaceutical Co | 153 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| | | | | |
| Other Equity | 4,078 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Government Bond | 93 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 5,725 | | | |

| | | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Market value of | segregated |
| | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 5,725 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| AUD | 234 |
| CHF | 172 |
| EUR | 1,700 |
| GBP | 1,259 |
| JPY | 2,220 |
| SEK | 25 |
| USD | 115 |
| Total collateral received | 5,725 |

| | | Market value of securities lending | Countries of counterparty | Settlement |
|---|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Counterparties per type of SFT | | £'000 | establishment | and clearing |
| NATIXIS | | 2,824 | France | Tri-party |
| JPM Chase | | 1,968 | United States | Tri-party |
| Citigroup | | 195 | United States | Tri-party |
| Societe Generale | | 107 | France | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | | 5,094 | | |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | <u>-</u> | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 15 | 78 | 5,632 | 5,725 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | 5,094 | 5,094 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be recalled o | on demand | | | |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collateral. | on demand. | | | |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collateral. | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 15 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent costs) | | | (3) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operation | nal costs) | | | - |
| Total costs | | | (3) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 12 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 10,308 | | 23,643 |
| Revenue | 1,301 | | 3,148 | |
| Expenses | (883) | | (1,912) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 418 | | 1,236 | |
| Taxation | - | | - | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 418 | | 1,236 |
| Total return before distributions | | 10,726 | | 24,879 |
| Distributions | | (422) | | (1,236) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 10,304 | | 23,643 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 149,799 | | 290,930 |
| | | | | |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 2,600 | | 1,716 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (44,451) | | (15,901) | |
| | | (41,851) | | (14,185) |
| | | | | |
| Dilution adjustment | | 156 | | 53 |
| | | | | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from | | | | |
| investment activities | | 10,304 | | 23,643 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 342 | | 1,189 |
| retained distributions on accumulation shares | | J4L | | 1,109 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 118,750 | | 301,630 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 117,475 | 147,874 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 384 | 433 |
| Cash and bank balances | 1,165 | 1,766 |
| Total assets | 119,024 | 150,073 |
| | | |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 274 | 274 |
| Total liabilities | 274 | 274 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 118,750 | 149,799 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

Interim dividend distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.31940 | - | 0.31940 | 0.72709 |
| Group 2 | - | 0.31940 | 0.31940 | 0.72709 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.92639 | - | 0.92639 | 0.97294 |
| Group 2 | 0.21841 | 0.70798 | 0.92639 | 0.97294 |
| K Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.69566 | - | 0.69566 | 0.70480 |
| Group 2 | 0.12757 | 0.56809 | 0.69566 | 0.70480 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 3.80883 | - | 3.80883 | 3.53058 |
| Group 2 | 0.32883 | 3.48000 | 3.80883 | 3.53058 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The investment objective of Aberdeen World Equity Fund is to provide long term total return from an internationally diversified portfolio of equities.

Note: The term 'total return' means a combination of income and capital growth and no positive return is implied.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen World Equity Fund – A Income Shares increased by 3.87% compared to an increase of 5.66% in the benchmark, the MSCI World Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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Market Review

Global equities rose during the interim period, buoyed by optimism over earnings on the back of an ongoing global growth recovery, benign inflation and low stock market volatility. In the US, corporate tax reforms bolstered sentiment, and Jerome Powell's appointment as the next Federal Reserve chair suggested continuity in the gradual tightening of monetary policy. European central bankers appeared similarly hawkish, inching closer towards ending quantitative easing and raising interest rates as continental economic activity picked up. Meanwhile, Japanese stocks were boosted by Shinzo Abe's re-election victory that strengthened his mandate, and better business prospects. Most emerging markets were lifted by US dollar weakness. Chinese shares rose on mostly resilient growth, heralded in the widely-watched National congress, and a sharp rise in internet stocks. The tech-heavy Korean and Taiwanese markets also rallied. Oil prices were robust, with Brent crude briefly trading above US\$70 a barrel towards period-end.

Investors shrugged off a brief US government shutdown, as well as renewed concerns over trade protectionism after President Donald Trump imposed import tariffs on washing machines and solar panels. Japan and ten other Pacific Rim countries announced they would press on with a Trans-Pacific Partnership free-trade agreement without the US. An unresolved Brexit continued to beleaguer the UK politically, although the economy remained largely resilient. Geopolitical tensions between the US and North Korea, as well as protracted talks to form a coalition government in Germany and Catalonia's push for independence from Spain added to the pall of uncertainty. However, stocks remained buoyant in spite of these developments.

Portfolio Review

Pharmaceutical Roche was the biggest detractor from relative performance. It was hampered by decelerating growth in its three main cancer drugs, and faced increasing competition from biosimilars. It also declined alongside the broader healthcare sector when Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway and JP Morgan announced a healthcare partnership focusing on employee benefits. On the flipside, not holding Amazon, which was buoyed by this news, detracted. Elsewhere, Coca-Cola bottler FEMSA was hurt by the impact of earthquakes on its Oxxo and KOF Mexico subsidiaries. Its profit margins also narrowed, caused by higher fuel prices, although its fuel division posted good sales.

Conversely, Banco Bradesco was a key outperformer, as investors began to price in the lender's further interest rate cuts and potentially better growth outlook. In addition, Banco Bradesco rode the broader Brazilian market rally after an appeals court upheld former leftist President Lula da Silva's graft conviction, reducing the chances of his candidacy in the upcoming presidential elections. Several of our Japanese holdings, including Shin-Etsu Chemicals, Sysmex and FANUC, did well on the back of robust earnings and a positive outlook.

In portfolio activity, we introduced Diageo, a global alcoholic beverages producer that has scope for operational efficiencies and is generating healthy cash flows, as well as Overseas-Chinese Banking, a well-run Singapore bank that is well-capitalised, has an attractive dividend yield and good growth opportunities, both in the region as well as in wealth management. We also initiated a position in Yum China, a leading restaurant-chain operator, given its mix of brands and their potential to benefit from attractive prospects in China. Against this, we sold City Developments, as we felt it was trading at full valuation following a robust recovery in its share price, which reflects a positive outlook for the Singapore property market.

Outlook

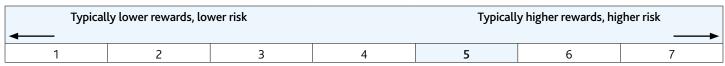
In many major financial markets, share prices gains have been relentless, and there could be momentum for growth to continue despite the sudden spike in volatility at the time of writing. Within the US, tax reform is expected to manifest itself in renewed corporate buybacks, following a period of more subdued activity, on the back of rising levels of indebtedness. Nonetheless, the operating environment is in flux. Economic reforms are largely still in gestation, Brexit negotiations are being staggered, and political leadership in the West seems unsettled. Central banks also continue to mull over lifting interest rates amid muted inflation. Against this volatile operating landscape, we are anchored by our bottom-up analysis of business models and valuations. We also develop clarity and foresight by monitoring our investments diligently, while maintaining a long-term investment outlook. Through this process, we have built a portfolio that comprises businesses with capable management, robust operations, and the potential for intrinsic earnings growth.

Global Equity Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- · This Fund is ranked at 5 because funds of this type have experienced medium to 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risk of investing in this Fund:
- Exchange rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

Comparative tables

| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|--|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 144,897 | 161,133 | 159,504 | 185,878 |
| Closing number of shares | 58,108,511 | 67,076,032 | 76,019,348 | 101,857,035 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 249.36 | 240.22 | 209.82 | 182.49 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 3.80% | 14.49% | 14.98% | (2.16%) |
| Operating charges | 1.64% | 1.64% | 1.64% | 1.65% |
| | | | | |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 30,786 | 30,575 | 28,614 | 41,653 |
| Closing number of shares | 14,441,387 | 14,886,904 | 15,902,929 | 26,398,978 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 213.18 | 205.38 | 179.93 | 157.78 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 3.80% | 14.14% | 14.04% | (3.46%) |
| Operating charges | 1.64% | 1.64% | 1.64% | 1.65% |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 197,390 | 201,509 | 224,052 | 209,340 |
| Closing number of shares | 75,442,980 | 80,146,843 | 102,536,357 | 110,704,017 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 261.64 | 251.42 | 218.51 | 189.10 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 4.06% | 15.06% | 15.55% | (1.66%) |
| Operating charges | 1.14% | 1.14% | 1.14% | 1.15% |
| Lineary Charac | 21 10 | 24 1 17 | 21 1.1. 10 | 24 1 15 |
| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 9,117 | 8,944 | 9,259 | 8,392 |
| Closing number of shares | 6,079,457 | 6,198,311 | 7,325,051 | 7,572,949 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 149.96 | 144.30 | 126.40 | 110.81 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 3.92% | 14.16% | 14.07% | (3.48%) |
| Operating charges | 1.14% | 1.14% | 1.14% | 1.15% |
| L Accumulation Shares ^A | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 22 | 29 | | |
| Closing number of shares | 18,200 | 26,000 | | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 117.42 | 112.65 | | |
| Change in net asset value per share | 4.23% | - | | |
| Operating charges | 0.82% | 0.82% | | |
| L Income Shares ^B | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | | |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1,420 | 1,179 | | |
| Closing number of shares | 1,224,900 | 1,057,000 | | |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 1,224,300 | 111.57 | | |
| Change in net asset value per share Change in net asset value per share | 3.93% | - | | |
| Operating charges | 0.82% | 0.82% | | |
| | | | | |

A L Accumulation share class launched on 30 September 2016.
B L Income share class launched on 30 September 2016.

| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 1 | 1 | 8,142 | 7,380 |
| Closing number of shares | 421 | 421 | 3,377,621 | 3,572,921 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 293.17 | 280.17 | 241.06 | 206.54 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 4.64% | 16.22% | 16.71% | (0.68%) |
| Operating charges | 0.14% | 0.14% | 0.14% | 0.15% |

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| Security | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|--|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Security Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | | |
| 98.33% (2017: 97.44%) | | | |
| Equities 98.33% (2017: 97.44%) | | | |
| Asia Pacific 16.66% (2017: 16.33%) | | | |
| Hong Kong 4.98% (2017: 5.51%) | | | |
| AIA∞ | 1,181,600 | 7,119 | 1.85 |
| lardine Matheson | 115,500 | 5,147 | 1.34 |
| MTR | 869,000 | 3,496 | 0.91 |
| Swire Pacific 'A'™ | 478,500 | 3,364 | 0.88 |
| | | 19,126 | 4.98 |
| India 3.05% (2017: 3.01%) | | | |
| Housing Development Finance | 308,700 | 6,676 | 1.74 |
| TC | 1,670,500 | 5,008 | 1.31 |
| | , | 11,684 | 3.05 |
| Singapore 1.05% (2017: 1.04%) | | | |
| Oversea-Chinese Banking | 578,300 | 4,016 | 1.05 |
| Ü | | | |
| South Korea 2.68% (2017: 2.14%) | | | |
| Samsung Electronics (PREF) | 7,400 | 10,277 | 2.68 |
| Taiwan 3.01% (2017: 3.06%) | | | |
| TSMC | 1,879,705 | 11,565 | 3.01 |
| | | | |
| Thailand 1.89% (2017: 1.57%) | | | |
| Kasikornbank (Alien) | 1,399,100 | 7,256 | 1.89 |
| Total Asia Pacific | | 63,924 | 16.66 |
| | | • | |
| Europe, Middle East & Africa (ex United Kingdom) 19.24% (2017: 19.62%) | | | |
| Germany 4.79% (2017: 3.92%) Fresenius Medical Care | 106,400 | 0.660 | 2.26 |
| | , | 8,668 | 2.26 |
| Henkel (non voting) (PREF) | 98,400 | 9,698 18,366 | 2.53 4.79 |
| | | | · · |
| reland 1.62% (2017: 1.47%) | | | |
| Experian | 383,800 | 6,229 | 1.62 |
| srael 1.91% (2017: 1.91%) | | | |
| Check Point Software Technologies | 100,800 | 7,330 | 1.91 |
| Since Come Software recimologics | 100,000 | 1,330 | 1.51 |
| Netherlands 1.48% (2017: 1.40%) | | | |
| Royal Dutch Shell 'B' | 226,800 | 5,661 | 1.48 |

| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|---|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| South Africa 1.07% (2017: 0.90%) | | | |
| MTN | 528,600 | 4,113 | 1.07 |
| Sweden 1.49% (2017: 1.46%) | | | |
| Atlas Copco 'A' | 172,000 | 5,699 | 1.49 |
| Switzerland 6.88% (2017: 8.56%) | | | |
| Nestle | 120,200 | 7,310 | 1.91 |
| Novartis | 180,000 | 11,466 | 2.98 |
| Roche | 44,000 | 7,637 | 1.99 |
| | , | 26,413 | 6.88 |
| Total Europe, Middle East & Africa (ex United Kingdom) | | 73,811 | 19.24 |
| Japan 10.78% (2017: 10.74%) | | | |
| Daito Trust Construction Co | 42,000 | 5,157 | 1.34 |
| FANUC Corp | 30,100 | 5,706 | 1.49 |
| Japan Tobacco Inc | 297,300 | 6,914 | 1.80 |
| Keyence Corp | 17,700 | , 7,574 | 1.97 |
| Shin-Etsu Chemical Co | 116,700 | 9,319 | 2.44 |
| Sysmex Corp | 121,100 | 6,678 | 1.74 |
| | | 41,348 | 10.78 |
| Total Japan | | 41,348 | 10.78 |
| Latin America 5.83% (2017: 6.20%) | | | |
| Argentina 1.04% (2017: 1.26%) | | | |
| Tenaris (ADR) | 162,200 | 3,991 | 1.04 |
| Brazil 2.68% (2017: 2.83%) | | | |
| Banco Bradesco (ADR) | 1,152,500 | 10,285 | 2.68 |
| Mexico 2.11% (2017: 2.11%) | | | |
| FEMSA (ADR) | 118,000 | 8,093 | 2.11 |
| Total Latin America | | 22,369 | 5.83 |
| | | | 3,02 |
| North America 33.99% (2017: 33.93%) | | | |
| Canada 1.49% (2017: 1.61%) | 154.020 | F 710 | 1 40 |
| Nutrien | 154,920 | 5,710 | 1.49 |
| United States 32.50% (2017: 32.32%) | | | |
| Amdocs | 120,200 | 5,782 | 1.51 |
| Cognizant Technology Solutions 'A' | 107,100 | 5,873 | 1.53 |
| Comcast 'A' | 212,000 | 6,345 | 1.65 |

| | | | Total Net |
|--|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Control of the Contro | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| CVS Health | 106,800 | 5,911 | 1.54 |
| EOG Resources | 116,700 | 9,438 | 2.46 |
| Intercontinental Exchange | 113,100 | 5,874 | 1.53 |
| Johnson & Johnson | 57,900 | 5,627 | 1.47 |
| M&T Bank | 89,400 | 11,993 | 3.13 |
| Oracle | 326,800 | 11,858 | 3.09 |
| PepsiCo | 87,150 | 7,374 | 1.92 |
| Perrigo | 124,050 | 7,902 | 2.06 |
| Philip Morris International | 42,900 | 3,235 | 0.84 |
| Praxair | 67,500 | 7,658 | 2.00 |
| Schlumberger | 141,400 | 7,316 | 1.91 |
| TJX | 112,400 | 6,350 | 1.66 |
| Visa 'A'∞ | 137,100 | 11,979 | 3.12 |
| Yum China | 126,800 | 4,136 | 1.08 |
| | | 124,651 | 32.50 |
| Total North America | | 130,361 | 33.99 |
| | | | |
| United Kingdom 11.83% (2017: 10.62%) | | | |
| BHP Billiton | 266,800 | 4,173 | 1.09 |
| British American Tobacco | 152,000 | 7,325 | 1.91 |
| Diageo | 150,700 | 3,816 | 0.99 |
| Rolls-Royce | 659,900 | 5,754 | 1.50 |
| Standard Chartered | 706,000 | 5,786 | 1.51 |
| Vodafone | 4,520,000 | 10,152 | 2.65 |
| Whitbread | 215,731 | 8,373 | 2.18 |
| | | 45,379 | 11.83 |
| Total United Kingdom | | 45,379 | 11.83 |
| Total Equities | | 377,192 | 98.33 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 377,192 | 98.33 |
| Other transferable securities and money market instruments nil (2017: nil) | | | |
| Equities nil (2017: nil) | | | |
| United Kingdom nil (2017: nil) | | | |
| Sinclair Research | 1,500 | - | - |
| Total United Kingdom | | _ | |

| Security | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Total Net Assets % |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Open Ended Investment Funds 0.91% (2017: 2.39%) | | | |
| Aberdeen Liquidity Fund (Lux) Sterling Fund Z-1 [†] | 3,508 | 3,508 | 0.91 |
| | | | |
| Total Open Ended Investment Funds | | 3,508 | 0.91 |
| | | | |
| Total investments | | 380,700 | 99.24 |
| Other net assets | | 2,933 | 0.76 |
| Total net assets | | 383,633 | 100.00 |

[†] Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc. [∞] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end. Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|--------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 12,994 | 3.41 | 3.39 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Collateral issuers | £'000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria | 518 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Nestle | 430 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Carnival | 430 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Vinci | 429 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Iberdrola | 428 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| easyjet | 428 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Glencore Xstrata | 425 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Taylor Wimpey | 425 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Barratt Developments | 422 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Takeda Pharmaceutical Co | 420 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Equity | 9,995 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Other Government Bond | 86 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 14,436 | | | |

| | | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Market value of | segregated |
| | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 14,436 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| CHF | 666 |
| EUR | 5,166 |
| GBP | 2,821 |
| JPY | 4,102 |
| SEK | 11 |
| USD | 1,670 |
| Total collateral received | 14,436 |

| Counterparties per type of SFT NATIXIS BNP Paribas | Market value of securities lending £'000 7,748 5,246 | Countries of counterparty establishment France France | Settlement and clearing Tri-party Tri-party |
|--|--|---|--|
| Total market value of securities on loan | 12,994 | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral Less than one day (remaining period to maturity) £'000 Total collateral received - | One day to one week £'000 | One week to one month £'000 | One to three months £'000 |
| Three months to Maturity tenor of collateral one year (remaining period to maturity) £'000 Total collateral received - | | Open maturity £'000 14,350 | Total £'000 14,436 |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan (remaining period to maturity) Less than one day £'000 Total market value of securities lending | | One week to one month £'000 | One to three months £'000 |
| Three months to Maturity tenor of securities on loan one year (remaining period to maturity) £'000 Total market value of securities lending | Above one year | Open maturity <u>£</u> ′000 | Total £'000 12,994 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be recalled on demand. The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collateral. | - | 12,334 | 12,334 |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | |
| Gross return | | 13 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent costs) | | (2) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operational costs) | | - | 0.00 |
| Total costs Net return | | (2) 11 | 25.00 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|---------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 15,043 | | 30,734 |
| Revenue | 3,027 | | 3,444 | |
| Expenses | (2,699) | | (2,868) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 328 | | 576 | |
| Taxation | (240) | | (219) | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 88 | | 357 |
| Total return before distributions | | 15,131 | | 31,091 |
| Distributions | | (295) | | (481) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 14,836 | | 30,610 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 403,370 | | 429,571 |
| | | | | |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 1,016 | | 568 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (35,857) | | (48,954) | |
| | | (34,841) | | (48,386) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 14,836 | | 30,610 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 265 | | 395 |
| Unclaimed distributions > 6 years | | 3 | | 3 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 383,633 | | 412,193 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| <u> </u> | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 380,700 | 402,701 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 7,960 | 885 |
| Cash and bank balances | 1,249 | 1,087 |
| Total assets | 389,909 | 404,673 |
| Liabilities: Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 6,260 | 1,146 |
| Distribution payable | 16 | 157 |
| Total liabilities | 6,276 | 1,303 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 383,633 | 403,370 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

Interim dividend distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Group 2 | - | - | - | - |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Group 2 | - | - | - | - |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.35121 | - | 0.35121 | 0.43656 |
| Group 2 | 0.15315 | 0.19806 | 0.35121 | 0.43656 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.20157 | - | 0.20157 | 0.25254 |
| Group 2 | 0.09709 | 0.10448 | 0.20157 | 0.25254 |
| L Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.34530 | - | 0.34530 | 0.19475 |
| Group 2 | 0.34530 | - | 0.34530 | 0.19475 |
| L Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.34199 | - | 0.34199 | 0.19475 |
| Group 2 | 0.07199 | 0.27000 | 0.34199 | 0.19475 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.97902 | - | 1.97902 | 2.16411 |
| Group 2 | 1.97902 | - | 1.97902 | 2.16411 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

To provide income and capital appreciation for investors over the long term in companies worldwide.

The investment policy is to invest primarily in equity and equity related securities of companies worldwide which offer attractive yields and sustainable dividends. The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its assets in fixed income securities including non-Investment grade debt. The Fund may also invest in derivatives, including credit default swaps, money market instruments, cash, near cash, deposits and shares in collective investment schemes.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen World Equity Income Fund – A Income Shares increased 2.96% compared to an increase of 5.66% in the benchmark, the MSCI World Index benchmark.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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Market review

Global equities rose during the interim period, buoyed by optimism over earnings on the back of an ongoing global growth recovery, benign inflation and low stockmarket volatility. In the US, corporate tax reforms bolstered sentiment, and Jerome Powell's appointment as the next Federal Reserve chair suggested continuity in the gradual tightening of monetary policy. European central bankers appeared similarly hawkish, inching closer towards ending quantitative easing and raising interest rates as continental economic activity picked up. Meanwhile, Japanese stocks were boosted by Shinzo Abe's re-election victory that strengthened his mandate, and better business prospects. Most emerging markets were lifted by US dollar weakness. Chinese shares rose on mostly resilient growth, heralded in the widely-watched National congress, and a sharp rise in internet stocks. The tech-heavy Korean and Taiwanese markets also rallied. Oil prices were robust, with Brent crude briefly trading above US\$70 a barrel towards period-end.

Investors shrugged off a brief US government shutdown, as well as renewed concerns over trade protectionism after President Donald Trump imposed import tariffs on washing machines and solar panels. Japan and ten other Pacific Rim countries announced they would press on with a Trans-Pacific Partnership free-trade agreement without the US. An unresolved Brexit continued to beleaguer the UK politically, although the economy remained largely resilient. Geopolitical tensions

between the US and North Korea, as well as protracted talks to form a coalition government in Germany and Catalonia's push for independence from Spain added to the pall of uncertainty. However, stocks remained buoyant in spite of these developments.

Portfolio review

British telco Inmarsat was a key detractor from relative performance, due to a mixed earnings report and concerns about costs associated with its in-flight connectivity network roll-out. Nonetheless, it operates in an industry with numerous end-markets and high barriers to entry, and also pays an attractive dividend which has grown consistently over the long-term. Elsewhere, Philip Morris was hampered by an uncertain outlook for the tobacco industry. Similarly, a muted outlook and competition concerns weighed on Singtel's share price. However, we continue to like the Singapore telco's steady and diversified cash flows, as well as its growing digital presence.

Conversely, potash and lithium miner SQM helped lift relative returns. The company was buoyed by expectations that the lithium prices would improve as demand for electric vehicles increases. Banco Bradesco was another key outperformer, as investors began to price in the lender's further interest rate cuts and potentially better growth outlook. In addition, Bradesco rode the broader Brazilian market rally after an appeals court upheld former leftist President Lula da Silva's graft conviction, reducing the chances of his candidacy in the upcoming presidential elections. Meanwhile, derivatives exchange CME Group was boosted after it began trading Bitcoin futures, which enjoyed a bull run during the review period.

