

Aberdeen Standard OEIC I

(Formerly Aberdeen
Investment Funds ICVC)

Interim Report & Financial Statements
For the six months ended 31 January 2020



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Report of the Authorised Corporate Director

Aberdeen Standard OEIC I ('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 Authorised Corporate Director (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 Aberdeen Asset Management 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.

The ACD and Authorised Fund Manager of the Company is Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, a private company limited by shares which was incorporated in England and Wales on 7 November 1962. Its ultimate holding company is Standard Life Aberdeen plc, which is incorporated in Scotland.

Financial details and Fund Managers' reviews of the individual sub-funds for the six months ended 31 January 2020 are given in the following pages of this report.

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 Aberdeen Standard OEIC I (with consent of the FCA and the Depositary) in the future.

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 Standard website at **aberdeenstandard.com**.

The sub-funds are segregated portfolios of assets and, accordingly, the assets of a sub-fund belong exclusively to that sub-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 sub-fund, and shall not be available for any such purpose.

The shareholders are not liable for the debts of the Company.

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

Significant Events

- On 7 August 2019 the Company changed its name from the Aberdeen Investment Funds ICVC to the Aberdeen Standard OEIC I. At this time the underlying sub-funds of the Company changed names from an "Aberdeen" pre-fix to an "ASI" pre-fix. Additionally at this time the Investment Objective and Policy ("IOP") of the sub-funds were updated to reflect regulatory changes and improve the clarity of the wording. Further details of these changes can be found at <https://www.aberdeenstandard.com/en/uk/investor/fund-centre/investor-communications>.
- Investors will be aware of the COVID-19 outbreak and that the outlook for many capital markets is significantly different now than at 31st January 2020, the period-end of Aberdeen Standard OEIC I. As a result, the NAVs of each fund have declined significantly since the year end.

The Management Company has delegated various tasks to Aberdeen Standard Investments Investor Protection Committee (IPC). The IPC is responsible for ensuring the fair treatment of investors. The IPC undertakes daily reviews of the following:

- Market liquidity across each asset class and Fund
- Asset class bid-offer spread monitoring
- Review of fund level dilution rate appropriateness
- Review of daily subscriptions / redemptions to anticipate any potential concerns to meet redemption proceeds
- Any requirement to gate or defer redemptions
- Any requirement to suspend a Fund (s)
- Any fair value price adjustments at a Fund level

As at 26 March 2020, no Funds have been suspended.

Developments and Prospectus updates since 31 July 2019

- On 7 August 2019 the sub-custodians of the fund were updated;
- On 15 August 2019 the following share classes were launched: ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund K Acc and ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund K Acc.
- On 20 August 2019 ASI China A Share Equity Fund launched;
- On 23 October 2019 the ASI (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund Q Gross Inc Shareclass was closed.
- The list of funds managed by the ACD was updated, where appropriate;
- Performance and dilution figures were refreshed, where appropriate;

Review

Global financial markets faced volatility in the six months under review. The period was dampened by US President Donald Trump's threats of punitive measures against major trading partners as he sought to negotiate better terms of trade. Trade talks culminated in a much-welcomed preliminary deal between Washington and Beijing. Elsewhere, Japan also signed a limited trade agreement which lowers tariffs on US farm produce, Japanese machine tools and other goods.

The resultant slowdown in growth led countries to loosen fiscal and monetary policies to support their economies. The US Federal Reserve cut its benchmark rate for a third time in October, while the People's Bank of China restarted easing measures after a pause in the previous quarter. The PBOC also broadened its targeted stimulus to raise market liquidity. In Japan, lawmakers approved a US\$120 billion fiscal package to help mitigate the effects of the October hike in the sales tax and an exports slump.

President Trump's impeachment by the Democrat-controlled House of Representatives on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress was a key focus in the US. However investors' interest in the proceedings waned when it became clear that he was unlikely to be removed from office.

In Europe, a revised draft Brexit agreement as well as the Conservative Party's resounding election win eased some concerns over the EU's future relationship with the UK although the spectre of a no-deal scenario returned soon after. Meanwhile, Mario Draghi, the outgoing president of the European Central Bank (ECB), oversaw his final rate-setting meeting by making no changes to monetary policy. The incoming president, Christine Lagarde, kept the status quo by maintaining the deposit rate at -0.5% and announcing that the ECB will continue with its monthly asset-purchase programme.

Upbeat sentiment toward the end of the period was however dampened, as fears over the impact of the covid-19 virus on the global economy sent investors scurrying to the side-lines.

Outlook

The near-term outlook for financial markets appears cautious as investors cast a wary eye on the coronavirus and its likely impact on trade. Governments are still trying to contain the outbreak which has spread from Wuhan in mainland China to many parts of Asia, the US and Europe. The virus has already claimed more lives than the severe acute respiratory syndrome which occurred in 2003. Area lockdowns and quarantine orders have also delayed the resumption of manufacturing activity in China after the Lunar New Year holidays, which will most certainly weigh on worldwide supply chains. All this could jeopardise the nascent recovery for the global economy.

In spite of these challenges, we continue to seek out and hold businesses with robust fundamentals that can see them through both good times and bad. To accomplish this, we maintain a key focus on the broader operating environment without allowing short-term noise to colour or distract from our investment decisions. To that end, we continue to focus our in-depth, fundamental research efforts on identifying quality companies run by experienced management, and supported by solid balance sheets. It is our belief that this approach will sustain the long term value of the portfolio. We also regularly meet and engage with company management to provide support, shape policy and ensure the interests of both the company and shareholders remain aligned, which together should help position our funds favourably.

Update on our investment outlook

The outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 is the most acute challenge that the world has faced in many years. Since it first appeared in China's Hubei province in late 2019, the virus has spread across many countries around the world. By mid-March (the time of writing), it had infected nearly 200,000 people and had caused the deaths of thousands.

The outbreak has had a considerable impact on economic activity, including severe disruption to many global supply chains. Many governments are taking significant steps to stem the spread of the virus, with significant restriction on movement in an increasing number of countries. In addition, with the threat of a global recession looming large, governments and central banks are preparing a range of fiscal and monetary stimulus packages to counter the economic effects of the virus.

With the situation changing so rapidly, it is very difficult to predict how the virus will affect asset prices and the global economy over the longer term. As yet, it is unclear as to whether the outcome will be a short-term slowdown in growth, or a prolonged global recession. What does seem likely, however, is that volatility will prevail over the months to come.

Against this background, we will continue to focus on in-depth research and analysis, enabling us to adjust portfolios appropriately, as and when this is needed. We will, of course, also keep investors informed as our thinking evolves. You can find our latest insights and updates at <https://www.aberdeenstandard.com/en/insights-thinking-aloud/coronavirus-updates-and-insights>.

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 Standard Fund Managers Limited, the Authorised Corporate Director.



Gary Marshall
Director
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited
26 March 2020



Aron Mitchell
Director
Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited
26 March 2020

Notes to the financial statements of Aberdeen Standard OEIC I

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 basis:

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. When offshore reportable income rates are available, the income will be accounted for within the relevant fund.

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 period to maturity or an earlier call date if the expectation is for the debt security to redeem early.

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's 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 Management Charge (AMC) for the ASI Diversified Income Fund, ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund, ASI European High Yield Bond Fund, ASI European Real Estate Share Fund, ASI Global Opportunistic Bond Fund, ASI UK Income Equity Fund and ASI World Income Equity Fund which is taken from capital. In addition, the Operating, Administrative and Servicing Expenses for the ASI Diversified Income Fund are taken from capital.

Where the sub-fund invests in open-ended collective investments which are 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 sub-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 ASI Diversified Income Fund, ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund, ASI European High Yield Bond Fund, ASI European Real Estate Share Fund, ASI Global Opportunistic Bond Fund, ASI UK Income Equity Fund and ASI World Income Equity 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. All other expenses for ASI Diversified Income Fund are paid from capital.

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 are reflected in the amount available for distribution.

(e) Basis of valuation of investments

The valuation point is close of business on 31 January 2020. 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' best estimate of the amount that would be received from an immediate transfer at arm's length. The ACD has appointed a FVP committee to review valuations.

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 Corporate Directors 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 losses are recognised in the Statement of Total Return. Currently forward positions are not collateralised.

Future contracts are valued at the exchange quoted price at close of business on 31 January 2020. Initial margin deposits are made in cash upon entering into future contracts. During the period the future contract is open, changes in the value of the 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 of) 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 2020 using external independent 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 from option contracts are recognised in the Statement of Total Return. Options are valued at the exchange price at close of business on 31 January 2020.

Cash flows associated with derivative transactions are allocated between the revenue and capital property of the sub-funds according to the motives and circumstances of the particular derivative strategy. Such cash flows include premiums on option contracts and credit default swaps and the interest paid/received on swap contracts. The investment manager articulates the motives and circumstances underlying the derivative strategy and the ACD assesses these in association with financial reporting constraints enshrined within the SORP to allocate the cash flows accordingly.

(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 2020.

Foreign currency transactions are translated at the rates of exchange ruling on the dates of the transactions. Exchange differences 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 inflows or outflows from the sub-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.

To meet the Fund's investment objective and to increase the distribution available to investors, Aberdeen Diversified Income Fund does not recognise marginal tax relief.

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.

The Funds; ASI Emerging Markets Equity, ASI European Real Estate Share Fund and ASI Multi-Asset Fund are party to certain claims and proceedings to recover tax suffered in respect of overseas income. These claims and proceedings are considered to be contingent assets of the Funds and have not been recognised in these Financial Statements as the outcome of the claims and the potential recoveries are not sufficiently certain.

(j) Stock lending

Any income arising from stocklending is treated as revenue on a receipts basis and is disclosed in the notes to the Financial Statements net of directly attributable fees. 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.

Cross Holding table as at 31 January 2020

		Holding Fund							
		ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund		ASI European High Yield Bond Fund		ASI (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund		ASI Strategic Bond Fund	
		Number of Shares	Market Value £'000	Number of Shares	Market Value £'000	Number of Shares	Market Value £'000	Number of Shares	Market Value £'000
Investor Fund	ASI Corporate Bond Fund	-	-	11,940,565	15,116	-	-	14,500,650	25,671
	ASI Multi Asset Fund	189,068	664	-	-	19,277,027	22,872	-	-
	ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,047,797	24,869

No other such cross-holdings, between other sub-funds in the Aberdeen Standard OEIC I, were held as at 31 January 2020.

Cross Holding table as at 31 January 2019

		Holding Fund					
		ASI European High Yield Bond Fund		ASI (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund		ASI Strategic Bond Fund	
		Number of Shares	Market Value £'000	Number of Shares	Market Value £'000	Number of Shares	Market Value £'000
Investor Fund	ASI Corporate Bond Fund	18,547,883	21,366	-	-	15,058,570	24,238
	ASI Multi Asset Fund	-	-	17,191,364	18,611	-	-
	ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	14,692,146	23,648

No other such cross-holdings, between other sub-funds in the Aberdeen Standard OEIC I, were held as at 31 January 2019.

ASI (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in UK Government bonds.

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks Index plus 0.5% per annum (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund invests at least 80% in government bonds issued or guaranteed by the UK Government.
- The Fund may also invest in investment grade bonds issued anywhere in the world by governments, sub-sovereigns and corporations including inflation-linked bonds. The Fund will employ techniques to reduce (hedge) risk related to currency movements on non-Sterling bonds.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify investments after analysing individual bonds and derivatives alongside global economic and market conditions.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 1.70%. Due to the Fund's risk constraints the intention is that the Fund's performance will not deviate significantly from that of the index over the long term.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund will make routine use of derivatives to reduce risk, to reduce cost and/or generate extra income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives can be used to generate growth, consistent with the Fund's risk profile, if market prices are expected to rise ("long positions") or fall ("short positions"). These positions can be used in overseas markets.
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the ASI (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 3.60% compared to an increase of 3.55% in the performance target, FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks 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

In the six months to end of January, the UK gilt market was driven by geopolitical uncertainty. Primary factors included the US-China trade negotiations and, latterly, the coronavirus outbreak in China. Closer to home, the performance of gilts relative to other markets was driven by the continuation of the UK political turmoil.

The new Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, took the controversial step of proroguing parliament. A series of subsequent events, including Mr Johnson removing the whip from numerous Conservative MPs and removing the Conservative Party working majority, put the UK on course for a general election.

In October, Johnson was able to agree a Withdrawal Agreement with the European Union (EU). However, UK parliamentary agreement was not forthcoming, making a general election inevitable.

From a gilt market perspective, December's election was a non-event. The polls had narrowed slightly but not to the extent required; the only surprise on the night was how badly the Labour Party performed and the subsequent size of the Conservative majority. Following the overwhelming Conservative victory, it was thought that Johnson might dial down his Hard Brexit rhetoric. However, in the days following the election, Johnson confirmed his desire to 'Get Brexit Done'. Accordingly, the UK will leave the EU at the end of 2020. This leaves a very short period of time to negotiate a very long, complex future relationship.

In terms of UK data, a mix of a worsening global environment and the lack of clarity with regard to Brexit negotiations meant UK economic data deteriorated. At the November Bank of England meeting, investors were taken by surprise when two members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) voted for a rate cut. In January a number of MPC members, including governor Mark Carney, talked up the chances of an imminent rate cut. At one point a January rate cut was priced at 70%. Mr Carney suggested that the confidence indicators (services purchasing managers' index, Agents' Survey) at the end of January would be key to the decision-making process. In the event, these metrics exceeded market expectation and the January meeting passed with rates staying on hold.

Portfolio review

The Fund has continued to hold an overweight duration bias over the six-month period. The global economic backdrop is still one characterised by subdued growth and low inflation, amid geopolitical uncertainty. This has benefitted the Fund's performance, particularly in January following the outbreak of the novel-coronavirus and the resulting safe-haven bid for government bonds in general. Specifically, the duration positions have been held in the UK on Brexit fears; in Australia and Canada as we believe the respective central banks will be forced into making interest rate cuts; and the long end of the French yield curve to take advantage of the global grab for positive yields.