In portfolio activity, we introduced Ultrapar given its attractive valuations and potential for dividend growth, and Bank Pekao, a solid Polish franchise with a history of conservative lending and balance sheet management. We also initiated a position in OCBC, a well-run Singapore bank that is well-capitalised, has an attractive dividend yield and good growth opportunities, both in the region as well as in wealth management. Against this, we sold Femsa due to disappointing dividend growth. The company has used excess cash for expansion rather than returning it to shareholders.

Outlook

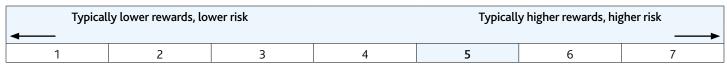
In many major financial markets, share prices gains have been relentless, and there could be momentum for growth to continue despite the sudden spike in volatility at the time of writing. Within the US, tax reform is expected to manifest itself in renewed corporate buybacks, following a period of more subdued activity, on the back of rising levels of indebtedness. Nonetheless, the operating environment is in flux. Economic reforms are largely still in gestation, Brexit negotiations are being staggered, and political leadership in the West seems unsettled. Central banks also continue to mull over lifting interest rates amid muted inflation. Against this volatile operating landscape, we are anchored by our bottom-up analysis of business models and valuations. We also develop clarity and foresight by monitoring our investments diligently, while maintaining a long-term investment outlook. Through this process, we have built a portfolio that comprises businesses with capable management, robust operations, and the potential for intrinsic earnings growth.

Global Equity Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- · This Fund is ranked at 5 because funds of this type have experienced medium to 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risk of investing in this Fund:
- Exchange rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

Comparative tables

| A Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 4,479 | 4,566 | 4,585 | 3,475 |
| Closing number of shares | 3,105,483 | 3,259,856 | 3,639,426 | 3,205,756 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 144.21 | 140.07 | 125.99 | 108.41 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 2.96% | 11.18% | 16.22% | (6.33%) |
| Operating charges | 1.65% | 1.65% | 1.65% | 1.65% |
| | | | | |

| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 30,311 | 30,344 | 12,330 | 24,703 |
| Closing number of shares | 44,852,148 | 45,537,796 | 19,817,166 | 44,161,388 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 67.58 | 66.63 | 62.22 | 55.94 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.43% | 7.09% | 11.23% | (10.04%) |
| Operating charges | 1.65% | 1.65% | 1.65% | 1.65% |

| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 2,901 | 3,071 | 4,402 | 4,393 |
| Closing number of shares | 2,079,403 | 2,272,599 | 3,638,830 | 4,242,696 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 139.50 | 135.15 | 120.97 | 103.54 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 3.22% | 11.72% | 16.83% | (5.86%) |
| Operating charges | 1.15% | 1.15% | 1.15% | 1.15% |

| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 51,963 | 54,419 | 61,403 | 86,836 |
| Closing number of shares | 73,744,745 | 78,522,778 | 95,354,690 | 150,744,036 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 70.46 | 69.30 | 64.39 | 57.60 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 1.67% | 7.63% | 11.79% | (9.60%) |
| Operating charges | 1.15% | 1.15% | 1.15% | 1.15% |

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official excha 99.63% (2017: 99.07%) | inge listing or dealt on | another regulated r | market |
| Equities 99.63% (2017: 99.07%) | | | |
| Asia Pacific 25.30% (2017: 25.83%) | | | |
| Australia 1.23% (2017: 1.25%) | | | |
| Coca-Cola Amatil | 231,000 | 1,101 | 1.23 |
| Hong Kong 2.71% (2017: 2.85%) | | | |
| MTR | 420,000 | 1,690 | 1.89 |
| Swire Pacific 'A' | 105,000 | 738 | 0.82 |
| | | 2,428 | 2.71 |
| Indonesia 3.90% (2017: 3.51%) | | | |
| Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa | 1,290,700 | 1,478 | 1.65 |
| Unilever Indonesia | 705,800 | 2,017 | 2.25 |
| | | 3,495 | 3.90 |
| Malaysia 1.45% (2017: 1.79%) | | | |
| British American Tobacco Malaysia | 211,800 | 1,299 | 1.45 |
| | | | |
| New Zealand 1.85% (2017: 2.09%) | | | |
| Auckland International Airport | 489,600 | 1,656 | 1.85 |
| Singapore 3.83% (2017: 4.41%) | | | |
| Oversea-Chinese Banking | 135,200 | 939 | 1.05 |
| Singapore Telecommunications | 1,316,900 | 2,497 | 2.78 |
| | | 3,436 | 3.83 |
| Taiwan 7.05% (2017: 6.94%) | | | |
| Taiwan Mobile | 1,174,900 | 3,147 | 3.51 |
| TSMC (ADR) | 100,000 | 3,183 | 3.54 |
| | | 6,330 | 7.05 |
| Thailand 3.28% (2017: 2.99%) | | | |
| Siam Commercial Bank (Alien) | 573,000 | 2,046 | 2.28 |
| Tesco Lotus Retail Growth Freehold & Leasehold Property Fund | 2,247,600 | 893 | 1.00 |
| | | 2,939 | 3.28 |
| Total Asia Pacific | | 22,684 | 25.30 |
| Europe, Middle East & Africa (ex United Kingdom) 18.31% (2017: 15.85%) | | | |
| France 3.99% (2017: 3.72%) | | | |
| Engie | 112,200 | 1,374 | 1.53 |
| TOTAL | 54,000 | 2,206 | 2.46 |
| | | 3,580 | 3.99 |

| | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Germany 0.98% (2017: 0.98%) | | | |
| Bayer | 9,500 | 876 | 0.98 |
| Netherlands 3.47% (2017: 2.90%) | | | |
| Royal Dutch Shell 'B' | 124,500 | 3,108 | 3.47 |
| Poland 1.05% (2017: nil) | | | |
| Bank Pekao | 32,900 | 943 | 1.05 |
| South Africa 2.08% (2017: 1.77%) | | | |
| MTN | 240,200 | 1,869 | 2.08 |
| | | | |
| Sweden 2.22% (2017: 1.80%) | | | |
| Atlas Copco 'B' | 67,700 | 1,994 | 2.22 |
| Switzerland 4.52% (2017: 4.68%) | | | |
| Novartis | 28,300 | 1,803 | 2.01 |
| Roche | 12,900 | 2,238 | 2.51 |
| | | 4,041 | 4.52 |
| Total Europe, Middle East & Africa (ex United Kingdom) | | 16,411 | 18.31 |
| Japan 6.01% (2017: 6.71%) | | | |
| Daito Trust Construction Co | 24,000 | 2,947 | 3.29 |
| Japan Tobacco Inc | 104,800 | 2,437 | 2.72 |
| | | 5,384 | 6.01 |
| Total Japan | | 5,384 | 6.01 |
| Latin America 16.50% (2017: 16.72%) | | | |
| Argentina 1.04% (2017: 1.21%) | | | |
| Tenaris (ADR) | 38,000 | 935 | 1.04 |
| Brazil 10.56% (2017: 8.64%) | | | |
| Banco Bradesco (ADR) | 500,682 | 4,468 | 4.97 |
| Telefonica Brasil (ADR) | 259,400 | 3,094 | 3.45 |
| Ultrapar Participacoes (ADR) | 53,100 | 955 | 1.07 |
| Wilson Sons (BDR) | 109,500 | 956 | 1.07 |
| | | 9,473 | 10.56 |
| Chile 3.91% (2017: 4.07%) | | | |
| Sociedad Quimica y Minera de Chile (ADR) (PREF) | 88,300 | 3,501 | 3.91 |
| Mexico 0.99% (2017: 2.80%) | | | |
| Kimberly-Clark de Mexico | 671,900 | 887 | 0.99 |
| Total Lords Associate | | 4.4 = 0.6 | |
| Total Latin America | | 14,796 | 16.50 |

| | NI | ManhatMal | Total Net |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Security | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Assets % |
| North America 19.82% (2017: 19.92%) | Quantity | 1 000 | /0 |
| Canada 4.77% (2017: 4.46%) | | | |
| Nutrien | 67,200 | 2,477 | 2.76 |
| TELUS (Toronto Listing) | 67,900 | , 1,801 | 2.01 |
| (| . , | 4,278 | 4.77 |
| United States 15.05% (2017: 15.46%) | | | |
| CME | 33,900 | 3,660 | 4.09 |
| Intel | 35,000 | , 1,185 | 1.32 |
| Johnson & Johnson | 14,100 | , 1,370 | 1.53 |
| PepsiCo | 19,300 | 1,633 | 1.82 |
| Philip Morris International | 33,700 | 2,541 | 2.83 |
| Verizon Communications | 81,600 | 3,103 | 3.46 |
| | , | 13,492 | 15.05 |
| Total North America | | 17,770 | 19.82 |
| United Kingdom 13.69% (2017: 14.04%) | | | |
| BHP Billiton | 101,400 | 1,586 | 1.77 |
| British American Tobacco | 49,400 | 2,381 | 2.66 |
| HSBC | 367,900 | 2,763 | 3.08 |
| Inmarsat∞ | 161,300 | 749 | 0.84 |
| Standard Chartered | 226,566 | 1,857 | 2.07 |
| Vodafone | 1,308,300 | 2,938 | 3.27 |
| | | 12,274 | 13.69 |
| Total United Kingdom | | 12,274 | 13.69 |
| Total Equities | | 89,319 | 99.63 |
| Total Transferable securities and money market instruments admitted to an official | | | |
| exchange listing or dealt on another regulated market | | 89,319 | 99.63 |
| Total investments | | 89,319 | 99.63 |
| Other net assets | | 335 | 0.37 |
| Total net assets | | 89,654 | 100.00 |

[∞] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end. Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

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| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 716 | 0.80 | 0.80 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Collateral issuers | £′000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| Deutsche Boerse | 40 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Fresenius Medical Care | 40 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| CRH | 40 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Toronto-Dominion Bank | 40 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Royal Bank of Canada | 40 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| DCC | 40 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Smith & Nephew | 40 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| British Sky Broadcasting | 39 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Associated British Foods | 38 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Glencore Xstrata | 38 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| | | | | |
| Other Equity | 401 | Equity | Main market listing | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 796 | | | |

| | | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| | Market value of | segregated |
| | collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | 796 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| CAD | 113 |
| EUR | 196 |
| GBP | 446 |
| USD | 41 |
| Total collateral received | 796 |

| Market value of securities lending | Countries of counterparty | Settlement |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|
| Counterparties per type of SFT £'000 | establishment | and clearing |
| lank of Nova Scotia 716 | Canada | Tri-party |
| otal market value of securities on loan 716 | | |
| | Cariada | |

| | | One devite | One week to | One to three |
|---|---------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | One day to one week | one week to | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 2 000 | 2 000 | 2 000 | 2 000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | 796 | 796 |
| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | - | 716 | 716 |
| The lending and collateral transactions can be reca | alled on demand. | | | |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collate | | | | |
| The rune cost has an garge in any re use or conduct | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 1 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent of | costs) ^A | | - | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operational costs) | erational costs) | | - | - |
| Total costs | | | - | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 1 | 100.00 |

^AThe unrounded direct operational costs and fees incurred for securities lending for the six months ended 31 January 2018 is £337.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | ary 2017 |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|----------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital gains | | 2,015 | | 3,476 |
| Revenue | 1,555 | | 1,491 | |
| Expenses | (622) | | (520) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 933 | | 971 | |
| Taxation | (89) | | (77) | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 844 | | 894 |
| Total return before distributions | | 2,859 | | 4,370 |
| Distributions | | (1,382) | | (1,342) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | |
| from investment activities | | 1,477 | | 3,028 |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 92,400 | | 82,720 |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 2,146 | | 5,205 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (6,480) | | (9,271) | |
| | | (4,334) | | (4,066) |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | 1,477 | | 3,028 |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 110 | | 131 |
| Unclaimed distributions > 6 years | | 1 | | 1 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 89,654 | | 81,814 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Aberdeen World Equity Income Fund

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 89,319 | 91,539 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 449 | 871 |
| Cash and bank balances | 730 | 1,065 |
| Total assets | 90,498 | 93,475 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Other creditors | 279 | 186 |
| Distribution payable | 565 | 889 |
| Total liabilities | 844 | 1,075 |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 89,654 | 92,400 |

Aberdeen World Equity Income Fund

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

First interim dividend distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 October 2017

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 31/01/18 | 31/01/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.17835 | - | 1.17835 | 1.14587 |
| Group 2 | 0.47360 | 0.70475 | 1.17835 | 1.14587 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.56056 | - | 0.56056 | 0.56589 |
| Group 2 | 0.06372 | 0.49684 | 0.56056 | 0.56589 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.13745 | - | 1.13745 | 1.09529 |
| Group 2 | 0.52951 | 0.60794 | 1.13745 | 1.09529 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.58328 | - | 0.58328 | 0.58304 |
| Group 2 | 0.19639 | 0.38689 | 0.58328 | 0.58304 |

Second interim dividend distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 November 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 November 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.98350 | - | 0.98350 | 0.98382 |
| Group 2 | 0.53549 | 0.44801 | 0.98350 | 0.98382 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.46405 | - | 0.46405 | 0.48175 |
| Group 2 | 0.06855 | 0.39550 | 0.46405 | 0.48175 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.95103 | - | 0.95103 | 0.95031 |
| Group 2 | 0.27933 | 0.67170 | 0.95103 | 0.95031 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 0.48369 | - | 0.48369 | 0.50162 |
| Group 2 | 0.15849 | 0.32520 | 0.48369 | 0.50162 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

Investment objective and policy

The Fund's investment objective is long-term total return to be achieved by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of global investment and sub-investment grade debt and debt related securities issued by companies, governments, government related bodies and supranational institutions.