In terms of cross-market positioning, the Fund has held a mixture of positions. The Fund held UK short positions versus France, Australia and the US. These positions were held when we felt no-deal Brexit fears had been exaggerated. We held these positions throughout the UK general election period, as again we felt the risk of a Labour led administration was low. Following the Conservative Party win, we switched from being short on a cross-market basis to being long. We felt the market had built up an unrealistic hope that Mr Johnson would use his parliamentary majority to soften his stance on Brexit, and we were happy to oppose this view. This position was successful throughout January as the market started to price in the prospect of an interest rate cut. The Fund added a Germany/Sweden position in January once more, as we believe the European Central Bank might be forced to cut rates.

The Fund has held a bias for a steeper UK curve. This is on the prospect of greater gilt issuance on the back of an expansionary fiscal policy from the Conservative government. However, in periods of limited gilt issuance we have reduced and closed the positions. For example, throughout December and January issuance was limited. The Fund has also held curve positions in the US, Germany and Australia.

Throughout the period, the Fund has held numerous relative value strategies. The Fund also held US inflation-linked Treasuries in the 30-year and 10-year parts of the curve.

Outlook

Following a turbulent 2019, the decisive UK general election result has alleviated some of the uncertainty that had been weighing on the country's economic outlook. We expect growth to reaccelerate over the course of the next two years on the condition that a 'no-deal' Brexit does not materialise. The main risk to this view is that Brexit noise fails to die down. On the flip side, fiscal and monetary policy could turn out to be supportive for growth.

Pan Euro Macro Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 4 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	698	833	2,928	7,951
Closing number of shares	359,602	442,462	1,662,076	4,530,676
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	193.97	188.32	176.14	175.49
Change in net asset value per share	3.00%	6.91%	0.37%	(3.45%)
Operating charges	0.95%	0.96%	1.13%	1.14%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	787	769	530	15,867
Closing number of shares	536,740	540,193	397,647	11,912,547
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	146.67	142.40	133.36	133.19
Change in net asset value per share	3.00%	6.78%	0.13%	(3.65%)
Operating charges	0.95%	0.96%	1.13%	1.14%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	112,376	110,802	83,282	68,037
Closing number of shares	55,844,748	56,844,194	45,843,150	37,775,350
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	201.23	194.92	181.67	180.11
Change in net asset value per share	3.24%	7.29%	0.87%	(2.97%)
Operating charges	0.50%	0.50%	0.63%	0.64%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	524	615	480	549
Closing number of shares	435,553	525,084	437,392	500,792
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	120.60	117.07	109.70	109.58
Change in net asset value per share	3.02%	6.72%	0.11%	(3.66%)
Operating charges	0.50%	0.50%	0.63%	0.64%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	903	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	113.90	110.07		
Change in net asset value per share	3.48%	-		
Operating charges	0.55%	0.55%		
M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	915	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	111.96	108.44		
Change in net asset value per share	3.25%	-		
Operating charges	0.55%	0.55%		
P Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	20	19	19	19
Closing number of shares	12,825	12,825	13,578	13,578
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	154.67	150.15	141.00	140.86
Change in net asset value per share	3.01%	6.49%	0.10%	(3.67%)
Operating charges	0.33%	0.33%	0.36%	0.37%

Q Gross Income shares ^B	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	14	1,685	4,503
Closing number of shares	-	9,655	1,197,757	3,203,157
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	149.81	140.69	140.59
Change in net asset value per share	-	6.48%	0.07%	(3.66%)
Operating charges	-	0.27%	0.27%	0.27%

Q Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	69	68	283	587
Closing number of shares	44,341	45,104	200,924	417,024
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	154.66	150.13	140.99	140.85
Change in net asset value per share	3.02%	6.48%	0.10%	(3.67%)
Operating charges	0.27%	0.27%	0.27%	0.27%

Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	46,316	39,961	36,165	65,021
Closing number of shares	39,030,813	34,835,369	33,959,173	61,880,873
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	118.66	114.71	106.50	105.07
Change in net asset value per share	3.44%	7.71%	1.36%	(2.54%)
Operating charges	0.10%	0.10%	0.13%	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.

^A M share classes were launched on 29 November 2018.

^B Q Gross Income share class closed on 24 October 2019.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (99.33%)		158,373	98.50
Euro Denominated Bonds (1.33%)		-	-
Sterling Denominated Bonds (96.94%)		154,288	95.96
less than 5 years to maturity			
6,529,000	UK (Govt of) 0.5% 2022*	6,543	4.07
3,312,000	UK (Govt of) 0.75% 2023	3,351	2.08
423,000	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2021	427	0.27
2,932,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2022	3,033	1.89
260,000	UK (Govt of) 2% 2020	262	0.16
13,647,000	UK (Govt of) 2.25% 2023	14,542	9.04
7,583,000	UK (Govt of) 2.75% 2024	8,391	5.22
2,865,000	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2021*	3,012	1.87
3,830,000	UK (Govt of) 4% 2022	4,114	2.56
5,272,285	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2020	5,292	3.29
2,677,000	UK (Govt of) 8% 2021	2,944	1.83
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
1,079,000	UK (Govt of) 0.625% 2025	1,091	0.68
1,251,579	UK (Govt of) 1.25% 2027	1,329	0.83
1,362,000	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2026	1,459	0.91
1,156,000	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2028	1,272	0.79
2,283,000	UK (Govt of) 2% 2025	2,490	1.55
3,025,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2027	3,923	2.44
2,869,000	UK (Govt of) 5% 2025	3,534	2.20
3,413,000	UK (Govt of) 0.875% 2029	3,529	2.19
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
3,650,066	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2032*	5,206	3.24
977,908	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2034	1,482	0.92
3,559,000	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2030*	5,136	3.19
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
7,912,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2037	8,986	5.59
422,338	UK (Govt of) 3.25% 2044	622	0.39
2,779,000	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2045	4,295	2.67
3,026,420	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2036	4,582	2.85
552,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2039	880	0.55
2,636,764	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2040	4,270	2.66

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
2,826,659	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2042	4,854	3.02
2,674,450	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2038	4,460	2.77
greater than 25 years to maturity			
799,000	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2047	890	0.55
2,969,000	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2054	3,537	2.20
49,000	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2071	63	0.04
7,920,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2049	9,354	5.82
1,244,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2057	1,561	0.97
3,138,590	UK (Govt of) 2.5% 2065	4,963	3.09
2,132,031	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2068	4,261	2.65
318,545	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2052	563	0.35
2,507,710	UK (Govt of) 4% 2060	5,069	3.15
1,907,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2046	3,351	2.08
984,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2049	1,802	1.12
1,786,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2055	3,563	2.22
Swedish Krona Denominated Bonds (0.00%)		4,085	2.54
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
48,130,000	Sweden (Kingdom of) 0.75% 2029	4,085	2.54
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (1.06%)		-	-
Derivatives (-0.12%)		136	0.08
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.12%)		(63)	(0.04)
	Buy AUD 1,479,000 Sell GBP 767,013 11/03/2020	(16)	(0.01)
	Buy CAD 18,326,000 Sell GBP 10,758,922 11/03/2020	(259)	(0.16)
	Buy GBP 135,092 Sell AUD 254,000 11/03/2020	6	0.01
	Buy GBP 160,467 Sell AUD 301,000 11/03/2020	8	-
	Buy GBP 842,349 Sell AUD 1,623,000 11/03/2020	18	0.01
	Buy GBP 111,485 Sell CAD 190,000 11/03/2020	3	-
	Buy GBP 10,558,312 Sell CAD 18,326,000 11/03/2020	58	0.04
	Buy GBP 100,819 Sell EUR 119,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 146,592 Sell EUR 172,000 11/03/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 4,150,852 Sell SEK 51,221,000 11/03/2020	116	0.07
Futures (0.00%)		199	0.12
184	Long Australia 3 Year Bond Future 16/03/2020	57	0.03
50	Long Canadian 10 Year Bond Future 20/03/2020	92	0.06

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
75	Long Long Gilt Future 27/03/2020	160	0.10
(45)	Short Euro Bond Future 06/03/2020	(110)	(0.07)
Total investment assets		158,509	98.58
Net other assets		2,283	1.42
Total Net Assets		160,792	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

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

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains		4,731		1,363
Revenue	726		879	
Expenses	(306)		(254)	
Interest payable and similar charges	-		(3)	
Net revenue before taxation	420		622	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		420		622
Total return before distributions		5,151		1,985
Distributions		(420)		(622)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		4,731		1,363

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		153,081		125,372
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	10,441		38,866	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(7,898)		(17,936)	
		2,543		20,930
Dilution adjustment		-		12
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		4,731		1,363
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		437		660
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		160,792		148,337

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		158,894		152,253
Current assets:				
Debtors	878		19,712	
Cash and bank balances	1,733		568	
		2,611		20,280
Total assets		161,505		172,533
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(385)		(375)
Creditors	(65)		(19,073)	
Bank overdrafts	(262)		-	
Distribution payable	(1)		(4)	
		(328)		(19,077)
Total liabilities		(713)		(19,452)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		160,792		153,081

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2020**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution payable 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.2777
Group 2	-	-	-	-
A Income shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.2103
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4387	-	0.4387*	0.7286
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.2635	-	0.2635**	0.4399
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.2238	-	0.2238*	0.3800
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.2317	-	0.2317**	0.3800
Group 2	-	-	-	-
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.4727	-	0.4727**	0.6875
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Q Gross Income shares^A				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.7273
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Q Income shares				
Group 1	0.5147	-	0.5147**	0.7271
Group 2	-	-	-	-

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution payable 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4930	-	0.4930*	0.6416
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution payable on 30 April 2020.

[^] Q Gross Income share class closed on 24 October 2019.

ASI (AAM) Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate income and some growth over the medium term (3 to 5 years) by investing in Sterling denominated investment grade corporate bonds with maturities of up to 5 years.

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the iBoxx Sterling Corporates (1-5 year) Index plus 0.25% per annum (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 60% in Sterling denominated investment grade corporate bonds with a maturity of up to 5 years.
- The Fund may also invest in bonds of any maturity, issued anywhere in the world by governments and corporations, such as sub-sovereigns, sub-investment grade, inflation-linked, convertible, asset backed and mortgage-backed bonds. The Fund will employ techniques to reduce (hedge) risk related to currency movements on non-Sterling bonds.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify bonds and derivatives after analysing company's prospects and creditworthiness alongside global economic and market conditions.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the iBoxx Sterling Corporates (1-5 year) Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 1.5%. Due to the Fund's risk constraints the intention is that the Fund's performance will not deviate significantly from that of the index over the long term.

Please Note: The Fund's ability to buy and sell bonds and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress which could include periods where interest rates move sharply.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund will routinely use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate extra income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI (AAM) Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 1.16% compared to an increase of 1.35% in the performance target, 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

Fixed income markets delivered some outstanding returns in the early part of the review period, fuelled by collapsing government bond yields across developed markets and fairly stable credit spreads in most higher-quality fixed income markets. Although yields were already lower than many investors thought possible, deteriorating economic data and the threat of further policy action caused a further re-pricing. In this environment, investment grade credit delivered a strong performance. Riskier asset classes like high yield and emerging markets wobbled slightly as politics and economic data provided some headlines that caused volatility.

Bond yields rose in many government markets in the final three months of 2019, but corporate bonds continued to perform well as risk appetite remained healthy. In investment grade markets, spreads were materially tighter, with the US and sterling markets leading the way. High yield and emerging markets were also strong. This more positive environment for risk assets came about as global economic data appeared to be picking up modestly and a 'phase-one' trade deal between the US and China was agreed. Global central banks also appear to be prepared to maintain – or even extend – their accommodative stances going forward, thus providing further confidence.

The upbeat sentiment continued into the new year. The UK general election in mid-December appeared to settle the endless debates about Brexit, and European economic data was generally better than expected. However, in the middle of the month, the mood changed dramatically. The number of cases of 2019 novel-coronavirus started to increase rapidly, by around 30% per day, and markets began to consider the implications for global growth. The oil price fell by just under 12% between 20 January and month end, reflecting concerns about lower demand from China. That sharp move downwards was reflected by many other commodities. Government bond yields moved sharply lower. Due to the large moves in government bonds, total returns for sterling credit were very strong, and positive in Europe. Despite the negative impact of the virus on risk assets, UK credit spreads were tighter as the post-election euphoria continued to attract investors.

Portfolio review

The portfolio achieved a positive total return. Short-end credit spreads tightened by eight basis points (bps) versus government bonds as five-year yields rose slightly to 0.41%.

Returns were stronger later in the period as UK financials, in which the portfolio is overweight, rallied strongly following a UK general election which resulted in a strong majority for the Conservative Party. High-beta sectors continued to outperform amid improving economic data and accommodative monetary policy. Corporate hybrids and subordinated insurance, where the portfolio is overweight, contributed strongly to returns.

Off-benchmark covered bonds from CIBC and Santander UK underperformed. So, too, did AAA-rated mortgage-backed secured bonds. The high quality and floating-rate structure of these bonds meant that they lagged the rally in beta and duration.

In security selection, subordinated bonds from domestically-focused UK issuers such as Virgin Money and Pension Insurance Corporation were among the strongest performers.

Overweight positions in senior paper from RBS (now Natwest Group) and Barclays also made positive contributions. By contrast, an underweight in Deutsche Bank underperformed as the company began to show signs of improvement in its balance sheet and restructuring plan. The portfolio subsequently closed this underweight by purchasing a new issue from the bank in January. In corporates, the portfolio also topped up positions in global payments providers Fidelity Information Services and Fiserv, which outperformed. Short-dated positions in commodity group Glencore were sold amid growing ESG-related concerns with the name. Cash proceeds were used to purchase new issues such as Volkswagen four-year, DNB Bank three-year and Royal Bank of Canada five-year bonds.

Outlook

Credit markets have performed well of late and now appear fully valued in most areas. Higher-risk areas of the markets and high yield in particular could see a pick-up in volatility over the course of 2020. As a result they have been pared back. The near term risks to growth caused by the impacts of the coronavirus are fairly apparent, with companies already issuing warnings about disruption to supply chains. Although there appears to be ongoing support for bonds across most markets, we are happy to run lower levels of credit risk. Interest rate exposure is held through bonds issued by the governments of Australia, Canada, the US and the UK.

Sterling IG and Aggregate Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 3 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in mortgage- and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative tables

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5	23	23	6
Closing number of shares	5,001	22,302	23,100	6,000
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	104.88	103.69	100.82	100.84
Change in net asset value per share	1.15%	2.85%	(0.02%)	-
Operating charges	0.65%	0.65%	0.67%	0.69%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5	5	6	6
Closing number of shares	5,000	5,000	6,000	6,000
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	100.43	100.13	98.73	100.03
Change in net asset value per share	0.30%	1.42%	(1.30%)	-
Operating charges	0.65%	0.65%	0.67%	0.69%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	27,688	29,071	26,810	21,308
Closing number of shares	26,158,397	27,814,788	26,461,490	21,077,367
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	105.85	104.52	101.32	101.10
Change in net asset value per share	1.27%	3.16%	0.22%	-
Operating charges	0.35%	0.35%	0.37%	0.39%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	24,158	24,255	24,160	17,450
Closing number of shares	24,064,320	24,233,769	24,483,373	17,441,544
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	100.39	100.08	98.68	100.05
Change in net asset value per share	0.31%	1.42%	(1.37%)	-
Operating charges	0.35%	0.35%	0.37%	0.39%
K Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	25,833	26,002	22,633	9,072
Closing number of shares	24,324,857	24,808,352	22,298,789	8,967,100
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	106.20	104.81	101.50	101.17
Change in net asset value per share	1.33%	3.26%	0.33%	-
Operating charges	0.25%	0.25%	0.27%	0.29%
K Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	81,645	94,747	88,478	66,010
Closing number of shares	81,333,863	94,671,398	89,663,973	65,982,006
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	100.38	100.08	98.68	100.04
Change in net asset value per share	0.30%	1.42%	(1.36%)	-
Operating charges	0.25%	0.25%	0.27%	0.29%

M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	964	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	105.28	103.87		
Change in net asset value per share	1.36%	-		
Operating charges	0.40%	0.40%		
M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	979	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	102.38	102.06		
Change in net asset value per share	0.31%	-		
Operating charges	0.40%	0.40%		
Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6	5	6	6
Closing number of shares	5,001	5,001	6,000	6,000
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	106.89	105.38	101.86	101.35
Change in net asset value per share	1.43%	3.46%	0.50%	-
Operating charges	0.05%	0.05%	0.07%	0.09%

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.

^A M share classes were launched on 29 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (97.44%)		157,284	98.71
Euro Denominated Bonds (1.33%)		2,376	1.49
Corporate Bonds (1.33%)		2,376	1.49
less than 5 years to maturity			
1,300,000	CK Hutchison 0.375% 2023	1,102	0.69
617,000	Getlink 3.625% 2023	538	0.34
Perpetual			
800,000	Engie 3.25% Perpetual	736	0.46
Sterling Denominated Bonds (88.27%)		143,726	90.20
Corporate Bonds (87.69%)		141,772	88.97
less than 5 years to maturity			
844,000	Aareal Bank 1.5% 2022*	852	0.54
700,000	ABN Amro 1.375% 2022	707	0.44
800,000	ABN Amro 1.375% 2025	806	0.51
650,000	American Honda Finance 1.3% 2022	654	0.41
1,150,000	AMP Group Finance Services 6.875% 2022	1,239	0.78
1,391,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 9.75% 2024	1,913	1.20
689,000	APT Pipelines 4.25% 2024	782	0.49
769,000	Australia & New Zealand Bank FRN 2022	774	0.49
800,000	Banco Santander 1.375% 2024	800	0.50
500,000	Banco Santander 2.75% 2023	524	0.33
500,000	Bank Nederlandse Gemeenten 1% 2022	502	0.31
900,000	Bank of America 5.5% 2021	968	0.61
900,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 1.75% 2024	921	0.58
700,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 2.25% 2023	729	0.46
2,804,000	Barclays 2.375% 2023	2,860	1.80
676,000	Barclays 3.125% 2024	714	0.45
3,290,000	Barclays 10% 2021	3,643	2.29
305,000	BASF 1.375% 2022	309	0.19
778,000	BMW 1.25% 2022	782	0.49
800,000	BMW 1.75% 2022	813	0.51
1,450,000	British American Tobacco 6% 2022	1,613	1.01
2,000,000	British Land White 2015 0% 2020	1,988	1.25
900,000	British Sky Broadcasting 2.875% 2020	913	0.57
1,000,000	BUPA 3.375% 2021	1,031	0.65
600,000	BUPA 5% 2023	660	0.41
182,000	Cadent Finance 1.125% 2021	182	0.11

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
1,100,000	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 1.125% 2022	1,105	0.69
1,450,000	Chorus 6.75% 2020	1,462	0.92
651,000	Citigroup 2.75% 2024	686	0.43
949,000	Citigroup 5.875% 2024	1,120	0.70
541,000	Close Brothers 2.75% 2023	565	0.35
600,000	Cooperatieve Rabobank 1.25% 2025	600	0.38
650,000	Coventry Building Society 1.5% 2023	655	0.41
900,000	Coventry Building Society 1.875% 2023	922	0.58
900,000	Credit Agricole 1.25% 2024	902	0.57
214,000	Daimler 2.375% 2021	219	0.14
800,000	Deutsche Bank 2.625% 2024	816	0.51
800,000	Deutsche Pfandbriefbank 1.75% 2022	807	0.51
953,000	DNB Bank 1.375% 2023	962	0.60
899,000	DNB Bank 1.625% 2023	919	0.58
800,000	Eastern Power Networks 5.75% 2024	946	0.59
300,000	Enel 5.625% 2024	358	0.22
1,400,000	ENI 4.75% 2021	1,449	0.91
700,000	FCA Capital Ireland 1.625% 2021	702	0.44
1,100,000	FirstGroup 5.25% 2022	1,196	0.75
1,800,000	Friends Life 8.25% 2022	2,073	1.30
750,000	GE Capital 5.125% 2023	837	0.53
1,100,000	GE Capital 5.875% 2020	1,138	0.71
200,000	General Motors Financial 2.25% 2024	203	0.13
2,306,000	HSBC 2.175% 2023	2,348	1.47
605,000	Imperial Brands 8.125% 2024	757	0.48
1,050,000	Imperial Brands 9% fixed to floating 2022	1,210	0.76
803,000	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (London) 1.5% 2022	806	0.51
1,600,000	innogy Finance 5.5% 2022	1,771	1.11
1,100,000	Intercontinental Hotels 3.875% 2022	1,179	0.74
700,000	Intu (SGS) Finance 3.875% 2023	636	0.40
2,051,000	Lend Lease Europe 6.125% 2021	2,198	1.38
750,000	Lloyds Bank 9.625% 2023	934	0.59
1,568,000	MetLife Global Funding I 1.125% 2021	1,572	0.99
209,000	MetLife Global Funding I 2.625% 2022	218	0.14
421,000	MPT Operating Partnership 2.55% 2023	433	0.27
799,000	National Australia Bank 0.875% 2020	799	0.50
950,000	National Australia Bank 1.375% 2022	957	0.60
800,000	NatWest 6.5% 2021	864	0.54
1,100,000	New York Life Global Funding 1% 2021	1,101	0.69
499,000	New York Life Global Funding 1.625% 2023	510	0.32
1,637,000	New York Life Global Funding 1.75% 2022	1,672	1.05
1,470,000	Northern Powergrid 7.25% 2022	1,722	1.08

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
314,000	PCL Funding II FRN 2022		314	0.20
540,000	PCL Funding III FRN 2023		539	0.34
950,000	Pension Insurance 6.5% 2024		1,103	0.69
1,400,000	Phoenix Group 4.125% 2022		1,472	0.92
1,100,000	RCI Banque 1.875% 2022		1,113	0.70
550,000	Royal Bank of Canada 1.375% 2024		556	0.35
622,000	RSA Insurance 1.625% 2024		630	0.40
637,000	Santander UK FRN 2020		637	0.40
534,000	Scania 1.875% 2022		538	0.34
1,300,000	Scottish Power UK 6.75% 2023		1,530	0.96
1,100,000	Segro 7% 2022		1,223	0.77
739,000	Severn Trent 1.125% 2021		740	0.46
830,000	Severn Trent 1.625% 2022		845	0.53
1,461,000	SGSP Australia Assets 5.125% 2021		1,516	0.95
1,100,000	Societe Generale 1.875% 2024		1,117	0.70
1,700,000	Southern Water 5% 2021		1,770	1.11
1,149,000	Svensk Exportkredit 1.375% 2023		1,173	0.74
800,000	Svenska Handelsbanken 1.625% 2022		812	0.51
1,000,000	Svenska Handelsbanken 1.625% 2023		1,022	0.64
1,256,000	Swedbank 1.25% 2021		1,260	0.79
380,000	Thames Water 2.375% 2023		386	0.24
1,200,000	Thames Water Utilities Finance 5.05% 2020		1,216	0.76
500,000	Toyota Finance Australia 1.625% 2022		508	0.32
630,000	UBS 1.25% 2020		631	0.40
1,100,000	United Utilities 5.75% 2022		1,212	0.76
425,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.5% 2021		426	0.27
500,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.75% 2020		501	0.31
1,000,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.75% 2022		1,012	0.64
600,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.875% 2024		607	0.38
800,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 2.125% 2024		817	0.51
200,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 2.75% 2023		208	0.13
1,400,000	Wells Fargo 5.25% 2023		1,584	0.99
800,000	Western Power 3.625% 2023		856	0.54
800,000	Western Power 5.25% 2023		896	0.56
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
700,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 1.25% 2025		695	0.44
474,000	Barclays 3% 2026		503	0.32
166,000	BP Capital Markets 1.827% 2025		172	0.11
400,000	Credit Suisse 2.75% 2025		424	0.27
900,000	Credit Suisse FRN 2025		921	0.58
300,000	CYBG 4% 2026		324	0.20

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
	1,000,000	CYBG 5% 2026	1,027	0.64
	850,000	Dowson 2019-1 FRN 2026	850	0.53
	1,303,000	Fidelity National Information Services 2.602% 2025	1,382	0.87
	948,000	Fiserv 2.25% 2025	986	0.62
	500,000	Landesbank Baden-Wuerttemberg 1.5% 2025	501	0.31
	2,269,000	Lloyds Bank 5.75% fixed to floating 2025	2,310	1.45
	950,000	Lloyds Bank 7.625% 2025	1,221	0.77
	571,000	Lloyds Banking 1.875% fixed to floating 2026	576	0.36
	750,000	Motor 2016-1 1.3% 2025	294	0.18
	960,000	Royal Bank of Canada 1.125% 2025	954	0.60
	831,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 2.875% 2026	874	0.55
	629,000	Unilever 1.5% 2026	645	0.41
	600,000	Virgin Money 3.375 fixed to floating 2025	626	0.39
	1,038,000	Virgin Money UK 7.875% fixed to floating 2028	1,209	0.76
between 10 and 15 years to maturity				
	850,000	Thames Water 5.75% 2030	926	0.58
between 15 and 25 years to maturity				
	1,500,000	Aviva 6.625% fixed to floating 2041	1,600	1.00
	733,000	Castell 2017-1 1.75869% Variable 2044	148	0.09
	1,100,000	CNP Assurances 7.375% 2041	1,208	0.76
	500,000	QBE Insurance 6.115% 2042	546	0.34
greater than 25 years to maturity				
	1,500,000	America Movil 6.375% fixed to floating 2073	1,538	0.97
	1,099,000	BHP Billiton 6.5% 2077	1,233	0.77
	665,000	Feldspar 2016-1 FRN 2045	295	0.18
	724,000	Koninklijke KPN 6.875% 2073	728	0.46
	430,000	NGG 5.625% fixed to floating 2073	488	0.31
	1,212,000	Paragon FRN 2050	1,129	0.71
	232,000	Precise Mortgage Funding 2018-1B FRN 2054	150	0.09
	1,000,000	Precise Mortgage Funding 2018-2B FRN 2055	692	0.43
	400,000	Precise Mortgage Funding FRN 2056	401	0.25
	700,000	RMAC FRN 2046	564	0.35
	821,000	Tolkien Funding Sukuk FRN 2052	594	0.37
	1,200,000	Yorkshire Water FRN 2046	1,252	0.79
Perpetual				
	800,000	Aviva 5.9021% fixed to floating Perpetual	813	0.51
	800,000	Aviva 6.125% fixed to floating Perpetual	881	0.55
	910,000	Barclays 9% Perpetual	1,106	0.69