Additionally, the Fund may invest in other transferable securities and units in collective investments schemes, including those managed by the ACD or companies affiliated with the ACD.

The Fund's assets will primarily be either denominated in Sterling or denominated in currencies other than Sterling and hedged back to Sterling.

The Fund may use financial derivative instruments for investment purposes or efficient portfolio management including hedging where appropriate.

Note: The term 'total return' means a combination of income and capital growth and no positive return is implied.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2018, the value of Aberdeen World Opportunistic Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 0.11% compared to an increase of 0.41% in the benchmark, the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Credit (Hedged GBP 100%) Index.

Source: Lipper, Basis: total return, published NAV to NAV, net of annual charges, UK Net income reinvested, GBP.

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

Credit markets continued to perform well during the period, with spreads further tightening across the major developed markets. Macroeconomic data and positive equity markets provided a solid backdrop, and even the prospect of political uncertainty in a number of countries failed to derail markets' enthusiasm. Valuations in investment-grade credit and other asset classes are becoming slightly stretched. The Barclays Global Aggregate Corporate Index ended the period at a spread of 0.79% to yield 2.60%.

Following a period of electoral uncertainty in the first half of 2017 in France and the UK, a continuation of strong global growth into the second half left the markets free to rally. An improving economic environment triggered further monetary tightening by the world's most significant central banks. In the US, the Federal Reserve carried out the third rate hike of the year in December taking the base rate to 1.5%. Despite this, the US Dollar Index (dollar vs. a basket of currencies) continued to fall. In Europe, strong economic data led the European Central Bank (ECB) to tighten monetary conditions in the region by committing to cut its quantitative easing programme in half. From January 2018 the size of monthly purchases reduced from €60bn to €30bn. Lastly, the Bank of England hesitantly raised its base rate in November back to the level it was prior to the Brexit referendum. This was done despite the uncertainties posed by negotiations to exit the EU.

The oil price rallied strongly as bullish sentiment in the Brent Crude oil price was supported by the renewal of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries -led production cuts and strong global economic growth. Political tensions in Iran at the end of December also reminded the market of the oil price's role as a barometer for political developments in the Middle East. The Brent crude oil benchmark ended the period at \$69.05 per barrel, an increase of 33.4% from the start of August.

Portfolio review

The Fund performed well over the period under review, driven by a modest overweight credit position and good security selection.

Despite some widening in peripheral names in the aftermath of the Catalan independence referendum, the fund's financial holdings generated strong performance over the review period. Outperformance was driven by higher beta issues such as subordinated CYBG and ABN Amro bonds which tightened 180 and 145 basis points (bps) respectively. Detractors were higher quality issues 5-years and shorter as higher beta generally outperformed higher quality names.

The top performing sectors of telecommunications (TMT), energy and consumer cyclicals benefited from the continued rally in corporates.

TMT outperformed as spreads tightened more than the broader market. Within media, our relatively defensive sector overweight benefitted the portfolio and was further enhanced through strong security selection. The end of 2017 an active period from a headline perspective, as Disney and 21st Century Fox (FOXA) formally agreed to a deal in which 21st Century Fox would sell itself to Disney while also spinning-off its 'Fox broadcast network' and 'Fox Sports' businesses into a new company. FOXA spreads rallied materially as a result of the deal as Disney is expected to assume all of the FOXA's outstanding debt. The portfolio held FOXA long-bonds, which were the biggest beneficiary of the spread move and one of the largest contributors to security selection over the review period.

Energy was a top performer as spreads continued to compress compared to the overall market. Oil prices were driven to over \$60 per barrel (WTI) over the period due to a number of factors: larger than expected inventory draws against US crude oil stocks, unrest in Iran and some minor pipeline disruptions. Upward pressure on oil resulted in production crossing the 10 million barrels per day threshold for the first time in the US. This is also a positive for midstream development as the midstream sector will need to expand to support increased US production levels. We see this, along with US President Donald Trump's new tax reform which accelerates the deductibility of capital expenditures, as strong tailwinds for the midstream subsector. We still view the midstream sector as cheap relative to the market. Holdings in Cenovus and Haliburton were positive for the portfolio as was higher beta emerging markets integrated issuer Petrobras.

Basics marginally detracted from portfolio returns due to the funds modest underweight, security selection was positive helping reduce this majority of the underperformance. Metals and mining spreads have tightened to the point where we are looking to reduce our metals exposure in order to increase the defensiveness of the portfolio.

Outlook

For now, the overall environment remains supportive, as evidenced by a further improvement in global growth, continued ECB purchases against lower-than-expected new issuance and rising credit quality in the weaker parts of the European banking sector. However, valuations have clearly become more expensive after January's rally.

This recent sell-off in US equities and Treasuries was, in our view, driven more by technical and valuation factors than fundamental ones. The small uptick in US inflation would appear to have started a debate on the potential overheating of the US economy and how faster rate rises than anticipated would affect the valuation of risk assets. High valuations and crowded positions in short equity volatility strategies exacerbated the correction in equities and caused some volatility in credit spreads. However, the reaction of credit markets was generally fairly muted. We believe this is rational given the cause of the volatility (a better economy) should be seen as credit positive rather than negative. That said, the speed of rate increases matters for credit spreads, with a gradual increase being mildly positive and a rapid rise being, in our opinion, rather negative for spreads.

Clearly, this is something to monitor but we remain of the view that the stronger economic backdrop in combination with the positive technical factor of ECB policy should support spreads in the first half of 2018. Key to our process is adhering to a bottom up security selection discipline and while many bonds have or are approaching our spread targets, we continue to find attractive opportunities.

Fundamentals remain very strong in the banking sector with asset quality near peak levels, capital ratios well over minimum requirements, and continued cost exercises continuing to improve efficiencies allowing better margins and strong earnings. We continue to remain positive on the banking sector and will continue to keep a decent exposure into 2018. There are some reasons for caution in the sector where capital markets have pulled down total revenues as trading especially in Fixed Income, Commodities and Currencies remains low due to low volatility environment. Loan growth has been lower than expected with the commercial sector leading the slowdown by refunding bank loans into the capital markets and pulling back on spending, but we expect a pickup there with the US tax plan resolution going into effect. We believe these risks remain manageable and until we see cracks in the economy and a weakening consumer we feel that banks provide safety in generally tight trading market.

TMT may not be the area of the market where we first look for defensive holdings as event risk is elevated and many bonds are through our spread targets. However, we are re-evaluating capital structures in issuers we trust & looking for bonds with less downside. We have had recent discussions internally on AT&T and Verizon where we continue to believe bonds are attractively priced. We are closely following the proposed acquisition of Time Warner by AT&T with Department of Justice hearings scheduled for mid-March. In addition, as Q4 2017 earnings seasons rolls in, we are keeping a close ear on large technology company comments regarding management's intended use for offshore cash.

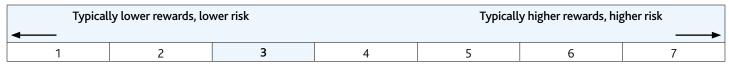
Fundamentals continue to look strong for the utilities sector and although tax reform in the US will be a marginal negative for the regulated utilities cash flows in 2018, most management teams plan to address the shortfall through equity issuance and/or capex spend deferral. Net-net, longer term we continue to expect tax reform to be neutral to slightly positive for US regulated utilities. We continue to expect elevated issuance out of Utility sector in 2018 both on higher refinancing needs as well as comparatively higher merger and acquisition activity versus 2017.

Global Credit Team

February 2018

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 the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data, may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The shaded area in the table below shows the Fund's ranking on the Risk and Reward Indicator.



Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2018.

- This Fund is ranked at 3 because funds of this type have experienced low to medium 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. The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may get back less than the amount invested. The indicator does not take into account the following risks of investing in this Fund:
- Bonds: Bond valuations are affected by changes in interest rates, inflation and the creditworthiness of the bond issuer. There is a risk that a bond issuer may not be able to repay the money they borrowed nor make their required interest payments. This risk increases for bonds with lower credit ratings. Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell particular bonds at an anticipated price and/or in a timely manner.
- Derivatives: This Fund can use derivatives in order to meet its investment objective. The use of derivatives may result in greater fluctuations in the value of the Fund, and may increase the magnitude of any losses.
- Exchange rates: The Fund may have holdings which are denominated in different currencies and may be affected by movements in exchange rates. Consequently, the value of the Fund's investments and the income from them may rise or fall in line with exchange rates.
- Emerging markets: Emerging markets or less developed countries may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries and this may mean your money is at greater risk.
- 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 the website at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

31 January 18

31 July 17

4,106,643

109.29

2.48%

0.13%

31 July 16

109,140,151

106.65

5.81%

0.13%

31 July 15

121,556,629

100.79

0.44%

0.13%

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|-----|------|------|-----|-----|
| | | | | |

A Accumulation Shares

| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 139 | 143 | 141 | 148 |
|---|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Closing number of shares | 122,868 | 126,768 | 126,668 | 139,284 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 113.11 | 112.86 | 111.18 | 106.13 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.22% | 1.51% | 4.76% | (0.32%) |
| Operating charges | 1.13% | 1.13% | 1.13% | 1.13% |
| A Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 9 | 2 | 4 | 7 |
| Closing number of shares | 9,669 | 1,569 | 4,569 | 7,486 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 96.73 | 97.95 | 99.64 | 97.98 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (1.25%) | (1.70%) | 1.69% | (3.53%) |
| Operating charges | 1.13% | 1.13% | 1.13% | 1.13% |
| I Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 378 | 389 | 597 | 1,845 |
| Closing number of shares | 326,459 | 338,459 | 529,359 | 1,722,502 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 115.62 | 115.07 | 112.79 | 107.13 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.48% | 2.02% | 5.28% | (0.04%) |
| Operating charges | 0.63% | 0.63% | 0.63% | 0.63% |
| I Income Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 112 | 109 | 148 | 459 |
| Closing number of shares | 113,082 | 108,482 | 145,782 | 463,001 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 99.04 | 100.03 | 101.24 | 99.07 |
| Change in net asset value per share | (0.99%) | (1.20%) | 2.20% | (3.09%) |
| Operating charges | 0.63% | 0.63% | 0.63% | 0.63% |
| Z Accumulation Shares | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 | 31 July 16 | 31 July 15 |
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 4,524 | 4,488 | 116,400 | 122,515 |

| Z Gross Accumulation Shares ^A | 31 January 18 | 31 July 17 |
|---|---------------|-------------|
| Closing net asset value (£'000) | 125,210 | 126,300 |
| Closing number of shares | 121,610,700 | 123,564,400 |
| Closing net asset value per share (pence) | 102.96 | 102.21 |
| Change in net asset value per share | 0.73% | - |
| Operating charges | 0.13% | 0.13% |

4,109,381

110.09

0.73%

0.13%

Closing number of shares

Operating charges

Closing net asset value per share (pence)

Change in net asset value per share

^A Z Gross Accumulation share class launched on 1 August 2016.