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
1,700,000	HSBC 5.862% Perpetual		1,712	1.07
200,000	HSBC 5.875% fixed to floating Perpetual		223	0.14
200,000	Nationwide Building Society 5.875% fixed to floating Perpetual		218	0.14
1,196,000	Orange 5.75% fixed to floating Perpetual		1,324	0.83
1,300,000	Orange 5.875% Perpetual		1,405	0.88
1,099,000	SSE 3.875% fixed to floating Perpetual		1,110	0.70
849,000	Standard Chartered 5.375% fixed to floating Perpetual		859	0.54
1,200,000	Zurich FRN Perpetual		1,357	0.85
Government Bonds (0.58%)			1,954	1.23
less than 5 years to maturity				
384,000	China Development Bank 1.25% 2023		386	0.24
310,000	Council of Europe Development Bank 1.125% 2021		312	0.20
273,000	CPPIB Capital 0.875% 2024		272	0.17
955,000	Inter-American Development Bank 1.375% 2024		984	0.62
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (7.84%)			11,182	7.02
Corporate Bonds (7.84%)			11,182	7.02
less than 5 years to maturity				
527,000	AutoNation 3.35% 2021		404	0.25
522,000	AXA Equitable Holdings 3.9% 2023		419	0.26
1,000,000	BP Capital Markets 2.315% 2020		759	0.48
1,300,000	Canadian Natural Resources 2.95% 2023		1,013	0.63
415,000	CVS Health 3.35% 2021		320	0.20
227,000	Danske Bank 5.375% 2024		191	0.12
750,000	Edison International 2.125% 2020		569	0.36
400,000	Exelon 3.497% 2022		312	0.19
1,000,000	Marathon Petroleum 3.4% 2020		769	0.48
1,200,000	Microsoft 2.4% 2022		926	0.58
1,000,000	Mizuho Financial 2.953% 2022		775	0.49
1,000,000	Morgan Stanley FRN 2022		765	0.48
399,000	Occidental Petroleum 4.85% 2021		312	0.20
1,208,000	Penske Truck Leasing 2.7% 2023		934	0.59
1,000,000	Philip Morris International 2% 2020		759	0.48
886,000	UBS 2.45% 2020		676	0.43
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
1,600,000	ABN Amro FRN 2028		1,279	0.80

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Government Bonds (0.00%)		-	-
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.33%)		15	0.01
	Buy EUR 720,000 Sell GBP 618,183 11/03/2020	(12)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 3,033,905 Sell EUR 3,581,000 11/03/2020	19	0.01
	Buy GBP 11,194,809 Sell USD 14,762,000 11/03/2020	8	0.01
Futures (-0.03%)		(51)	(0.03)
(56)	Short US 5 Year Note Future 31/03/2020	(51)	(0.03)
Total investment assets and liabilities		157,248	98.69
Net other assets		2,094	1.31
Total Net Assets		159,342	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.
The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

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

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		456		(783)
Revenue	1,824		1,685	
Expenses	(228)		(234)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,596		1,451	
Taxation	-		(64)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,596		1,387
Total return before distributions		2,052		604
Distributions		(1,596)		(1,386)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		456		(782)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		174,108		162,116
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	9,501		10,836	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(25,273)		(5,829)	
		(15,772)		5,007
Dilution adjustment		21		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		456		(782)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		529		428
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		159,342		166,769

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		157,311		169,665
Current assets:				
Debtors	3,255		2,894	
Cash and bank balances	1,544		3,299	
		4,799		6,193
Total assets		162,110		175,858
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(63)		(636)
Creditors	(2,169)		(512)	
Distribution payable	(536)		(602)	
		(2,705)		(1,114)
Total liabilities		(2,768)		(1,750)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		159,342		174,108

Distribution table**for the three months ended 31 October 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 October 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4154	-	0.4154*	0.3676
Group 2	-	-	-	0.3676
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4010	-	0.4010**	0.3600
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4977	-	0.4977*	0.4468
Group 2	0.2346	0.2631	0.4977*	0.4468
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4767	-	0.4767**	0.4352
Group 2	0.2163	0.2604	0.4767**	0.4352
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5256	-	0.5256*	0.4733
Group 2	0.3269	0.1987	0.5256*	0.4733
K Income shares				
Group 1	0.5020	-	0.5020**	0.4601
Group 2	0.2421	0.2599	0.5020**	0.4601
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6440	-	0.6440*	-
Group 2	0.0640	0.5800	0.6440*	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.6424	-	0.6424**	-
Group 2	0.0624	0.5800	0.6424**	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5808	-	0.5808*	0.5237
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2020.

for the three months ended 31 January 2020

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2019 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4275	-	0.4275*	0.2897
Group 2	-	-	-	-
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4116	-	0.4116**	0.2818
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5132	-	0.5132*	0.3694
Group 2	0.3078	0.2054	0.5132*	0.3694
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4891	-	0.4891**	0.3582
Group 2	0.1291	0.3600	0.4891**	0.3582
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5414	-	0.5414*	0.3958
Group 2	0.2908	0.2506	0.5414*	0.3958
K Income shares				
Group 1	0.5143	-	0.5143**	0.3830
Group 2	0.2490	0.2653	0.5143**	0.3830
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4988	-	0.4988*	0.3700
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.4882	-	0.4882**	0.3700
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5962	-	0.5962*	0.4454
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution payable on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI (AAM) UK Smaller Companies Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

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

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the Numis Smaller Companies Plus AIM excluding Investment Companies Index plus 3% per annum over three years (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 60% in smaller capitalisation equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in the UK or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from UK operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- Smaller capitalisation companies are defined as any stock having a market capitalisation less than the 10th percentile stock of the overall UK equity market.
- The Fund may also invest in mid and larger capitalisation companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in the UK.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using the management team's quality, growth and momentum approach. It aims to identify companies that show a range of high quality characteristics, operate in growing markets and display positive business momentum.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the Numis Smaller Companies Plus AIM excluding Investment Companies Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 10%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the index.

Please note: The Fund's ability to buy and sell small and mid-capitalisation shares and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress. In certain circumstances investors in the Fund may not be able to sell their investment when they want to.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI (AAM) UK Smaller Companies Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 19.33% compared to an increase of 10.16% in the benchmark, the Numis Smaller Companies Plus AIM excluding Investment Companies 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 climbed over the last six months, but their performance was, at times, uneven. Investors digested an economic platter soured by uninspiring newsflow and political uncertainty yet sweetened by dissipating trade tensions and a US Federal Reserve rate cut. In the end, the Conservative Party won a clear victory in the general election. This uncluttered the path to Brexit, with the UK leaving the European Union on 31 January. The result should provide greater parliamentary stability, while removing the Labour's Party's plans to renationalise several industries. As a result, domestically-focused smaller companies benefited as investors returned to the market in December.

Thereafter, the emergence of the coronavirus dominated global headlines. Both the spread and the extent of its economic impact remain unclear. Stocks with reduced exposure to overseas activities fared better than those with a higher dependence on international trade. Again, this helped small-caps. Meanwhile, data indicated that the UK retail sector is showing signs of strain, with sales falling month-on-month in December, marking the fifth straight month of no growth. This is the longest stretch of no growth since records began in 1996. However, the latest figures from the Office for National Statistics paint a brighter picture: a record 32.9 million people are currently in employment in the UK, boosted by an increase in the number of women in full-time work.

The Bank of England kept interest rates at 0.75% throughout, although two committee members voted to cut rates at its November policy meeting. The lack of unanimity was, perhaps, reflected in a December statement. It said that a rate reduction would be on the cards if the health of the global economy deteriorates or the UK's future relationship with the European Union becomes problematic.

Portfolio review

XP Power was the top-performing stock. The semiconductor market is recovering, helping the company round off the year on a positive note. This led to an earnings upgrade in January. Meanwhile, Warhammer maker Games Workshop continued to go from strength to strength, culminating in record-breaking results. The company announced £257 million in sales in 2019, marking an £81 million profit. Dart Group (owner of Jet2) was another positive for the Fund. Customer demand remains robust, particularly for the company's leisure travel business. It is also benefiting from the demise of Thomas Cook. Software company Kainos received a lift following the Conservative Party's election win. Investors think the company will be one of the beneficiaries of new government contracts.

Not everything worked. Audio-visual specialist Midwich shares fell following a profit warning. The company warned of weaker end-markets, particular for larger, higher-margin projects. A holding in Fischer (James) & Sons also disappointed.

Turning to activity, we purchased shares in Cranswick, the producer and supplier of premium foods. Swine flu is driving demand for imported quality pork in China, while rising prices in the UK should offset the challenging consumer environment there. The company is also moving into poultry, and this should help drive earnings growth.

Elsewhere, we bought Computacenter. The company provides computer services to public- and private-sector customers, and has strong organic growth and good read across from peers. Computacenter is trading well in the UK, German and France, where it enjoys healthy sales. Finally, it has a strong balance sheet and good cash generation, which could result in a share buyback programme further down the line.

Finally, we continued to increase our position in online ticketing firm Trainline. The company enjoys a market-leading position, thanks to robust investment in its tech platform. It also has an impressive CEO and many avenues for growth. Importantly, the company is replicating its successful UK model in Europe. This should drive future returns.

Outlook

UK equities have been an unloved asset class since the shock June 2016 result. However, there are indications that investor sentiment is starting to improve. Many highlight the attractive fundamentals of several businesses, while valuations are compelling relative to other regions. We would therefore hope to see further inflows into UK equities over the year.

Within the portfolio, we are not looking to make any changes based on what might become of Brexit. Macro factors are an input into our investment process in terms of how they directly affect businesses. However, we prefer to build our portfolios from the bottom up, favouring company-specific insights. In general, we maintain our focus on high-quality companies that have predictable business models, good management teams and strong balance sheets.

Small Cap Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

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- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The shares of small and mid-cap companies may be less liquid and more volatile than those of larger companies.

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Comparative tables

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	57,460	48,951	64,695	105,934
Closing number of shares	12,958,980	12,985,385	15,849,870	29,217,880
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	443.40	376.97	408.17	362.57
Change in net asset value per share	17.62%	(7.64%)	12.58%	25.83%
Operating charges	1.30%	1.41%	1.60%	1.60%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	32,399	20,540	23,378	18,088
Closing number of shares	13,769,190	10,290,720	10,877,142	9,546,438
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	235.30	199.60	214.93	189.48
Change in net asset value per share	17.89%	(7.13%)	13.43%	26.78%
Operating charges	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%
K Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	102	76	601	10
Closing number of shares	62,857	55,360	406,762	7,600
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	161.83	137.21	147.68	130.08
Change in net asset value per share	17.94%	(7.09%)	13.53%	26.87%
Operating charges	0.78%	0.78%	0.78%	0.78%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	27	-		
Closing number of shares	20,998	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	130.99	110.99		
Change in net asset value per share	18.02%	-		
Operating charges	0.90%	0.90%		
Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,923	2,092	17,380	25,767
Closing number of shares	537,885	455,615	3,542,069	6,001,269
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	543.48	459.06	490.69	429.36
Change in net asset value per share	18.39%	(6.45%)	14.28%	18.81%
Operating charges	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%	0.10%

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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.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 3 December 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (95.60%)		92,474	99.53
Consumer Goods (10.61%)		13,888	14.95
678,600	Boohoo.com ⁺⁺	2,051	2.21
53,100	Cranswick	1,896	2.04
103,093	Focusrite ⁺⁺	756	0.82
62,792	Games Workshop	4,163	4.48
289,892	Hilton Food	3,055	3.29
93,000	JD Sports	764	0.82
241,500	Team17 ⁺⁺	1,203	1.29
Consumer Services (13.53%)		18,223	19.61
88,059	4Imprint	2,906	3.13
189,400	Dart Group ⁺⁺	3,218	3.46
231,343	Future	2,957	3.18
109,400	GlobalData ^{++,*}	1,411	1.52
104,300	Greggs	2,349	2.53
480,600	Hollywood Bowl	1,403	1.50
388,400	Next Fifteen Communications ⁺⁺	1,958	2.11
687,400	Patisserie	-	-
428,806	Trainline	2,021	2.18
Financials (6.71%)		11,175	12.03
311,123	AJ Bell	1,212	1.30
62,800	Big Yellow	740	0.80
18,769	HIE Ventures	-	-
103,600	Intermediate Capital	1,804	1.94
340,300	JTC	1,456	1.57
74,318	Liontrust Asset Management	996	1.07
315,800	Paragon	1,603	1.72
160,000	Safestore	1,287	1.39
811,708	Sirius Real Estate	733	0.79
110,600	Workspace	1,344	1.45
Health care (10.05%)		4,624	4.98
64,633	Abcam ⁺⁺	900	0.97
71,137	Dechra Pharmaceuticals	2,022	2.18
55,283	Genus	1,702	1.83

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Industrials (31.87%)		27,413	29.50
33,900	Avon Rubber	844	0.91
63,500	Diploma	1,236	1.33
546,783	DiscoverIE	3,106	3.34
120,039	Fisher (J) & Sons	2,362	2.54
129,200	Hill & Smith	1,835	1.97
465,040	Johnson Service**	974	1.05
343,140	Marshalls	2,707	2.91
399,081	Midwich**	2,107	2.27
148,324	Morgan Sindall	2,714	2.92
185,072	PayPoint	1,847	1.99
325,395	Robert Walters	1,946	2.09
350,000	RWS**	2,006	2.16
193,200	Sanne	1,159	1.25
72,000	XP Power	2,570	2.77
Technology (15.85%)		11,079	11.92
37,600	AVEVA	1,848	1.99
93,400	Computacenter	1,675	1.80
97,300	FDM	954	1.03
48,553	First Derivatives**	1,342	1.44
400,000	GB**	2,840	3.06
307,157	Kainos	2,420	2.60
Telecommunications (6.98%)		6,072	6.54
251,870	Gamma Communication**	3,514	3.78
169,418	Telecom Plus	2,558	2.76
Collective Investment Schemes (0.03%)		103	0.11
103	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund *	103	0.11
Total investment assets		92,577	99.64
Net other assets		334	0.36
Total Net Assets		92,911	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

** AIM listed.

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

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		12,507		(16,824)
Revenue	775		1,016	
Expenses	(439)		(525)	
Net revenue before taxation	336		491	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		336		491
Total return before distributions		12,843		(16,333)
Distributions		(336)		(491)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		12,507		(16,824)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		71,659		106,054
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	13,357		380	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(5,015)		(3,984)	
		8,342		(3,604)
Dilution adjustment		34		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		12,507		(16,824)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		369		485
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		92,911		86,111

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		92,577		68,531
Current assets:				
Debtors	488		2,064	
Cash and bank balances	710		1,218	
		1,198		3,282
Total assets		93,775		71,813
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(864)		(154)	
		(864)		(154)
Total liabilities		(864)		(154)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		92,911		71,659

Distribution table**for the six months ended 31 January 2020**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.3706	-	1.3706*	1.2436
Group 2	0.4242	0.9464	1.3706*	1.2436
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2041	-	1.2041*	1.2890
Group 2	0.4708	0.7333	1.2041*	1.2890
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8717	-	0.8717*	0.9294
Group 2	0.0861	0.7856	0.8717*	0.9294
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5829	-	0.5829*	0.2300
Group 2	0.4029	0.1800	0.5829*	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	4.6114	-	4.6114*	4.6019
Group 2	1.5650	3.0464	4.6114*	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

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.

ASI American Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

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

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the S&P 500 Index plus 3% per annum over three years (before charges).

The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in the US or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from US operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- The Fund may also invest up to 20% in companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in Canada or Latin America.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the S&P 500 Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 9%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the S&P 500 Index over the long term.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund ("Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI American Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 1.47% compared to an increase of 2.23% in the performance target, the S&P 500 Index, (lagged by one day).

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

The Fund returns to the reporting date are based on dealing net asset values (NAVs) using a 13:00 Central European Time (CET) valuation point. For US equity funds, this means the dealing NAV uses security prices at close of the previous working day. The benchmark index, if unadjusted, would use the closing prices of the reporting date. When a US equity benchmark is compared against a US equity fund, this valuation point difference may produce a significant distortion in benchmark-relative performance. In order to neutralise this distortion, the benchmark returns shown are to the day previous to the reporting date.

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

US equities experienced numerous bouts of volatility during the six-month period ended 31 January 2020. Markets were buoyed by generally positive economic data reports and news of a phase one agreement in the US-China trade dispute. However, towards the end of the review period, stock prices fell sharply on investors' fears surrounding the potential negative impact of the coronavirus on the US economy and corporate earnings. The US broader-market S&P 500 Index returned 1.53% in sterling terms during the period. The information technology and utilities sectors were the strongest performers within the index. Conversely, energy stocks posted significant losses as the West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil price declined more than 15% over the review period. The industrials sector also posted a negative return and was a notable market laggard.

The US Federal Reserve (Fed) reduced its benchmark interest rate in two increments of 25 basis points in September and October 2019, then subsequently paused monetary policy easing for the remainder of the review period. In a statement following its meeting on 28-29 January 2020, the Fed cited continued weakness in business fixed investment and exports. The central bank also commented that "market-based measures of inflation compensation remain low; survey-based measures of longer-term inflation expectations are little changed."

On the political front, the Democratic Party majority in the US House of Representatives voted to impeach President Donald Trump after the a whistleblower's complaint alleged that he had asked President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine to investigate former Vice President Joe Biden, a possible opponent of Trump in the presidential election in November 2020. As expected, Trump subsequently was acquitted of the charges in the Republican Party-controlled Senate in early February. The US financial markets' reaction to the impeachment inquiry and trial was relatively muted.

In economic news, US GDP grew at an annualised rate of 2.1% in both the third and fourth quarters of 2019. The upturn in the fourth quarter was attributable mainly to increases in consumer spending, as well as state and local government spending, which were partially offset by declines in private inventory investment and nonresidential fixed investment. US payrolls expanded by an average of roughly 206,000 per month during the six-month review period, and the unemployment rate dipped 0.1 percentage point to 3.6%. Average hourly earnings rose 3.1% year over year in January 2020, up from the 2.9% annualised rate in December 2019.

Portfolio review

The Fund underperformed the benchmark S&P 500 Index for the six-month period ended January 31, 2020. Fund performance was hampered mainly by an underweight allocation relative to the benchmark to the information technology sector, as well as stock selection in healthcare. The largest individual stock detractors included holdings in small parcel carrier United Parcel Service (UPS) and oil and gas company EOG Resources, as well as the lack of exposure to tech giant Apple Inc.

United Parcel Service reported 2020 earnings guidance below expectations as the small parcel carrier pulled forward spending on small-medium business initiatives, delaying the margin improvement trajectory the market had been expecting. Furthermore, UPS disclosed that Amazon represented 11.6% of revenues, which raised questions about the company's reliance on its largest customer for growth. EOG Resources reported a notable increase in crude oil production for the second and third quarters of its 2019 fiscal year. However, the company saw year-over-year declines in natural gas liquids and natural gas revenues for both periods. Regarding the absence of a position in Apple, while we acknowledge the company's innovations, we historically have had concerns with the lack of visibility into its business and its high dependence on a single product. We also have questioned the sustainability of the company's revenue growth and margin profile over longer periods.

On the positive side, strong stock selection in the industrials and consumer discretionary sectors bolstered Fund performance for the review period. The primary contributors among individual holdings were freight railroad operator Kansas City Southern, luxury goods retailer Tiffany & Co., and Florida-based clean energy utility company NextEra Energy.

Kansas City Southern's results for its 2019 fiscal year were bolstered by significant increases in revenue in its Chemicals and Petroleum segments. Additionally, management issued a positive business outlook for 2020. In October, diversified luxury goods conglomerate LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton confirmed that it had "preliminary discussions" to acquire Fund holding Tiffany & Co. in an all-cash transaction for US\$120 per share — a premium of about 30% Tiffany & Co.'s stock price at the time of the offer. LVMH subsequently reached an agreement to purchase Tiffany for US\$16.2 million in cash. The transaction is expected to close in mid-2020, subject to approval from Tiffany's shareholders and government regulators. Finally, NextEra Energy's results for its 2019 fiscal year were supported by strength in its competitive energy segment, NextEra Energy Resources, as well as Florida Power & Light Co., its rate-regulated electric utility business.

Outlook

As expected, Fed monetary policy remained on hold in January and seemed to indicate that the bar is high for interest-rate hikes. We view this as generally positive for the market, given the prospect for lower consumer and business funding costs. We think a more dovish Fed will serve to underpin current economic growth, rather than accelerate it significantly in the near term. The fourth-quarter earnings season in the U.S. got off to a good start, and our sense is that results have largely been "better than feared." We maintain our view that earnings growth will accelerate as we move through 2020, though we believe that returns will be dictated by earnings/cash-flow growth as opposed to further multiple expansion (though that dynamic will differ depending on the sector/individual security). Therefore, it would not be a stretch to say that we expect more muted equity returns in 2020.

North American Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

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Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	70,245	79,995	64,365	103,277
Closing number of shares	2,305,189	2,664,410	2,477,832	4,541,987
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	3,047.27	3,002.37	2,597.62	2,273.82
Change in net asset value per share	1.50%	15.58%	14.24%	15.25%
Operating charges	1.32%	1.42%	1.62%	1.62%

I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	48,951	52,892	46,094	40,206
Closing number of shares	1,449,141	1,592,846	1,613,246	1,619,700
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	3,377.90	3,320.61	2,857.23	2,482.31
Change in net asset value per share	1.73%	16.22%	15.10%	16.12%
Operating charges	0.87%	0.87%	0.87%	0.87%

M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-	-	-
Closing number of shares	903	100	-	-
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	120.18	117.98	-	-
Change in net asset value per share	1.86%	-	-	-
Operating charges	0.92%	0.92%	-	-

Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7,037	6,315	6,833	7,460
Closing number of shares	3,629,065	3,325,193	4,213,000	5,334,400
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	193.91	189.91	162.19	139.85
Change in net asset value per share	2.11%	17.09%	15.97%	16.99%
Operating charges	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%	0.12%

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^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 28 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
North American Equities (98.01%)		124,663	98.76
Communication Services (7.19%)		10,053	7.96
Media & Entertainment (5.78%)		10,053	7.96
5,085	Alphabet 'A'	5,523	4.37
138,251	Comcast 'A'	4,530	3.59
Telecommunication Services (1.41%)		-	-
Consumer Discretionary (13.17%)		16,128	12.77
Consumer Services (3.82%)		3,490	2.76
95,978	Service Corporation International	3,490	2.76
Retailing (9.35%)		12,638	10.01
4,558	Amazon.com	6,942	5.50
24,340	Tiffany	2,475	1.96
71,938	TJX	3,221	2.55
Consumer Staples (9.98%)		9,631	7.63
Food & Staples Retailing (5.26%)		7,253	5.75
155,919	Alimentation Couche-Tard 'B'	3,936	3.12
14,313	Costco Wholesale	3,317	2.63
Food Beverage & Tobacco (2.04%)		-	-
Household & Personal Products (2.68%)		2,378	1.88
16,073	Estee Lauder	2,378	1.88
Energy (4.57%)		3,660	2.90
41,699	ConocoPhillips	1,879	1.49
32,197	EOG Resources	1,781	1.41
Financials (14.73%)		16,051	12.72
Banks (6.47%)		4,412	3.50
33,017	Citigroup	1,863	1.48

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
30,308	First Republic Bank	2,549	2.02
Diversified Financials (8.26%)		11,639	9.22
35,722	American Express	3,518	2.79
65,350	Intercontinental Exchange	4,943	3.91
91,997	Schwab (Charles)	3,178	2.52
Health Care (13.40%)		14,909	11.81
Health Care Equipment & Services (8.98%)		11,643	9.22
61,466	Baxter International	4,159	3.29
118,999	Boston Scientific	3,777	2.99
17,941	United Health	3,707	2.94
Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology & Life Sciences (4.42%)		3,266	2.59
42,499	PRA Health Sciences	3,266	2.59
Industrials (6.67%)		16,885	13.38
Capital Goods (2.02%)		3,256	2.58
19,443	Raytheon	3,256	2.58
Commercial & Professional Services (2.19%)		6,488	5.14
76,283	IHS Markit	4,563	3.61
15,616	Verisk Analytics	1,925	1.53
Transportation (2.46%)		7,141	5.66
33,309	Kansas City Southern	4,263	3.38
36,659	United Parcel Services	2,878	2.28
Information Technology (19.37%)		27,826	22.05
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment (2.05%)		-	-
Software & Services (15.15%)		27,826	22.05
13,536	Adobe	3,604	2.86
43,108	Fidelity National Information Services	4,696	3.72
70,592	Microsoft	9,113	7.22

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
27,592	Nice	3,606	2.86
45,115	Visa 'A'	6,807	5.39
Technology Hardware & Equipment (2.17%)		-	-
Materials (4.05%)		2,621	2.08
17,615	Ecolab	2,621	2.08
Real Estate (1.78%)		2,779	2.20
6,211	Equinix	2,779	2.20
Utilities (3.10%)		4,120	3.26
20,261	NextEra Energy	4,120	3.26
Collective Investment Schemes (2.84%)		3,421	2.71
4,510	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - US Dollar Fund ⁺	3,421	2.71
Total investment assets		128,084	101.47
Net other liabilities		(1,850)	(1.47)
Total Net Assets		126,234	100.00

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⁺ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		2,294		(4,624)
Revenue	775		1,002	
Expenses	(714)		(723)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(5)		(3)	
Net revenue before taxation	56		276	
Taxation	(113)		(129)	
Net (expense)/revenue after taxation		(57)		147
Total return before equalisation		2,237		(4,477)
Equalisation on shares		(3)		(4)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		2,234		(4,481)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		139,202		117,292
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	34,380		32,962	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(49,582)		(34,521)	
		(15,202)		(1,559)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		2,234		(4,481)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		126,234		111,252

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		128,084		140,379
Current assets:				
Debtors	55		92	
Cash and bank balances	208		472	
		263		564
Total assets		128,347		140,943
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(2,113)		(1,741)	
		(2,113)		(1,741)
Total liabilities		(2,113)		(1,741)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		126,234		139,202

ASI Asia Pacific and Japan Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in Asia Pacific, including Japan equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the MSCI AC Asia Pacific Index plus 3% per annum over rolling three year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund invests at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in Asia Pacific including Japan countries, or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the MSCI AC Asia Pacific Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index, is not ordinarily expected exceed 12.5%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the MSCI AC Asia Pacific Index.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with risk profile of the Fund ("Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Asia Pacific and Japan Equity Fund - A Accumulation Shares decreased by 2.66% compared to a decrease of 1.66% 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

Asia Pacific equities fell in the half-year under review, with sterling strength dampening returns. The period was bookended by bouts of selling pressure. Markets began on the back foot as re-escalating US-China trade friction compounded worries about slowing global growth. But optimism returned as both sides resumed talks and eventually reached a partial trade pact. Continued policy easing worldwide also proved helpful. The US and Europe both cut rates, with the Federal Reserve signalling it would remain accommodative through 2020. This easing wave was mirrored across Asia, with China, India and Japan also rolling out fiscal measures to shore up their economies. In January, sentiment soured again after a viral outbreak in Wuhan, China, spread across the region. Across markets and sectors, technology stocks rallied on hopes of a recovery in semiconductor demand, underpinned by faster deployment of 5G networks. Japanese shares were resilient, thanks to a weaker yen, a US\$120 billion stimulus package and expectations for better corporate earnings. In contrast, rising political unrest hampered Hong Kong and India, while oil prices were volatile amid renewed instability in the Middle East.

Portfolio review

The Fund lagged the benchmark. Our stock picks in India detracted the most. Conglomerate ITC fell on worries about higher taxes on some of its products. Also among the laggards was software major Tata Consultancy Services, on the back of weaker demand from key clients.

Elsewhere, our exposure to Thailand hurt due to a subdued outlook for economic growth and earnings. As a result, the position in the Aberdeen New Thai Investment Trust weighed on returns. China also hampered performance. Despite easing trade tensions and Beijing's ongoing stimulus, Chinese stocks ended lower due to fears about the economic impact of the

covid-19 outbreak. Notably, not holding Alibaba cost the fund as it posted solid results and completed its secondary listing in Hong Kong. Separately, Ping An Insurance pulled back on concerns that upcoming industry liberalisation could worsen competitive pressures.

On a brighter note, Japan was a major area of strength, with holdings there comprising seven out of the 10 best stock performers. Among the standouts were drugmaker Chugai Pharmaceutical. It continued to post good results and earnings forecasts, driven by healthy sales of haemophilia drug, Hemlibra, and favourable clinical trial outcomes for its oncology drugs. Another contributor was Japan Exchange Group, as its takeover of the Tokyo Commodity Exchange broadened its range of derivatives products.