The closing net asset value (£'000) divided by the closing number of shares may not calculate to the closing net asset value per share (pence) due to rounding differences. The published closing net asset value per share (pence) is based on unrounded values and represents the actual price.

The change in the net asset value per share is the change from the beginning of the period to the close of the period.

Operating charges are expenses associated with the maintenance and administration of the Fund on a day-to-day basis that are actually borne by the share class.

Portfolio statement

As at 31 January 2018

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|---------------|----------|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Transferable securities and money market instrument (2017: 92.22%) | | | | | narket 91.59% |
| Bonds 91.59% (2017: 92.22%) | | | | | |
| Asset Backed Bonds / Mortgage Backed Bonds 1.10% | (2017: 1.11%) | | | | |
| United Kingdom nil (2017: 0.48%) | , | | | | |
| United States 1.10% (2017: 0.63%) | | | | | |
| First Horizon Alternative Mortgage Securities Trust 2005-FA2 | FRN | 25/04/35 | 291,891 | 178 | 0.14 |
| GreenPoint Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-1 | FRN | 25/10/34 | 359,988 | 234 | 0.18 |
| WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-AR12 Trust | FRN | 25/10/36 | 455,427 | 294 | 0.23 |
| WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-AR18 Trust | FRN | 25/01/37 | 691,737 | 447 | 0.34 |
| WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series | | | | | |
| 2007-HY7 Trust | FRN | 25/07/37 | 423,600 | 276 | 0.21 |
| | | | | 1,429 | 1.10 |
| Total Asset Backed Bonds / Mortgage Backed Bonds | | | | 1,429 | 1.10 |
| | | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds 85.86% (2017: 87.90%) | | | | | |
| Australia 3.03% (2017: 3.66%) | | | | | |
| APT Pipelines | 4.2000 | 23/03/25 | 720,000 | 518 | 0.40 |
| APT Pipelines (EMTN) | 2.0000 | 22/03/27 | 770,000 | 689 | 0.53 |
| BHP Billiton Finance | VAR | 22/04/76 | 905,000 | 890 | 0.68 |
| Telstra | 3.1250 | 07/04/25 | 850,000 | 589 | 0.45 |
| Westpac Banking | 2.6500 | 25/01/21 | 1,811,000 | 1,270 3,956 | 0.97 3.03 |
| | | | | 3,930 | 3.03 |
| Belgium 1.07% (2017: 0.96%) | | | | | |
| Anheuser-Busch InBev (EMTN) | 1.1500 | 22/01/27 | 619,000 | 534 | 0.40 |
| Anheuser-Busch InBev Finance | 3.6500 | 01/02/26 | 729,000 | 519 | 0.40 |
| Anheuser-Busch InBev Finance | 4.9000 | 01/02/46 | 436,000 | 346 | 0.27 |
| | | | | 1,399 | 1.07 |
| Brazil 0.66% (2017: 0.25%) | | | | | |
| Petrobras Global Finance | 5.2990 | 27/01/25 | 891,000 | 630 | 0.49 |
| QGOG Atlantic / Alaskan Rigs | 5.2500 | 30/07/18 | 325,000 | 224 | 0.17 |
| | | | | 854 | 0.66 |
| Canada 1.81% (2017: 2.34%) | | | | | |
| Canadian Natural Resources | 3.9000 | 01/02/25 | 760,000 | 543 | 0.42 |
| Canadian Pacific Railway | 4.8000 | 01/08/45 | 360,000 | 293 | 0.22 |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| Committee | Causas (0/) | Maturitu | Nominal/ | Market Value £'000 | Assets |
| Security Cenovus Energy | Coupon (%) 4.2500 | Maturity 15/04/27 | Quantity 403,000 | 281 | 0.22 |
| Glencore Canada Financial (EMTN) | 7.3750 | 27/05/20 | 1,100,000 | 1,245 | 0.22 |
| Glencore Canada Financial (E19119) | 7.3730 | 21/03/20 | 1,100,000 | 2,362 | 1.81 |
| China 1.43% (2017: 1.36%) | | | | | |
| CNOOC Curtis Funding No 1 | 4.5000 | 03/10/23 | 700,000 | 516 | 0.40 |
| CNPC General Capital | 2.7500 | 14/05/19 | 900,000 | 632 | 0.48 |
| Industrial & Commercial Bank of China/New York | 2.4520 | 20/10/21 | 700,000 | 479 | 0.37 |
| unnan Energy Investment Overseas Finance | 3.7500 | 14/11/20 | 340,000 | 236 | 0.18 |
| | | | | 1,863 | 1.43 |
| France 5.24% (2017: 5.01%) | | | | | |
| Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel (EMTN) | 2.0000 | 12/04/19 | 842,000 | 589 | 0.45 |
| BNP Paribas | 3.8000 | 10/01/24 | 580,000 | 415 | 0.32 |
| BPCE (EMTN) | 0.8750 | 31/01/24 | 400,000 | 347 | 0.27 |
| BPCE (MTN) | 2.7500 | 02/12/21 | 649,000 | 453 | 0.35 |
| CNP Assurances | VAR | 30/09/41 | 500,000 | 593 | 0.46 |
| Credit Agricole | 3.2500 | 04/10/24 | 674,000 | 466 | 0.36 |
| Credit Agricole Assurances | VAR | PERP | 400,000 | 402 | 0.31 |
| Credit Agricole (EMTN) | 2.3750 | 01/07/21 | 674,000 | 466 | 0.36 |
| RCI Banque (EMTN) [∞] | 1.8750 | 08/11/22 | 425,000 | 427 | 0.33 |
| RCI Banque (EMTN) | 0.7500 | 26/09/22 | 451,000 | 397 | 0.30 |
| Societe Generale | VAR | PERP | 1,200,000 | 1,199 | 0.91 |
| TDF Infrastructure | 2.5000 | 07/04/26 | 500,000 | 461 | 0.35 |
| TOTAL (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 680,000 | 622 | 0.47 |
| | | | | 6,837 | 5.24 |
| Germany 5.72% (2017: 5.94%) | | | | | |
| ADO Properties | 1.5000 | 26/07/24 | 400,000 | 352 | 0.27 |
| Allianz (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 600,000 | 617 | 0.47 |
| ATF Netherlands (EMTN) | 1.8750 | 19/01/26 | 800,000 | 714 | 0.55 |
| Deutsche Bank | 1.7500 | 16/12/21 | 600,000 | 595 | 0.46 |
| Deutsche Telekom International Finance | 2.8200 | 19/01/22 | 1,020,000 | 710 | 0.54 |
| Deutsche Telekom International Finance | 2.2500 | 13/04/29 | 530,000 | 512 | 0.39 |
| Eurogrid (EMTN) | 1.6250 | 03/11/23 | 600,000 | 550 | 0.42 |
| Grand City (EMTN) | 1.3750 | 03/08/26 | 300,000 | 259 | 0.20 |
| Muenchener Rueckversicherungs-Gesellschaft in Muenchen [∞] | VAR | 21/06/28 | 1,300,000 | 1,331 | 1.03 |
| PrestigeBidCo | 6.2500 | 15/12/23 | 166,000 | 154 | 0.12 |
| Safari Verwaltungs | 8.2500 | 15/02/21 | 221,140 | 197 | 0.15 |
| Unitymedia Hessen | 4.0000 | 15/01/25 | 350,000 | 324 | 0.25 |
| Volkswagen Bank (EMTN) | 0.7500 | 15/06/23 | 606,000 | 527 | 0.40 |
| Volkswagen Leasing (EMTN) | 1.1250 | 04/04/24 | 699,000 | 615 | 0.47 |
| | | | | 7,457 | 5.72 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|------------|-----------|----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Hong Kong 0.82% (2017: 0.53%) | | | | | |
| Cheung Kong Infrastructure Finance | 1.0000 | 12/12/24 | 458,000 | 395 | 0.30 |
| Hutchison Whampoa Europe Finance 13 | VAR | PERP | 757,000 | 669 | 0.52 |
| | | | | 1,064 | 0.82 |
| India 2.39% (2017: 2.14%) | | | | | |
| Bharti Airtel International Netherlands | 5.1250 | 11/03/23 | 394,000 | 291 | 0.22 |
| HDFC Bank (EMTN) | 3.0000 | 06/03/18 | 608,000 | 428 | 0.33 |
| ICICI Bank Dubai (EMTN) | 3.5000 | 18/03/20 | 700,000 | 495 | 0.38 |
| Indian Railway Finance | 3.9170 | 26/02/19 | 710,000 | 504 | 0.39 |
| Indian Railway Finance | 3.8350 | 13/12/27 | 302,000 | 210 | 0.16 |
| NTPC (EMTN) | 5.6250 | 14/07/21 | 660,000 | 499 | 0.38 |
| ONGC Videsh | 2.7500 | 15/07/21 | 740,000 | 688 | 0.53 |
| | | | | 3,115 | 2.39 |
| Israel 0.26% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Netherlands II | 0.3750 | 25/07/20 | 400,000 | 337 | 0.26 |
| 11.1.4.520/ (2047.4.750/) | | | | | |
| Italy 1.52% (2017: 1.75%) | \ | 2.4/22/72 | | 500 | 0.45 |
| Enel | VAR | 24/09/73 | 669,000 | 582 | 0.45 |
| Italgas (EMTN) | 1.6250 | 18/01/29 | 593,000 | 513 | 0.39 |
| Italgas (EMTN) | 1.6250 | 19/01/27 | 460,000 | 412 | 0.32 |
| UniCredit (EMTN) | VAR | 03/01/27 | 490,000 | 474 | 0.36 |
| | | | | 1,981 | 1.52 |
| Kazakhstan nil (2017: 0.50%) | | | | | |
| Luxembourg 0.39% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| SES∞ | VAR | PERP | 520,000 | 508 | 0.39 |
| Mexico 1.26% (2017: 0.78%) | | | | | |
| America Movil | VAR | 06/09/73 | 300,000 | 271 | 0.21 |
| America Movil | VAR | 06/09/73 | 150,000 | 166 | 0.13 |
| Petroleos Mexicanos | 5.5000 | 21/01/21 | 707,000 | 527 | 0.40 |
| Petroleos Mexicanos (EMTN) | 3.7500 | 16/11/25 | 670,000 | 678 | 0.52 |
| Telioleos Fieldelios (El TTV) | 3.7300 | 10/ 11/23 | 0.0,000 | 1,642 | 1.26 |
| Notherlands 2 060/ /2017, 2 940/\ | | | | | |
| Netherlands 3.06% (2017: 3.84%) | \/A.D. | 27/02/20 | 400.000 | 200 | 0.22 |
| ABN AMRO Bank | VAR | 27/03/28 | 400,000 | 288 | 0.22 |
| ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN) | VAR | 18/01/28 | 800,000 | 763 | 0.59 |
| ABN AMRO Bank (EMTN) | 1.0000 | 30/06/20 | 400,000 | 397 | 0.30 |
| Cooperatieve Rabobank | VAR | PERP | 600,000 | 467 | 0.36 |
| ING Groep | 3.9500 | 29/03/27 | 564,000 | 406 | 0.31 |
| ING Groep (EMTN) | VAR | 26/09/29 | 500,000 | 439 | 0.34 |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Committee | C (0/) | Maturitu | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security Koninklijke | Coupon (%) VAR | Maturity PERP | Quantity 1,350,000 | £'000 | |
| копінкціке | VAK | PERP | 1,330,000 | 1,223 3,983 | 0.94 3.06 |
| No. 7 de la 100/ (2017 0 100/) | | | | | |
| New Zealand 0.19% (2017: 0.19%) | 1 1250 | 10/10/22 | 270.000 | 246 | 0.10 |
| Chorus (EMTN) | 1.1250 | 18/10/23 | 278,000 | 246 | 0.19 |
| Russian Federation 0.22% (2017: 0.24%) | | | | | |
| Lukoil International Finance | 4.5630 | 24/04/23 | 400,000 | 290 | 0.22 |
| Spain 1.43% (2017: 0.97%) | | | | | |
| CaixaBank (EMTN) | VAR | 14/07/28 | 700,000 | 640 | 0.49 |
| FCC Aqualia | 1.4130 | 08/06/22 | 885,000 | 788 | 0.61 |
| Telefonica Emisiones (EMTN) | 1.4470 | 22/01/27 | 500,000 | 434 | 0.33 |
| | | | | 1,862 | 1.43 |
| Supranational 0.68% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| European Investment Bank | 4.8750 | 15/02/36 | 1,000,000 | 889 | 0.68 |
| Sweden 1.70% (2017: 2.29%) | | | | | |
| Nordea Bank (EMTN) | VAR | PERP | 728,000 | 522 | 0.40 |
| Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken | 2.6250 | 17/11/20 | 444,000 | 311 | 0.40 |
| Svenska Handelsbanken (MTN) | 2.4500 | 30/03/21 | 788,000 | 550 | 0.42 |
| Volvo Treasury | VAR | 10/06/75 | 880,000 | 830 | 0.64 |
| volto il casary | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , | 10/00/15 | | 2,213 | 1.70 |
| Switzerland 1.79% (2017: 0.61%) | | | | | |
| Credit Suisse | VAR | 12/09/25 | 407,000 | 402 | 0.31 |
| Credit Suisse Sydney (MTN) | 3.5000 | 29/04/20 | 1,300,000 | 752 | 0.57 |
| UBS London | 2.4500 | 01/12/20 | 827,000 | 577 | 0.44 |
| UBS London (EMTN) | 1.2500 | 10/12/20 | 610,000 | 608 | 0.47 |
| | | | , | 2,339 | 1.79 |
| Thailand 0.43% (2017: 0.48%) | | | | | |
| Thai Oil | 3.6250 | 23/01/23 | 800,000 | 566 | 0.43 |
| Turkey nil (2017: 0.44%) | | | | | |
| United Arab Emirates 0.37% (2017: 0.40%) | | | | | |
| National Bank of Abu Dhabi (EMTN) | 3.0000 | 30/03/22 | 700,000 | 488 | 0.37 |
| Tradition of And Stradi (El 1114) | 3.0000 | JOI OJI EL | 7 00,000 | 400 | 0.51 |
| United Kingdom 12.91% (2017: 13.06%) | | | | | |
| Anglo American Capital | 3.7500 | 10/04/22 | 777,000 | 552 | 0.42 |
| Anglo American Capital | 3.6250 | 11/09/24 | 345,000 | 240 | 0.18 |
| Barclays Bank | 7.6250 | 21/11/22 | 490,000 | 390 | 0.30 |

| | | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|---|------------|----------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Barclays (EMTN) | VAR | 06/10/23 | 905,000 | 911 | 0.70 |
| Barclays (EMTN) | VAR | 07/02/28 | 445,000 | 393 | 0.30 |
| CPUK Finance | 4.2500 | 28/02/47 | 311,000 | 317 | 0.24 |
| CYBG | VAR | 09/02/26 | 282,000 | 299 | 0.23 |
| DS Smith (EMTN) | 2.8750 | 26/07/29 | 220,000 | 215 | 0.17 |
| Experian Finance (EMTN) | 1.3750 | 25/06/26 | 740,000 | 643 | 0.49 |
| HBOS Capital Funding | VAR | PERP | 540,000 | 561 | 0.43 |
| HSBC | VAR | 13/03/23 | 1,469,000 | 1,036 | 0.79 |
| Jaguar Land Rover Automotive | 5.0000 | 15/02/22 | 930,000 | 1,010 | 0.77 |
| Lloyds Bank (MTN) | 3.2500 | 01/04/20 | 500,000 | 288 | 0.22 |
| Lloyds Banking | 3.7500 | 11/01/27 | 559,000 | 392 | 0.30 |
| Lloyds Banking (EMTN) | VAR | 15/01/24 | 1,040,000 | 897 | 0.69 |
| Lloyds Banking (EMTN) | 2.2500 | 16/10/24 | 647,000 | 645 | 0.49 |
| Paragon | VAR | 09/09/26 | 353,000 | 384 | 0.29 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland (EMTN) | 6.6250 | 17/09/18 | 1,450,000 | 1,501 | 1.16 |
| Royal Bank of Scotland (EMTN) | 2.5000 | 22/03/23 | 450,000 | 424 | 0.33 |
| Saga [®] | 3.3750 | 12/05/24 | 386,000 | 367 | 0.28 |
| Santander UK | 5.0000 | 07/11/23 | 950,000 | 705 | 0.54 |
| SELP Finance | 1.5000 | 20/11/25 | 1,494,000 | 1,293 | 1.00 |
| Smiths (EMTN) | 2.0000 | 23/02/27 | 230,000 | 208 | 0.16 |
| SSE | VAR | PERP | 450,000 | 469 | 0.36 |
| SSE | VAR | PERP | 240,000 | 219 | 0.17 |
| Stagecoach | 4.0000 | 29/09/25 | 420,000 | 450 | 0.35 |
| Standard Chartered | 2.1000 | 19/08/19 | 619,000 | 431 | 0.33 |
| Tesco (EMTN) | 6.1250 | 24/02/22 | 152,000 | 174 | 0.13 |
| Tesco Property Finance 3 | 5.7440 | 13/04/40 | 292,262 | 339 | 0.15 |
| Vodafone (EMTN) | 3.3750 | 08/08/49 | 165,000 | 156 | 0.12 |
| Western Power Distribution | 3.6250 | 06/11/23 | 560,000 | 598 | 0.46 |
| WPP Finance Deutschland (EMTN) [∞] | 1.6250 | 23/03/30 | 380,000 | 324 | 0.40 |
| WFF Finance Deutschland (LITTIN) | 1.0230 | 23/03/30 | 380,000 | 16,831 | 12.91 |
| | | | | 10,051 | 12.51 |
| United States 37.48% (2017: 40.16%) | | | | | |
| Actavis Funding | 3.8000 | 15/03/25 | 820,000 | 579 | 0.44 |
| Amazon.com | 3.1500 | 22/08/27 | 1,130,000 | 779 | 0.60 |
| Amazon.com | 4.2500 | 22/08/57 | 280,000 | 208 | 0.16 |
| American International | 6.2500 | 01/05/36 | 730,000 | 641 | 0.49 |
| | 2.2500 | 19/08/23 | | 731 | 0.49 |
| Amgen | | | 1,089,000 | | |
| Angen | 4.4000 | 01/05/45 | 245,000 | 181 | 0.14 |
| Anadarko Petroleum | 6.6000 | 15/03/46 | 400,000 | 365 513 | 0.28 |
| Apple | 2.9000 | 12/09/27 | 756,000 | 513 | 0.39 |
| Apple | 3.4500 | 09/02/45 | 750,000 | 503 | 0.39 |
| Athene | 4.1250 | 12/01/28 | 514,000 | 357 | 0.27 |
| AT&T | 5.2500 | 01/03/37 | 1,296,000 | 963 | 0.74 |
| AutoNation | 3.5000 | 15/11/24 | 861,000 | 590 | 0.45 |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Committee | Causas (0/) | Matriita | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security AutoNation | Coupon (%) 4.5000 | Maturity 01/10/25 | Quantity 600,000 | £'000 435 | 0.33 |
| Bank of America | 5.8750 | 07/02/42 | 350,000 | 319 | 0.33 |
| Bank of America | 5.8750 VAR | 24/04/23 | 401,000 | 279 | 0.24 |
| Bank of America (MTN) | 3.2480 | 21/10/27 | 900,000 | 618 | 0.47 |
| Brighthouse Financial | 4.7000 | 22/06/47 | 700,000 | 486 | 0.37 |
| Buckeye | 3.9500 | 01/12/26 | 682,000 | 463 | 0.36 |
| Burlington Northern Santa Fe | 4.7000 | 01/09/45 | 199,000 | 161 | 0.12 |
| Capital One Financial | 3.3000 | 30/10/24 | 1,543,000 | 1,065 | 0.81 |
| Cardinal Health | 3.0790 | 15/06/24 | 281,000 | 191 | 0.15 |
| Citigroup | VAR | 24/07/23 | 1,710,000 | 1,185 | 0.90 |
| Citigroup | VAR | 24/01/23 | 1,145,000 | 805 | 0.62 |
| Citigroup | 3.3900 | 18/11/21 | 1,260,000 | 739 | 0.57 |
| Comcast | 3.9690 | 01/11/47 | 1,042,000 | 731 | 0.56 |
| Crown Castle International | 2.2500 | 01/09/21 | 517,000 | 355 | 0.27 |
| CSC | 10.8750 | 15/10/25 | 515,000 | 431 | 0.33 |
| CSC | 10.8750 | 15/10/25 | 336,000 | 281 | 0.22 |
| CVS Health | 3.5000 | 20/07/22 | 591,000 | 419 | 0.32 |
| Dominion Resources | VAR | 01/07/19 | 1,111,000 | 785 | 0.60 |
| Duke Energy Carolinas | 3.7000 | 01/12/47 | 647,000 | 453 | 0.35 |
| eBay | 2.7500 | 30/01/23 | 1,415,000 | 972 | 0.75 |
| Edison International | 2.4000 | 15/09/22 | 360,000 | 245 | 0.19 |
| Energy Transfer Partners | 5.2000 | 01/02/22 | 900,000 | 673 | 0.52 |
| Energy Transfer Partners | 3.6000 | 01/02/23 | 666,000 | 466 | 0.36 |
| Energy Transfer Partners | 5.3000 | 15/04/47 | 220,000 | 156 | 0.12 |
| Exelon | 3.4970 | 01/06/22 | 609,000 | 431 | 0.33 |
| Express Scripts | 2.6000 | 30/11/20 | 1,033,000 | 721 | 0.55 |
| Express Scripts | 3.4000 | 01/03/27 | 600,000 | 407 | 0.31 |
| FedEx | 4.5500 | 01/04/46 | 772,000 | 587 | 0.45 |
| Ford Motor Credit | 5.7500 | 01/02/21 | 1,360,000 | 1,026 | 0.79 |
| Ford Motor Credit | 1.8970 | 12/08/19 | 412,000 | 286 | 0.22 |
| General Electric | 0.8750 | 17/05/25 | 910,000 | 777 | 0.60 |
| General Electric | 4.5000 | 11/03/44 | 790,000 | 583 | 0.45 |
| General Mills | 2.6000 | 12/10/22 | 757,000 | 522 | 0.40 |
| General Motors Financial | 4.0000 | 06/10/26 | 1,074,000 | 752 | 0.58 |
| Halliburton | 5.0000 | 15/11/45 | 810,000 | 655 | 0.50 |
| Harley-Davidson | 3.5000 | 28/07/25 | 510,000 | 360 | 0.28 |
| Hartford Financial Services | 6.6250 | 30/03/40 | 310,000 | 294 | 0.23 |
| Intel | 4.1000 | 11/05/47 | 465,000 | 346 | 0.27 |
| International Paper | 5.1500 | 15/05/46 | 316,000 | 251 | 0.19 |
| JPMorgan Chase | VAR | 01/05/28 | 1,429,000 | 1,005 | 0.77 |
| JPMorgan Chase | 3.1250 | 23/01/25 | 1,325,000 | 923 | 0.71 |
| JPMorgan Chase | VAR | 25/04/23 | 1,300,000 | 902 | 0.69 |
| JPMorgan Chase | VAR | PERP | 760,000 | 542 | 0.42 |
| Kraft Heinz Foods | 3.5000 | 15/07/22 | 757,000 | 538 | 0.41 |

| | a (01) | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Total Net Assets |
|--|------------|----------|-----------|--------------|---------------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Kraft Heinz Foods | 6.7500 | 15/03/32 | 297,000 | 257 | 0.20 |
| Kroger | 3.8750 | 15/10/46 | 365,000 | 235 | 0.18 |
| Lowe's | 4.0500 | 03/05/47 | 704,000 | 513 | 0.39 |
| Metropolitan Life Global Funding I | 3.0000 | 19/09/27 | 1,755,000 | 1,188 | 0.90 |
| Morgan Stanley | VAR | 24/01/29 | 895,000 | 634 | 0.49 |
| Morgan Stanley | 3.7000 | 23/10/24 | 710,000 | 507 | 0.39 |
| Morgan Stanley | 6.3750 | 24/07/42 | 394,000 | 376 | 0.29 |
| Morgan Stanley (MTN) | 2.6250 | 17/11/21 | 838,000 | 581 | 0.45 |
| MPLX | 4.8750 | 01/06/25 | 390,000 | 292 | 0.22 |
| MPLX | 5.2000 | 01/03/47 | 171,000 | 133 | 0.10 |
| Mylan | 5.2500 | 15/06/46 | 598,000 | 453 | 0.35 |
| Mylan | 2.2500 | 22/11/24 | 470,000 | 427 | 0.33 |
| Mylan | 1.2500 | 23/11/20 | 130,000 | 116 | 0.09 |
| National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance | 3.4000 | 07/02/28 | 400,000 | 280 | 0.22 |
| Oracle | 2.9500 | 15/11/24 | 861,000 | 599 | 0.46 |
| Oracle | 4.0000 | 15/07/46 | 809,000 | 588 | 0.45 |
| Penske Truck Leasing | 3.3750 | 01/02/22 | 974,000 | 690 | 0.53 |
| Perrigo Finance | 3.5000 | 15/12/21 | 488,000 | 346 | 0.27 |
| PetSmart | 7.1250 | 15/03/23 | 370,000 | 164 | 0.13 |
| Pfizer | 4.1250 | 15/12/46 | 549,000 | 412 | 0.32 |
| Quest Diagnostics | 4.7000 | 30/03/45 | 580,000 | 423 | 0.32 |
| Sabine Pass Liquefaction | 4.2000 | 15/03/28 | 760,000 | 538 | 0.41 |
| Sabine Pass Liquefaction | 6.2500 | 15/03/22 | 500,000 | 388 | 0.30 |
| Sabine Pass Liquefaction | 5.6250 | 01/03/25 | 250,000 | 192 | 0.15 |
| Sempra Energy | 4.0000 | 01/02/48 | 403,000 | 279 | 0.21 |
| Sherwin-Williams | 4.5000 | 01/06/47 | 275,000 | 204 | 0.16 |
| Sherwin-Williams | 3.1250 | 01/06/24 | 96,000 | 66 | 0.05 |
| Shire Acquisitions Investments Ireland | 2.4000 | 23/09/21 | 777,000 | 534 | 0.41 |
| Southern Power | 4.9500 | 15/12/46 | 708,000 | 539 | 0.41 |
| Southwestern Electric Power | 3.8500 | 01/02/48 | 567,000 | 395 | 0.30 |
| Texas Instruments | 2.6250 | 15/05/24 | 393,000 | 270 | 0.21 |
| Thermo Fisher Scientific | 1.4000 | 23/01/26 | 850,000 | 746 | 0.57 |
| Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line | 3.8500 | 01/06/25 | 430,000 | 309 | 0.24 |
| UnitedHealth | 4.2500 | 15/04/47 | | 244 | 0.24 |
| | | | 322,000 | | |
| Verizon Communications | 5.0120 | 21/08/54 | 410,000 | 298 | 0.23 |
| Verizon Communications | 2.8750 | 15/01/38 | 275,000 | 247 | 0.19 |
| Virginia Electric & Power | 4.0000 | 15/11/46 | 373,000 | 272 | 0.21 |
| Walt Disney | 2.7580 | 07/10/24 | 1,095,000 | 617 | 0.47 |
| Walt Disney (MTN) | 7.5500 | 15/07/93 | 615,000 | 518 | 0.40 |
| Walt Disney (MTN) | 3.0000 | 30/07/46 | 263,000 | 162 | 0.12 |
| Wells Fargo (EMTN) | 1.3750 | 30/06/22 | 920,000 | 904 | 0.69 |
| Williams Partners | 5.1000 | 15/09/45 | 418,000 | 324 | 0.25 |
| 21st Century Fox America | 6.4000 | 15/12/35 | 600,000 | 554 | 0.43 |
| | | | | 48,845 | 37.48 |

| | | | NI 17 | M. Larval | Total Net |
|--|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Nominal/ Quantity | Market Value £'000 | Assets % |
| Total Corporate Bonds | Coupon (70) | Maturity | Quantity | 111,927 | 85.86 |
| Total Corporate Solies | | | | ,521 | 05.00 |
| Government Bonds 4.56% (2017: 3.14%) | | | | | |
| China 0.56% (2017: nil) | | | | | |
| China Development Bank (EMTN) | 0.3750 | 16/11/21 | 850,000 | 736 | 0.56 |
| India 0.40% (2017: 0.43%) | | | | | |
| Export-Import Bank of India (EMTN) | 2.7500 | 01/04/20 | 740,000 | 517 | 0.40 |
| South Korea 0.50% (2017: 0.68%) | | | | | |
| Korea Water Resources | 2.7500 | 23/05/22 | 944,000 | 649 | 0.50 |
| Noted Water Nessurees | 2.7300 | 23,03,22 | 311,000 | 0.5 | 0.50 |
| Sweden 0.86% (2017: 0.93%) | | | | | |
| Svensk Exportkredit (EMTN) | VAR | 14/11/23 | 1,600,000 | 1,119 | 0.86 |
| | | | | | |
| Turkey 0.43% (2017: 0.47%) | | | | | |
| Turkey (Republic of) | 6.7500 | 03/04/18 | 800,000 | 566 | 0.43 |
| United Kingdom 0.41% (2017: 0.63%) | | | | | |
| UK Treasury | 4.7500 | 07/12/38 | 360,000 | 537 | 0.41 |
| Hairad Crata 1 400/ /2017!\ | | | | | |
| United States 1.40% (2017: nil) US Treasury | 1.8750 | 30/09/22 | 650,000 | 444 | 0.34 |
| US Treasury | 2.8750 | 15/08/45 | 600,000 | 417 | 0.34 |
| US Treasury | 5.3750 | 15/02/31 | 387,100 | 351 | 0.27 |
| US Treasury | 2.2500 | 15/11/24 | 500,000 | 343 | 0.26 |
| US Treasury | 1.5000 | 15/08/26 | 420,000 | 268 | 0.21 |
| | | | • | 1,823 | 1.40 |
| Total Government Bonds | | | | 5,947 | 4.56 |
| | | | | -, | 50 |
| Municipal Bonds 0.07% (2017: 0.07%) | | | | | |
| United States 0.07% (2017: 0.07%) | | | | | |
| Chicago Illinois Transit Authority | 6.8990 | 01/12/40 | 100,000 | 94 | 0.07 |
| Total Municipal Bonds | | | | 94 | 0.07 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 119,397 | 91.59 |
| Total Transferable | atorio antico di discolore di | affici-l | | | |
| Total Transferable securities and money market ins exchange listing or dealt on another regulated mar | | III OTTICIAL | | 119,397 | 91.59 |

| | | | | | Total Net |
|--|---------------|----------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| | (01) | | Nominal/ | Market Value | Assets |
| Security | Coupon (%) | Maturity | Quantity | £'000 | % |
| Other transferable securities and money market instruments 1.83% (2017: 3.04%) | | | | | |
| Bonds 1.83% (2017: 3.04%) | | | | | |
| Asset Backed Bonds / Mortgage Backed Bonds 0.50% | (2017: 1.23%) | | | | |
| United States 0.50% (2017: 1.23%) | | | | | |
| Bear Stearns ARM Trust 2007-4 | VAR | 25/06/47 | 492,435 | 338 | 0.26 |
| STARM Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-2 | FRN | 25/04/37 | 523,728 | 307 | 0.24 |
| | | | | 645 | 0.50 |
| Total Asset Backed Bonds / Mortgage Backed Bonds | | | | 645 | 0.50 |
| Corporate Bonds 0.86% (2017: 1.31%) | | | | | |
| Australia nil (2017: 0.14%) | | | | | |
| Netherlands 0.68% (2017: 0.72%) | | | | | |
| ABN AMRO Bank (MTN) | 3.2500 | 09/04/20 | 1,550,000 | 893 | 0.68 |
| South Africa 0.18% (2017: 0.19%) | | | | | |
| Sappi Papier | 7.5000 | 15/06/32 | 325,000 | 240 | 0.18 |
| Sweden nil (2017: 0.26%) | | | | | |
| Total Corporate Bonds | | | | 1,133 | 0.86 |
| Government Bonds 0.47% (2017: 0.50%) | | | | | |
| South Korea 0.47% (2017: 0.50%) | | | | | |
| Export-Import Bank of Korea (MTN) | 4.2500 | 21/05/20 | 1,050,000 | 613 | 0.47 |
| | | | | | |
| Total Government Bonds | | _ | | 613 | 0.47 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 2,391 | 1.83 |
| | | | | | |

Derivatives 3.10% (2017: 0.38%)

Future contracts (0.11%) (2017: (0.04%))

| | | | Unrealised | Total Net |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------------|-----------|
| | | C | Gains/(Losses) | Assets |
| Future | Maturity | Notional | £'000 | % |
| CBT US Long Bond | 20/03/18 | 21 | (44) | (0.04) |
| CBT US Ultra Bond | 20/03/18 | 7 | (4) | - |
| CBT US 10 Year Note | 20/03/18 | (6) | 13 | 0.01 |
| CBT US 10 Year Ultra | 20/03/18 | 4 | - | - |
| CBT US 2 Year Note | 29/03/18 | 19 | (17) | (0.01) |
| EUX Euro-Bobl | 08/03/18 | 10 | (5) | - |
| EUX Euro-Bund | 08/03/18 | 15 | (24) | (0.02) |
| EUX Euro-Buxl 30 Year Bond | 08/03/18 | 9 | (27) | (0.02) |
| EUX Euro-Schatz | 08/03/18 | 47 | (9) | (0.01) |
| ICE Long Gilt | 27/03/18 | (11) | 16 | 0.01 |
| MSE Canada 10 Year Bond | 20/03/18 | 15 | (34) | (0.03) |
| SGX 10 Year Mini JGB | 12/03/18 | 9 | (3) | - |
| Unrealised losses on future contracts | | | (138) | (0.11) |