Our choice of holdings in Australia also added to performance. Biotechnology major CSL rose, thanks to its market leadership, scale benefits in blood-plasma collection and derivative product capabilities. Not holding large-cap Australian lenders proved beneficial too.

Core technology holdings, Samsung Electronics and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co (TSMC), boosted the fund as well. They joined the global rally in the semiconductor sector as 5G adoption and healthy smartphone sales strengthened expectations of a recovery in chip demand. As leaders in their respective fields, we expect both Samsung and TSMC to be long-term winners, given their investments in innovation and scale.

In key portfolio activity, we continued to reduce the fund's exposure to Hong Kong in favour of more promising options in mainland China. To that end, we exited Hong Kong-listed Swire Pacific, and its property arm, Swire Properties. We were concerned over the impact of the protracted unrest on the city's economy and real estate sector. In addition, we sold Hang Lung Properties in view of its muted outlook.

We added to our mainland positions by introducing CNOOC, one of China's biggest oil exploration and production companies. The company's steady production growth and disciplined capital management should drive earnings higher. Management's cost controls and capex planning support healthy free cash flow and a decent dividend yield. We also initiated online classifieds business 58.com. It is the domestic leader in property listings, particularly the secondary market, and is dominant in blue-collar job listings. While it is weathering a period of cyclical weakness, we think its business model remains intact. It has been profitable since 2017 and generates healthy margins and cash flow.

Meanwhile, we participated in the public offering of Asia's largest brewer, Budweiser Brewing Company APAC (Bud APAC). Although listed in Hong Kong, the bulk of its profits are derived from China and South Korea, where it is a market leader. Despite rising competitive pressures, we think Bud APAC has sufficient quality to deliver steady long-term returns. The strength of its beer brands, coupled with consumers' growing preference for premium products, augur well for its margins and earnings.

Elsewhere, we added two Japanese names to the portfolio. AS One is a scientific equipment wholesaler known for its vast product line-up and quick delivery times. Recruit Holdings has a dominant human-resource platform and several lifestyle domains. Its investments in technology enable it to tap on the hiring needs

of smaller businesses worldwide. We also invested in Xero, which develops cloud-based accounting software for smaller companies. It reinvests earnings from its core Australian and New Zealand businesses into ancillary products and transactional activities, while diversifying into new markets. These could dent its near-term profitability, but should drive future growth.

Against this, we divested Korean internet company Naver. Although its core search business remains cash-generative, it was taking longer than anticipated to realise gains from its other investments. We sold Singapore's Keppel Corp, given a difficult business outlook. We also exited lenders HSBC and Public Bank, as our conviction in their growth prospects waned.

Outlook

The coronavirus outbreak is now the key short-term risk for Asia. With the number of cases still rising, there are fears that the epidemic could worsen. Consumption, retail and tourism-related sectors will likely bear the brunt, while auto and technology supply-chains face disruptions. This compounds existing worries about already-slowing economic activity across the region. Other issues, including the US-China "Phase Two" trade talks, Middle East tensions and unrest in Hong Kong and India, cloud the outlook too. Therefore, volatility in financial markets is likely to persist, at least until the virus is contained.

That said, we think Beijing's response so far has been more effective than its reaction to the 2003 SARS outbreak. Governments and policymakers are already responding with efforts to cushion economies from the virus fallout. Malaysia is planning a stimulus package, while the Bank of Thailand has cut its policy rate to a record low. On our end, we take a longer-term view in our investment decisions. Heavy market selloffs may appear unnerving, but they present opportunities to add to our favoured positions or invest in new names at more reasonable valuations. We believe our holdings' prospects remain bright, given their exposure to long-term structural growth drivers. Their quality and solid fundamentals should also help tide them over this trying period.

Asia Pacific Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including without limitation greater price volatility, less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative tables

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	37,575	32,389	40,153	45,158
Closing number of shares	14,763,420	12,425,032	16,718,059	19,563,631
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	254.51	260.68	240.18	230.82
Change in net asset value per share	(2.37%)	8.54%	4.06%	18.42%
Operating charges	1.58%	1.69%	1.93%	1.95%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	81,284	95,009	88,615	96,091
Closing number of shares	47,546,415	54,383,792	55,357,612	62,931,565
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	170.96	174.70	160.08	152.69
Change in net asset value per share	(2.14%)	9.13%	4.84%	19.32%
Operating charges	1.13%	1.13%	1.18%	1.20%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4	-		
Closing number of shares	3,630	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	115.06	117.50		
Change in net asset value per share	(2.08%)	-		
Operating charges	1.18%	1.18%		

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.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 26 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (92.02%)		109,350	92.00
European Equities (0.55%)		626	0.53
Netherlands (0.55%)		626	0.53
2,928	ASML	626	0.53
Japanese Equities (25.30%)		33,954	28.57
157,000	Amada	1,276	1.07
9,400	As One	650	0.55
29,700	Chugai Pharmaceutical	2,340	1.97
12,400	Daikin Industries	1,356	1.14
35,200	Denso Corporation	1,118	0.94
11,500	Fanuc	1,635	1.38
217,600	Japan Exchange Group	3,020	2.54
31,800	Kansai Paint	589	0.50
12,700	Keyence	3,319	2.79
53,600	Makita	1,593	1.34
35,600	Nippon Paint	1,313	1.11
18,300	Pigeon	501	0.42
41,600	Recruit	1,253	1.05
113,700	Renesas Electronics	565	0.48
12,500	SCSK	516	0.43
53,400	Seven & I	1,574	1.32
4,900	Shimano	578	0.49
32,400	Shin-Etsu Chemical	2,880	2.42
42,600	Shionogi	1,955	1.65
28,500	Stanley Electric	568	0.48
22,800	Sysmex	1,260	1.06
42,800	Tokio Marine	1,793	1.51
31,800	Toyota Motor	1,703	1.43
195,800	Yahoo Japan	599	0.50
North America Equities (1.48%)		1,419	1.19
United States (1.48%)		1,419	1.19
30,613	Huazhu Group	801	0.67
18,926	Yum China	618	0.52

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Pacific Basin Equities (54.33%)		65,511	55.11
Australia (5.99%)		7,188	6.05
79,363	Aristocrat Leisure	1,457	1.23
88,179	BHP	1,463	1.23
9,578	Cochlear	1,155	0.97
12,343	CSL	1,954	1.64
400,000	Medibank Private	630	0.53
30,000	Woodside Petroleum	529	0.45
China (9.54%)		12,088	10.17
11,000	58.com	464	0.39
129,000	Anhui Conch Cement	631	0.53
12,109	Autohome (ADR)	702	0.59
167,000	China Conch Venture	565	0.48
362,500	Ping An Insurance	3,141	2.64
38,200	Sunny Optical Technology	473	0.40
136,300	Tencent	4,967	4.18
118,000	Wuxi Biologics	1,145	0.96
Hong Kong (8.99%)		10,299	8.66
374,200	AIA	2,842	2.39
62,000	ASM Pacific Technology	643	0.54
456,600	Budweiser Brewing	1,051	0.88
90,000	China Mobile	565	0.48
730,000	China Resources Land	2,329	1.96
1,016,000	CNOOC	1,177	0.99
44,343	Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing	1,121	0.94
24,439	Jardine Strategic	571	0.48
India (8.76%)		9,657	8.12
47,690	Grasim Industries	394	0.33
39,000	HDFC Bank	508	0.43
28,100	Hindustan Unilever	609	0.51
100,507	Housing Development Finance	2,582	2.17
603,496	ITC	1,509	1.27
92,990	Kotak Mahindra Bank	1,669	1.40
80,746	Tata Consultancy Services	1,788	1.51
12,714	UltraTech Cement	598	0.50

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Indonesia (4.03%)		5,343	4.50
3,011,600	Astra International	1,062	0.89
1,505,800	Bank Central Asia	2,710	2.28
4,971,000	Bank Rakyat Indonesia	1,232	1.04
767,500	Unilever Indonesia	339	0.29
Malaysia (0.62%)		-	-
New Zealand (0.00%)		383	0.32
8,900	Xero	383	0.32
Philippines (1.46%)		1,550	1.30
41,960	Ayala	455	0.38
647,800	Ayala Land	402	0.34
563,151	Bank of the Philippine Islands	693	0.58
Singapore (5.66%)		4,524	3.81
103,600	City Developments	609	0.51
85,133	DBS	1,201	1.01
259,100	Oversea-Chinese Banking	1,560	1.32
304,300	Singapore Telecommunications	558	0.47
41,870	United Overseas Bank	596	0.50
South Korea (4.39%)		7,066	5.95
7,577	LG Chemical	1,625	1.37
179,979	Samsung Electronics (Pref)	5,441	4.58
Taiwan (4.17%)		6,648	5.59
445,107	Taiwan Mobile	1,196	1.00
678,504	Taiwan Semiconductors Manufacturing	5,452	4.59
Thailand (0.72%)		765	0.64
693,000	Bangkok Dusit Medical Services (Alien)	418	0.35
39,900	Siam Cement (Alien)	347	0.29

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (10.36%)		7,840	6.60
Basic Materials (0.87%)		878	0.74
21,510	Rio Tinto	878	0.74
Financials (9.49%)		6,962	5.86
497,536	Aberdeen New Thai Investment Trust*	2,475	2.08
377,000	Aberdeen Standard Asia Focus*	3,977	3.35
80,884	Standard Chartered	510	0.43
Collective Investment Schemes (5.92%)		6,908	5.81
578,101	Aberdeen Standard SICAV I-China A Share Equity Fund*	6,908	5.81
Total investment assets		116,258	97.81
Net other assets		2,605	2.19
Total Net Assets		118,863	100.00

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* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(3,443)		(6,589)
Revenue	1,224		1,036	
Expenses	(775)		(746)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		-	
Net revenue before taxation	448		290	
Taxation	(83)		(118)	
Net revenue after taxation		365		172
Total return before equalisation		(3,078)		(6,417)
Equalisation on shares		(40)		(12)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(3,118)		(6,429)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		127,398		128,768
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	19,471		2,128	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(24,913)		(14,692)	
		(5,442)		(12,564)
Dilution adjustment		25		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(3,118)		(6,429)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		118,863		109,775

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		116,258		124,769
Current assets:				
Debtors	448		1,167	
Cash and bank balances	3,614		3,160	
		4,062		4,327
Total assets		120,320		129,096
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(1,457)		(1,698)	
		(1,457)		(1,698)
Total liabilities		(1,457)		(1,698)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		118,863		127,398

ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in Asia Pacific, excluding Japan equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index plus 3% per annum over three years (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund invests at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in Asia Pacific excluding Japan countries, or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index, is not ordinarily expected to exceed 12.5%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Index over the long term.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund ("Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund - A Accumulation Shares decreased by 5.32% compared to a decrease of 3.67% in the performance target, 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

Asia Pacific equities fell in the half-year under review, with sterling strength dampening returns. The period was bookended by bouts of selling pressure. Markets began on the back foot as re-escalating US-China trade friction compounded worries about slowing global growth. But optimism returned as both sides resumed talks and eventually reached a partial trade pact. Continued policy easing worldwide also proved helpful. The US and Europe both cut rates, with the Federal Reserve signalling it would remain accommodative through 2020. This easing wave was mirrored across Asia, with China and India rolling out fiscal measures to shore up their economies. In January, sentiment soured again after a viral outbreak in Wuhan, China, spread across the region. Across markets and sectors, technology stocks rallied on hopes of a recovery in semiconductor demand, underpinned by faster deployment of 5G networks. In contrast, rising political unrest hampered Hong Kong and India, while oil prices were volatile amid renewed instability in the Middle East.

Portfolio review

The Fund was roughly flat against the benchmark. Our country positioning dampened performance, but this was mitigated by positive stock selection.

Our stock picks in China hampered returns. Despite easing trade tensions and Beijing's ongoing stimulus, Chinese stocks ended lower due to fears about the economic impact of the covid-19 outbreak. Notably, not holding Alibaba cost the fund as it posted solid results and competed its secondary listing in Hong Kong. Separately, Ping An Insurance pulled back on concerns that upcoming industry liberalisation could worsen competitive pressures. However, several domestic-oriented holdings, such as Wuxi Biologics, still delivered good returns. The company's solid fundamentals, coupled with expectations of greater policy support for drug research, lifted its share price.

Our heavy exposure to Hong Kong detracted too. Swire Pacific declined on worries about the impact of the prolonged protests on the property sector. Mixed results from its regional units additionally pressured Jardine Strategic. Newly-initiated Budweiser Brewing Company APAC (Bud APAC), was weak as well, though we think it will be resilient given the regional nature of its business. We participated in Bud APAC's public offering in October. Although listed in Hong Kong, the bulk of its profits are derived from China and South Korea, where it is a market leader. Despite rising competitive pressures, we think Bud APAC has sufficient quality to deliver steady long-term returns.

The strength of its beer brands, coupled with consumers' growing preference for premium products, bodes well for its margins and earnings.

On the whole, we have reduced our exposure to Hong Kong in favour of more attractive opportunities in mainland China. To that end, we exited Hong Kong-listed Hang Lung Properties in view of its muted outlook. Meanwhile, we added to our mainland positions by introducing CNOOC, one of China's biggest oil exploration and production companies. With Beijing keen to bolster domestic energy output, the company's steady production growth and disciplined capital management should drive earnings higher. Management's cost controls and capex planning support healthy free cash flow and a decent dividend yield. We also initiated online classifieds business 58.com. It is the domestic leader in property listings, particularly the secondary market, and is dominant in blue-collar job listings. While 58 is weathering a period of cyclical weakness, we think its business model remains intact. It has been profitable since 2017 and generates healthy margins and cash flow.