Forward currency exchange contracts 3.21% (2017: 0.42%)

| | | | | | | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets |
|---------------|-----|------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 25,871,155 | 29,125,000 | 353 | 0.27 |
| BNP Paribas | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 172,680 | 197,000 | - | - |
| BNP Paribas | USD | GBP | 09/02/18 | 580,000 | 410,165 | (2) | - |
| BNP Paribas | USD | GBP | 09/02/18 | 446,000 | 321,954 | (8) | (0.01) |
| Citigroup | EUR | USD | 09/02/18 | 160,439 | 195,000 | 3 | - |
| Citigroup | EUR | GBP | 09/02/18 | 78,000 | 69,154 | (1) | - |
| Citigroup | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 104,743 | 118,000 | 1 | - |
| Citigroup | USD | GBP | 09/02/18 | 354,000 | 260,995 | (12) | (0.01) |
| Deutsche Bank | EUR | GBP | 09/02/18 | 683,000 | 599,914 | (2) | - |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 09/02/18 | 20,173,417 | 27,342,000 | 952 | 0.72 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 09/02/18 | 20,173,417 | 27,342,000 | 951 | 0.73 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 09/02/18 | 20,173,417 | 27,342,000 | 951 | 0.73 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 09/02/18 | 20,172,679 | 27,341,000 | 951 | 0.73 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 1,166,667 | 1,311,000 | 18 | 0.01 |
| Deutsche Bank | GBP | USD | 09/02/18 | 611,081 | 857,000 | 9 | 0.01 |
| Goldman Sachs | USD | GBP | 09/02/18 | 239,000 | 168,694 | (1) | - |
| Goldman Sachs | USD | GBP | 09/02/18 | 149,000 | 105,872 | (1) | - |
| HSBC | GBP | CAD | 09/02/18 | 1,333,697 | 2,261,000 | 38 | 0.03 |
| HSBC | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 1,001,771 | 1,126,000 | 15 | 0.01 |
| HSBC | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 576,058 | 650,000 | 7 | 0.01 |
| HSBC | USD | GBP | 09/02/18 | 1,039,000 | 764,116 | (34) | (0.03) |
| JPM Chase | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 104,347 | 118,000 | 1 | - |
| Merrill Lynch | EUR | GBP | 09/02/18 | 743,000 | 656,758 | (6) | - |
| Merrill Lynch | GBP | AUD | 09/02/18 | 2,578,481 | 4,458,000 | 41 | 0.03 |
| Merrill Lynch | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 690,282 | 780,000 | 7 | 0.01 |

| | | | | | | Unrealised Gains/(Losses) | Total Net Assets |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Counterparty | Buy | Sell | Settlement | Buy Amount | Sell Amount | £'000 | % |
| Merrill Lynch | USD | GBP | 09/02/18 | 392,000 | 289,655 | (14) | (0.01) |
| Merrill Lynch | USD | GBP | 09/02/18 | 254,000 | 182,693 | (4) | - |
| Morgan Stanley | EUR | GBP | 09/02/18 | 343,000 | 302,012 | (1) | - |
| Morgan Stanley | GBP | EUR | 09/02/18 | 117,739 | 134,000 | - | - |
| Royal Bank of Canada | GBP | USD | 09/02/18 | 128,750 | 175,000 | 6 | - |
| Royal Bank of Canada | GBP | USD | 09/02/18 | 105,579 | 143,000 | 5 | - |
| Royal Bank of Canada | USD | GBP | 09/02/18 | 235,000 | 168,987 | (4) | - |
| State Street | EUR | GBP | 09/02/18 | 193,000 | 169,786 | (1) | - |
| State Street | GBP | USD | 09/02/18 | 236,483 | 337,000 | - | - |
| State Street | GBP | USD | 09/02/18 | 118,069 | 163,000 | 3 | - |
| State Street | USD | GBP | 09/02/18 | 858,000 | 633,020 | (30) | (0.02) |
| State Street | USD | GBP | 09/02/18 | 272,000 | 196,496 | (5) | - |
| State Street | USD | GBP | 09/02/18 | 165,000 | 116,892 | (1) | - |
| UBS | EUR | GBP | 09/02/18 | 223,000 | 196,957 | (2) | - |
| Unrealised gains on forward currenc | y exchange | contract | s | | | 4,183 | 3.21 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Unrealised gains on derivatives | | | | | | 4,045 | 3.10 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Total investments [*] | | | | | | 125,833 | 96.52 |
| Other net assets | | | | | | 4,539 | 3.48 |
| Total net assets | | | | | | 130,372 | 100.00 |

[∞] A portion of this security is on loan at the period end.
[≠] Including derivative liabilities.
Currently forward positions are not collateralised.
Comparative figures are as at 31 July 2017.

Securities Financing Transactions disclosure

The Fund engages in Securities Financing Transactions (SFTs) (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) 2015/2365, SFTs include repurchase transactions, securities or commodities lending and securities or commodities borrowing, buy-sell back transactions or sell-buy back transactions and margin lending transactions). In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation, the Fund's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the accounting period ended 31 January 2018 are detailed below:

| | | % of lendable | % of assets under |
|--|-------|---------------|-------------------|
| Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs | £'000 | assets | management |
| Market value of securities on loan | 2,493 | 1.98 | 1.91 |

| | Market value of collateral received | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| Collateral issuers | £′000 | Туре | Quality | Custodian |
| Australia (Commonwealth of) | 1,937 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| France (Government of) | 553 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Norway (Kingdom of) | 80 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| UK Treasury | 47 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Germany (Federal Republic of) | 19 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Denmark (Kingdom of) | 3 | Government Bond | Investment grade | BNP Paribas |
| Total collateral received | 2,639 | | | |

| | Proportion held in |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Market value of | segregated |
| collateral held | accounts |
| Collateral held per custodian £'000 | % |
| BNP Paribas 2,639 | 100.00 |

One custodian is used to hold the collateral.

| | Market value of collateral received |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Collateral analysed by currency | £'000 |
| AUD | 1,937 |
| DKK | 3 |
| EUR | 572 |
| GBP | 47 |
| NOK | 80 |
| Total collateral received | 2,639 |

| | Market value of securities lending | Countries of counterparty | Settlement |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Counterparties per type of SFT | £'000 | establishment | and clearing |
| JPM Chase | 2,493 | United States | Tri-party |
| Total market value of securities on loan | 2,493 | | |

| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Maturity tenor of collateral | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | - | - | - | - |

| | Three months to | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-------|
| Maturity tenor of collateral | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total collateral received | 5 | 2,634 | - | 2,639 |

| | | One day to | One week to | One to three |
|---|-------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | Less than one day | one week | one month | months |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | | - | - | - |
| | Three months to | | | |
| Maturity tenor of securities on loan | one year | Above one year | Open maturity | Total |
| (remaining period to maturity) | £′000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Total market value of securities lending | - | 2,493 | - | 2,493 |
| The Fund does not engage in any re-use of collateral. | | | | |
| Return and cost per type of SFT | | | £'000 | % |
| For the six months ended 31 January 2018 | | | | |
| Gross return | | | 3 | 125.00 |
| Direct operational costs (securities lending agent cost | ts) | | (1) | 25.00 |
| Indirect operational costs (Investment Adviser operat | ional costs) | | - | - |
| Total costs | | <u> </u> | (1) | 25.00 |
| Net return | | | 2 | 100.00 |

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 Janua | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|---|----------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|--|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | |
| Income | | | | | |
| Net capital losses | | (947) | | (3,658) | |
| Revenue | 1,994 | | 1,986 | | |
| Expenses | (89) | | (80) | | |
| Net revenue before taxation | 1,905 | | 1,906 | | |
| Taxation | (2) | | (6) | | |
| Net revenue after taxation | | 1,903 | | 1,900 | |
| Total return before distributions | | 956 | | (1,758) | |
| Distributions | | (1,905) | | (1,883) | |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders | | | | | |
| from investment activities | | (949) | | (3,641) | |

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 | | 31 January 2017 | |
|--|-----------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Opening net assets attributable to shareholders | | 131,431 | | 117,290 |
| | | | | |
| Amount receivable on issue of shares | 318 | | 6,986 | |
| Amount payable on cancellation of shares | (2,322) | | (3,315) | |
| | | (2,004) | | 3,671 |
| Dilution adjustment | | - | | 19 |
| Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | (949) | | (3,641) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | | 1,894 | | 1,923 |
| Closing net assets attributable to shareholders | | 130,372 | | 119,262 |

In respect of the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders, the comparative is the prior period interim and this is the reason why the brought forward net assets for the current period do not equal the carried forward figure in the comparative period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2018

| | 31 January 2018 £'000 | 31 July 2017 £'000 |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Fixed assets: | | |
| Investments | 126,129 | 126,480 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 3,426 | 1,468 |
| Cash and bank balances | 3,141 | 4,662 |
| Total assets | 132,696 | 132,610 |
| Liabilities: | | |
| Investment liabilities | 296 | 786 |
| Creditors: | | |
| Amounts held at futures clearing houses and brokers | 30 | 36 |
| Other creditors | 1,996 | 355 |
| Distribution payable | 2 | 2 |
| Total liabilities | 2,324 | 1,179 |
| | | |
| Net assets attributable to shareholders | 130,372 | 131,431 |

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2018 (in pence per share)

Interim interest distribution

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 August 2017

Group 2: Shares purchased 1 August 2017 to 31 January 2018

| | | | Distribution paid | Distribution paid |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Revenue | Equalisation | 30/04/18 | 30/04/17 |
| A Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.64876 | - | 1.64876 | 1.79378 |
| Group 2 | 0.92410 | 0.72466 | 1.64876 | 1.79378 |
| A Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.43085 | - | 1.43085 | 1.60748 |
| Group 2 | 0.08141 | 1.34944 | 1.43085 | 1.60748 |
| I Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.68294 | - | 1.68294 | 1.82354 |
| Group 2 | 1.08501 | 0.59793 | 1.68294 | 1.82354 |
| I Income Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.46292 | - | 1.46292 | 1.63679 |
| Group 2 | 0.29696 | 1.16596 | 1.46292 | 1.63679 |
| Z Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.60052 | - | 1.60052 | 1.70165 |
| Group 2 | 0.56906 | 1.03146 | 1.60052 | 1.70165 |
| Z Gross Accumulation Shares | | | | |
| Group 1 | 1.49692 | - | 1.49692 | 1.58467 |
| Group 2 | 0.26938 | 1.22754 | 1.49692 | 1.58467 |

Equalisation

This applies only to shares purchased during the distribution period (group 2 shares). It is the average amount of revenue included in the purchase price of group 2 shares and is refunded to the holders of these shares as a return of capital. Being capital it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of shares for capital gains tax purposes.

Further information

Constitution

The Aberdeen Investment Funds ICVC (formerly the Murray Open-Ended Investment Company) was incorporated on 15 January 1998, incorporated under the ECA Regulations. The Company is an open-ended investment company (OEIC) with variable capital under regulation 14 (authorisation) of the OEIC Regulations. The Aberdeen Investment Funds ICVC Prospectus and Key Investor Information Documents (KIIDs), which contain full details for investors, are available for inspection at the offices of the ACD and available to download at aberdeen-asset.co.uk.

Documentation

Copies of the current Prospectus and Key Investor Information Documents (KIIDs) for the Aberdeen OEIC funds, together with the latest Annual (and if issued later the interim) Report and Accounts for any fund, are available to download at **aberdeen-asset.co.uk**. A paper copy of the Report and Accounts is available on request from the ACD.

The Annual Report of the Company will be published on or before 30 November and the half-yearly report on or before 31 March in each year.

Shareholders will also receive a half-yearly statement prepared as at 5 April and 5 October each year, and issued within twenty five business days of these dates. The statement will show details of all transactions effected during the previous six months, and include a valuation of the Account based on the redemption prices as at 5 April and 5 October as applicable.

Notices/Correspondence

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Complaints and Compensation

Complaints about the operation of the Company and the Funds may be made by the investor by writing to the ACD or the Depositary. Any complaint will be investigated and the outcome will be notified to the investor, within eight weeks. If the investor is not satisfied with the outcome, he may also write directly to the Financial Ombudsman Service at Exchange Tower, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9GE. If the ACD cannot meet its financial obligations to the investor, the investor may be entitled to compensation under the Investor's Compensation Scheme, under the Financial Services Markets Act 2000. Details of the investor's rights to compensation can be obtained from the ACD on request.

Personal taxation

Unless your shares are held within an ISA, if you sell your shares this is treated as a disposal for Capital Gains Tax purposes. Tax rules can change. The value to an investor of the tax advantages of an ISA will depend on personal circumstances, which may change.

Shareholders are recommended to consult with their professional tax advisers if they are in any doubt about their position.

Registrar name change

The Registrar changed its name from International Financial Data Services (UK) Limited to DST Financial Services Europe Limited on 14 August 2017.

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