Our exposure to India was mixed. Conglomerate ITC was a major laggard due to worries about higher taxes on some of its products. Software major Tata Consultancy Services fell on the back of weaker demand from key clients. That said, the fund's financial holdings were a bright spot. Their quality set them apart from peers in the wider sector, which continued to be troubled by a cash crunch. Investors rewarded leading mortgage provider Housing Development Finance Corp after its results showed no signs of stress. SBI Life Insurance also fared well on the back of encouraging growth in new business premiums.

On a brighter note, our lower exposure to Australia, which lagged the wider region, buoyed performance. Our choice of holdings there was helpful too. Biotechnology major CSL rose, thanks to its market leadership, scale benefits in blood-plasma collection and derivative product capabilities. Not holding large-cap Australian lenders proved beneficial as well.

Also among the top contributors were our core technology holdings, Samsung Electronics and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co (TSMC). They joined the global rally in the semiconductor sector as 5G adoption and healthy smartphone sales strengthened expectations of a recovery in chip demand. As leaders in their respective fields, we expect both Samsung and TSMC to be long-term winners, given their investments in innovation and scale. Elsewhere, optical product maker Sunny Optical climbed on the back of increased orders, while packaging equipment supplier ASM Pacific performed well too.

Apart from the portfolio changes above, we sold Indian motorcycle-maker Hero Motocorp as our conviction in its growth prospects waned.

Outlook

The coronavirus outbreak is now the key short-term risk for Asia. With the number of cases still rising, there are fears that the epidemic could worsen. Consumption, retail and tourism-related sectors will likely bear the brunt, while auto and technology supply-chains face disruptions. This compounds existing worries about already-slowing economic activity across the region. Other issues, including the US-China "Phase Two" trade talks, Middle East tensions and unrest in Hong Kong and India, cloud the outlook too. Therefore, volatility in financial markets is likely to persist, at least until the virus is contained.

That said, we think Beijing's response so far has been more effective than its reaction to the 2003 SARS outbreak.

Governments and policymakers are already responding with efforts to cushion economies from the virus fallout. Malaysia is planning a stimulus package, while the Bank of Thailand has cut its policy rate to a record low. On our end, we take a longer-term view in our investment decisions. Heavy market selloffs may appear unnerving, but they present opportunities to add to our favoured positions or invest in new names at more reasonable valuations. We believe our holdings' prospects remain bright, given their exposure to long-term structural growth drivers. Their quality and solid fundamentals should also help tide them over this trying period.

Asia Pacific Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including without limitation greater price volatility, less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds.
- Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative tables

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	231,561	259,027	295,801	322,674
Closing number of shares	81,805,331	86,782,562	108,993,397	123,279,877
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	283.06	298.48	271.39	261.74
Change in net asset value per share	(5.17%)	9.98%	3.69%	22.07%
Operating charges	1.66%	1.77%	1.96%	1.95%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	20,789	22,955	21,970	23,477
Closing number of shares	8,217,781	8,605,338	9,006,661	9,930,082
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	252.97	266.75	243.93	236.42
Change in net asset value per share	(5.17%)	9.36%	3.18%	21.56%
Operating charges	1.66%	1.77%	1.96%	1.95%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	411,379	458,849	539,646	809,196
Closing number of shares	132,894,964	140,893,971	183,247,520	287,055,830
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	309.55	325.67	294.49	281.89
Change in net asset value per share	(4.95%)	10.59%	4.47%	22.98%
Operating charges	1.21%	1.21%	1.21%	1.20%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	29,415	28,261	26,136	56,584
Closing number of shares	20,311,905	18,549,189	18,774,844	41,940,775
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	144.82	152.36	139.20	134.91
Change in net asset value per share	(4.95%)	9.45%	3.18%	21.64%
Operating charges	1.21%	1.21%	1.21%	1.20%
K Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	269,386			
Closing number of shares	269,629,657			
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	99.91			
Change in net asset value per share	-			
Operating charges	0.71%			
M Accumulation shares ^B	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	32	-		
Closing number of shares	28,136	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	113.20	118.82		
Change in net asset value per share	(4.73%)	-		
Operating charges	1.26%	1.26%		

M Income shares ^B	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	20	-		
Closing number of shares	18,255	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	111.63	117.28		
Change in net asset value per share	(4.82%)	-		
Operating charges	1.26%	1.26%		

Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	9,456	6,918	91,054	91,365
Closing number of shares	2,700,506	1,887,420	27,747,781	29,379,181
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	350.17	366.55	328.15	310.99
Change in net asset value per share	(4.47%)	11.70%	5.52%	24.22%
Operating charges	0.21%	0.21%	0.21%	0.20%

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.

^A K Accumulation share class was launched on 15 August 2019.

^B M share classes were launched on 26 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (92.31%)		878,115	90.33
European Equities (0.57%)		6,867	0.71
Netherlands (0.57%)		6,867	0.71
32,127	ASML	6,867	0.71
Pacific Basin Equities (85.16%)		832,029	85.59
Australia (6.97%)		80,908	8.32
889,980	Aristocrat Leisure	16,339	1.68
1,174,800	BHP	19,497	2.00
85,400	Cochlear	10,299	1.06
182,211	CSL	28,848	2.97
336,000	Woodside Petroleum	5,925	0.61
China (15.49%)		172,337	17.72
159,500	58.com	6,730	0.69
2,053,500	Anhui Conch Cement	10,041	1.03
103,337	Autohome (ADR)	5,990	0.62
8,559,000	CNOOC	9,917	1.02
250,050	Huazhu Group	6,544	0.67
3,895,500	Ping An Insurance*	33,758	3.47
376,500	Sunny Optical Technology	4,660	0.48
2,016,000	Tencent	73,466	7.56
1,505,000	Wuxi Biologics	14,608	1.50
202,789	Yum China	6,623	0.68
Hong Kong (15.04%)		122,035	12.55
4,059,000	AIA	30,832	3.17
926,900	ASM Pacific Technology	9,608	0.99
3,586,600	Budweiser Brewing*	8,252	0.85
1,809,100	China Mobile	11,347	1.17
7,200,000	China Resources Land	22,967	2.36
1,617,000	Hang Lung	3,052	0.31
569,422	Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing	14,397	1.48
510,452	Jardine Strategic	11,935	1.23
3,606,200	Swire Pacific 'B'	3,897	0.40
2,426,218	Swire Properties	5,748	0.59

	Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
India (14.21%)			137,766	14.17
	832,712	Grasim Industries	6,880	0.71
	906,000	HDFC Bank	11,791	1.21
	456,527	Hindustan Unilever	9,894	1.02
	1,340,260	Housing Development Finance	34,425	3.54
	8,132,445	ITC	20,330	2.09
	861,263	Kotak Mahindra Bank	15,455	1.59
	980,600	SBI Life Insurance	10,358	1.06
	1,061,916	Tata Consultancy Services	23,509	2.42
	109,000	UltraTech Cement	5,124	0.53
Indonesia (5.12%)			57,032	5.87
	50,146,500	Astra	17,690	1.82
	14,959,900	Bank Central Asia	26,927	2.77
	28,962,300	Bank Rakyat Indonesia	7,176	0.74
	11,863,105	Unilever Indonesia	5,239	0.54
Malaysia (0.84%)			5,204	0.54
	1,511,495	Public Bank	5,204	0.54
Philippines (2.58%)			15,169	1.56
	17,165,340	Ayala Land	10,644	1.10
	3,675,282	Bank of the Philippine Islands	4,525	0.46
Singapore (8.68%)			60,736	6.25
	1,764,800	City Developments	10,378	1.07
	918,555	DBS	12,952	1.33
	1,691,300	Keppel	6,279	0.65
	2,996,543	Oversea-Chinese Banking	18,037	1.85
	4,510,079	Singapore Telecommunications	8,272	0.85
	338,335	United Overseas Bank	4,818	0.50
South Korea (7.03%)			81,641	8.40
	334	AmorePacific (Preference)	18	-
	62,521	LG Chemical	13,411	1.38
	2,256,170	Samsung Electronics (Preference)	68,212	7.02

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Sri Lanka (1.23%)		8,612	0.89
7,356,792	DFCC Bank	2,562	0.27
8,932,929	John Keells	6,050	0.62
Taiwan (5.27%)		69,363	7.14
2,882,305	Taiwan Mobile	7,745	0.80
7,667,827	Taiwan Semiconductors Manufacturing	61,618	6.34
Thailand (2.70%)		21,226	2.18
7,261,900	Bangkok Dusit Medical Services (Alien)	4,383	0.45
3,814,000	Central Pattana (Alien)	5,616	0.58
1,292,100	Siam Cement (Alien)	11,227	1.15
UK Equities (6.58%)		39,219	4.03
Basic Materials (1.45%)		9,473	0.97
231,972	Rio Tinto	9,473	0.97
Financials (5.13%)		29,746	3.06
1,786,130	Aberdeen New Thai Investment Trust ⁺	8,886	0.91
1,203,400	Aberdeen Standard Asia Focus ⁺	12,696	1.31
597,991	HSBC	3,321	0.34
767,755	Standard Chartered	4,843	0.50
Collective Investment Schemes (6.49%)		68,583	7.06
5,738,991	Aberdeen Standard SICAV I-China A Share Equity Fund ⁺	68,583	7.06
Total investment assets		946,698	97.39
Net other assets		25,340	2.61
Total Net Assets		972,038	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

⁺ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

^{*} A portion of this security is on loan at the year end.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(53,601)		(32,107)
Revenue	7,178		6,728	
Expenses	(5,168)		(5,180)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	2,009		1,547	
Taxation	(448)		(380)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,561		1,167
Total return before equalisation		(52,040)		(30,940)
Equalisation on shares		1,104		(145)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(50,936)		(31,085)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		776,010		974,607
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	296,060		40,305	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(49,762)		(228,401)	
		246,298		(188,096)
Dilution adjustment		666		642
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(50,936)		(31,085)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		972,038		756,068

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		946,697		766,718
Current assets:				
Debtors	6,090		8,559	
Cash and bank balances	31,471		7,314	
		37,561		15,873
Total assets		984,258		782,591
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(12,220)		(6,157)	
Distribution payable	-		(424)	
		(12,220)		(6,581)
Total liabilities		(12,220)		(6,581)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		972,038		776,010

ASI China A Share Equity Fund

For the period 20 August 2019 to 31 January 2020

Investment objective

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

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the MSCI China A Onshore Index, plus 3% per annum over rolling three year periods before charges. The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

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Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

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- The Fund may also invest in China B equities, China H equities and participator notes.
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Management Process

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Commencement of Fund

The Fund was launched on 20 August 2019

Performance review

For the period ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI China A Share Equity Fund – M Accumulation Shares decreased by 2.71% compared to an increase of 1.13% in the benchmark, the MSCI China A Onshore 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

China A shares ended higher over the past six months, lifted by the partial trade deal with the US. Beijing's multi-pronged stimulus measures also supported the market. This ranged from injecting funds into money markets, lowering borrowing costs, stepping up infrastructure spending, to capital markets reform. Higher allocation of A-shares to Morgan Stanley Capital Indices added to the cheer. Tech stocks led the advance, thanks to a robust smartphone replacement cycle, the acceleration of 5G implementation, growing demand for cloud applications and artificial intelligence, as well as positive developments in the trade deal. In particular, semiconductor plays rose on greater localisation of supply chains following US export controls on Huawei. Hopes that the state will back listed companies that are contenders on a global scale also fuelled the sector rally.

The mainland market gave up most of its gains in the final week of the period under review, after Beijing was compelled to contain the coronavirus outbreak, which restricted mobility, hampering consumption and supply chains. Even so, the performance of the benchmark's A-class shares was flattered by a halt in trading, as the lunar new year holiday was extended to February.

Portfolio review

The coronavirus epidemic took a toll, especially on the consumer sector. Citywide lockdowns, flight suspensions and travel bans dampened the businesses of transport companies and retailers. International airlines suspended flights to and from China, affecting duty-free mall operator China International Travel Services and Shanghai International Airport. Investor sentiment towards Yonghui Superstores turned negative because it owns 30% in state-backed retailer Zhongbai, the largest merchandiser in

the heart of the epidemic. We still like the food retailer as its shareholders, Jardine Matheson and Tencent, continue to broaden its business channels. Additionally, Zhongbai should help it to gain market share quickly in the central China province, when the outbreak ends.

Holding H-class shares for China Vanke and China Life Insurance detracted from performance. The real estate sector was weighed down by fears that the market could slow in the second half of the year, even though home prices have held up. Losses were mitigated by the loosening of the residency system, which should spur urban development in second and third-tier cities. Separately, China Vanke cut rents and fees to help tenants when the virus outbreak disrupted business. We stay confident in the core holding because its robust balance sheet is a shield against any short-term liquidity crunch. We also like its high exposure to the country's most prosperous urban centres. Insurers, including Ping An, retreated on worries that agents would lose sales opportunities. The sector was also weighed down by concerns over foreign competition when the industry liberalises in April. China Life Insurance bucked the decline on expectations that a tax relief would boost its more focused earnings. We believe the two insurers are likely to retain their leadership positions in the near term, as they have extensive distribution channels. Meanwhile, our bank holdings, Ping An Bank and China Merchants Bank, were resilient relative to smaller players when risk aversion weighed down the sector at the period-end.

The overall tech sector detracted. In particular, the fund did not hold benchmark heavyweight Luxshare Precision. The share price of the AirPods supplier continued its upward trajectory and doubled over the period under review, on the back of robust demand for Apple's wireless noise-cancelling earbuds. While valuations in the sector have become relatively heady following last year's rally, we will monitor global supply chains for similar opportunities created by the current market volatility. On a positive note, our decision to hold leading domestic cybersecurity provider Venustech added to performance. Similarly, our exposure to Hangzhou Hikvision proved beneficial. We believe the company's multi-sensor solutions will ride on digital transformation among Chinese enterprises.

Conversely, our healthcare picks benefited from policies to improve the accessibility and standards of local healthcare products and services. Notably, Aier Eye Hospital and clinical research organisation Hangzhou Tigermed supported returns. Pharmaceuticals and medical diagnostics stocks rose on greater demand for related supplies and services. Our overweight to drugmaker China Resources Sanjiu proved beneficial during the flu season.

Elsewhere, the portfolio's materials holding, Anhui Conch Cement, rallied on record cement selling prices. Its turnover was boosted by greater construction activity last year and environmental rule changes that capped cement supply elsewhere. Its stock price further advanced on hopes of a sustained acceleration in infrastructure spending. However, its gains were capped towards the period-end as cement demand receded in tandem with lower construction activity in the winter months. Work stoppages to contain the covid-19 epidemic were a further dampener.

While the fund's short-term performance is likely to remain volatile, excessive selling may create opportunities for us to add to our positions at attractive valuations. We initiated Ping An Bank, Ping An Insurance's well-managed commercial banking unit that is turning around its corporate segment. It has branches throughout mainland China and its retail business generates a reasonable return. We also topped up Wuliangye Yibin when investors took profits from the hard liquor maker on fears that corporate entertainment might decline. The purchases were funded by exiting Angel Yeast, following a deterioration in its fundamentals.

Outlook

In the short term, we see the coronavirus outbreak as a large but temporary shock for China. The fallout from travel restrictions and shipping constraints would dampen global trade. On a more positive note, the mainland economy showed signs of stability in 2019, with higher-than-expected expansions, more so for retail sales, industrial production, and fixed asset investment. While we expect first-quarter GDP growth to weaken, in the longer term, we believe it will recover after the outbreak is contained. Though labour shortages and disrupted supply chains may delay the global tech recovery, we believe that the sector's outlook remains undimmed. Demand is still intact, driven by the adoption of cloud applications, 5G, and artificial intelligence.

Meanwhile, growth in the long run will be propelled by domestic consumption and a rising middle class, as China weans itself from reliance on exports. We remain convinced that the best way to invest in A-shares sustainably is to gain exposure to China's rapidly expanding premium-consuming class. Higher disposable income is spurring demand for health-care products, wealth management services, and insurance.

We expect quality companies to be more resilient in times of panic-selling. We also expect them to be among the first to recover. We continue to adopt a nimble approach and to deploy capital according to where we see opportunities. Our approach allows us to pick our battles and be contrarian where needed.

Asia Pacific Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
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Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including without limitation greater price volatility, less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/ controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The fund invests in Chinese equities. Investing in China involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater government intervention, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Where the share class is described as "hedged", currency hedging techniques are used to provide you with a return that is close to the performance of the Fund in its base currency. Hedging will reduce, but not eliminate, the effect of exchange rate movements between the base currency of the Fund and the currency of the share class. The currency exposure being hedged is not necessarily related to the currency positions within the Fund's investment portfolio. Hedging will give rise to additional risks and costs.

Comparative table

I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020
Closing net asset value (£'000)	82
Closing number of shares	85,910
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	95.36
Change in net asset value per share	-
Operating charges	1.19%
K Accumulation shares	31 January 2020
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1
Closing number of shares	1,000
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	95.54
Change in net asset value per share	-
Operating charges	0.69%
M Accumulation shares	31 January 2020
Closing net asset value (£'000)	143
Closing number of shares	150,117
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	95.32
Change in net asset value per share	-
Operating charges	1.24%
Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,789
Closing number of shares	5,000,000
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	95.79
Change in net asset value per share	-
Operating charges	0.19%

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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 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities		4,677	93.26
Pacific Basin Equities		4,677	93.26
China		4,677	93.26
43,600	Aier Eye Hospital	189	3.77
27,100	Anhui Conch Cement 'B'	141	2.81
39,900	Bank of Ningbo	116	2.31
60,700	Beijing Sinnet Technology	139	2.77
22,900	Beijing Tongrentang	68	1.36
162,000	China Construction Bank 'A'	94	1.87
35,293	China International Travel Service	314	6.26
27,700	China Life Insurance 'B'	97	1.93
65,600	China Merchants Bank 'A'	262	5.22
36,000	China Resources Sanjiu Medical & Pharmaceutical	139	2.77
58,200	China Vanke 'B'	157	3.13
34,200	China World Trade Center	58	1.16
15,243	Foshan Haitian Flavouring & Food	177	3.53
29,800	Fuyao Glass Industry	79	1.57
71,900	Haier Smart Home	145	2.89
75,700	Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology	295	5.88
15,271	Hangzhou Robam Appliances	54	1.08
13,800	Hangzhou Tigermed Consulting	110	2.19
217,000	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China 'H'	110	2.19
14,800	Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial	49	0.98
2,800	Kweichow Moutai	319	6.36
32,200	Midea	192	3.83
164,000	Ningbo Zhoushan Port	65	1.30
208,000	PetroChina 'H'	70	1.40
49,000	Ping An Bank	83	1.65
41,000	Ping An Insurance 'A'	371	7.40
21,200	SAIC Motor	52	1.04
26,200	Shanghai International Airport	196	3.91
104,500	Shenzhen Airport	102	2.03
40,286	Venustech	171	3.41
12,500	Wuliangye Yibin	171	3.41
112,700	Yonghui Superstores	92	1.85

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Collective Investment Schemes		236	4.71
237	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund ⁺	236	4.71
Total investment assets		4,913	97.97
Net other assets		102	2.03
Total Net Assets		5,015	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules.

⁺ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the period 20 August 2019 to 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020	
	£'000	£'000
Income:		
Net capital losses		(223)
Revenue	8	
Expenses	(5)	
Net revenue before taxation	3	
Taxation	(1)	
Net revenue after taxation		2
Total return		(221)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(221)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the period 20 August 2019 to 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020	
	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		-
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	5,237	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(1)	
		5,236
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(221)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		5,015

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020	
	£'000	£'000
Assets:		
Fixed assets:		
Investment assets		4,913
Current assets:		
Cash and bank balances	103	
		103
Total assets		5,016
Liabilities:		
Creditors	(1)	
		(1)
Total liabilities		(1)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		5,015

ASI Corporate Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in Sterling denominated investment grade corporate bonds.

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the iBoxx Sterling Collateralized & Corporates Index plus 1% per annum (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 60% in Sterling denominated investment grade corporate bonds.
- The Fund may also invest in bonds issued anywhere in the world by governments and corporations, such as sub-sovereigns, sub-investment grade, inflation-linked, convertible, asset backed and mortgage-backed bonds. The Fund will employ techniques to reduce (hedge) risk related to currency movements on non-Sterling bonds.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify bonds and derivatives after analysing company's prospects and creditworthiness alongside global economic and market conditions.
- In seeking to achieve the performance target, the iBoxx Sterling Collateralized & Corporates Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 3.5%. Due to the Fund's risk constraints, the intention is that the Fund's performance profile will not deviate significantly from the iBoxx Sterling Collateralized & Corporates Index over the longer term.

Please Note: The Fund's ability to buy and sell bonds and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress which could include periods where interest rates move sharply.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund will routinely use derivatives to reduce risk or reduce cost and/or generate extra income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Corporate Bond Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 4.68% compared to an increase of 4.18% in the performance target, the iBoxx Sterling Collateralized & 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

Fixed income markets delivered some outstanding returns in the early part of the review period, fuelled by collapsing government bond yields across developed markets and fairly stable credit spreads in most higher-quality fixed income markets. Although yields were already lower than many investors thought possible, deteriorating economic data and the threat of policy action caused a further re-pricing. In this environment, investment grade credit delivered a strong performance. Riskier asset classes like high yield and emerging markets wobbled slightly as politics and economic data provided some headlines that caused volatility.

Bond yields rose in many government markets in the final three months of 2019, but corporate bonds continued to perform well as risk appetite remained healthy. In investment grade markets, spreads were materially tighter, with the US and sterling markets leading the way. High yield and emerging markets were also strong. This more positive environment for risk assets came about as global economic data appeared to be picking up modestly and a 'phase-one' trade deal between the US and China was agreed. Global central banks also appear to be prepared to maintain – or even extend – their accommodative stances going forward, thus providing further confidence.

The upbeat sentiment continued into the new year. The UK general election in mid-December appeared to settle the endless debates about Brexit, and European economic data was generally better than expected. However, in the middle of the month, the mood changed dramatically. The number of cases of 2019 novel-coronavirus started to increase rapidly, by around 30% per day, and markets began to consider the implications for global growth. The oil price fell by just under 12% between 20 January and month end, reflecting concerns about lower demand from China. That sharp move downwards was reflected by many other commodities. Government bond yields moved sharply lower. Due to the large moves in government bonds, total returns for sterling credit were very strong, and positive in Europe. Despite the negative impact of the virus on risk assets, UK credit spreads were tighter as the post-election euphoria continued to attract investors.

Portfolio review

The portfolio performed strongly as yields fell and credit spreads tightened over the six-month period, with the activities of the major central banks playing no small part in creating this backdrop. The Fund's exposure to credit markets was focused on both lower-quality areas of the market and financial sectors relative to non-financials. Both of these factors were material drivers of outperformance over the period, as was a modestly long duration position. Although sterling credit underperformed other markets in the run-up to the UK general election, the strong performance of the market thereafter led to some profit-taking as credit markets no longer appear to be attractively priced. This action has led to a reduction in the financials overweight.

At the stock level, issuers in the banking sector were notable outperformers with HSBC, Santander UK and Virgin Media all making material positive contributions. In insurance, Aviva – which is an overweight for the Fund – also outperformed. Although the Fund's exposure to the real estate sector was positive, a holding in some secured bonds issued by Intu Metrocentre detracted modestly from performance as the issuer's parent company struggled to improve its balance sheet.

Outlook

Credit markets have performed well of late and now appear fully valued in most areas. Higher-risk areas of the markets and high yield in particular could see a pick-up in volatility over the course of 2020. The near term risks to growth caused by the impacts of the coronavirus are fairly apparent, with companies already issuing warnings about disruption to supply chains. Although there appears to be ongoing support for bonds across most markets, we are happy to pare back risk at current market levels.

Sterling IG Aggregate Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

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Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 3 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in mortgage- and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

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Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,904	2,951	3,080	3,530
Closing number of shares	1,600,027	1,699,063	1,903,778	2,161,853
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	181.48	173.71	161.79	163.28
Change in net asset value per share	4.47%	7.37%	(0.91%)	2.45%
Operating charges	1.04%	1.06%	1.10%	1.13%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	370,451	375,801	373,680	416,957
Closing number of shares	301,700,168	316,391,933	330,316,081	357,655,935
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	122.79	118.78	113.13	116.58
Change in net asset value per share	3.38%	4.99%	(2.96%)	0.05%
Operating charges	1.04%	1.06%	1.10%	1.13%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	38,312	12,835	12,385	16,336
Closing number of shares	18,130,862	6,359,940	6,619,886	8,695,942
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	211.31	201.80	187.08	187.86
Change in net asset value per share	4.71%	7.87%	(0.42%)	2.93%
Operating charges	0.59%	0.59%	0.60%	0.63%
I Gross Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	633	663	1,228	1,163
Closing number of shares	261,616	287,744	574,378	541,678
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	241.41	230.55	213.74	214.62
Change in net asset value per share	4.71%	7.86%	(0.41%)	3.05%
Operating charges	0.59%	0.59%	0.60%	0.63%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	12,761	12,654	12,588	14,053
Closing number of shares	10,065,297	10,317,633	10,776,801	11,674,462
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	126.78	122.64	116.80	120.38
Change in net asset value per share	3.38%	5.00%	(2.97%)	0.05%
Operating charges	0.59%	0.59%	0.60%	0.63%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	909	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	114.59	109.33		
Change in net asset value per share	4.81%	-		
Operating charges	0.64%	0.64%		

M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	928	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	110.76	106.84		
Change in net asset value per share	3.67%	-		
Operating charges	0.64%	0.64%		
P Gross Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,995	3,903	3,982	2,648
Closing number of shares	3,241,910	3,273,900	3,507,607	2,263,307
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	123.24	119.21	113.53	117.00
Change in net asset value per share	3.38%	5.00%	(2.97%)	0.04%
Operating charges	0.34%	0.34%	0.35%	0.38%
P Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	90,553	89,703	95,371	72,326
Closing number of shares	75,707,212	77,532,196	86,553,128	63,692,503
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	119.61	115.70	110.19	113.55
Change in net asset value per share	3.38%	5.00%	(2.96%)	0.04%
Operating charges	0.34%	0.34%	0.35%	0.38%
Q Gross Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	925	1,969	37,922	48,965
Closing number of shares	750,910	1,651,239	33,399,891	41,845,091
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	123.24	119.22	113.54	117.02
Change in net asset value per share	3.37%	5.00%	(2.97%)	0.04%
Operating charges	0.27%	0.27%	0.26%	0.28%
Q Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	449,428	463,453	806,074	922,233
Closing number of shares	375,789,484	400,623,726	731,639,990	812,251,213
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	119.60	115.68	110.17	113.54
Change in net asset value per share	3.39%	5.00%	(2.97%)	0.05%
Operating charges	0.27%	0.27%	0.26%	0.28%
Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	345,151	361,993	320,755	250,552
Closing number of shares	146,804,230	161,623,206	155,249,358	121,373,858
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	235.11	223.97	206.61	206.43
Change in net asset value per share	4.97%	8.40%	0.09%	3.43%
Operating charges	0.09%	0.09%	0.10%	0.13%

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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.

^A M share classes were launched on 26 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (95.47%)		1,253,898	95.35
Euro Denominated Bonds (3.11%)		44,127	3.36
Corporate Bonds (3.11%)		44,127	3.36
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
11,488,000	CK Hutchison 0.75% 2026	9,753	0.74
4,400,000	International Consolidated Airlines 1.5% 2027	3,717	0.28
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
5,000,000	AIG 4.875% 2037	3,847	0.29
Perpetual			
3,076,000	Lloyds Banking Group FRN Perpetual	2,634	0.20
13,790,000	NatWest FRN Perpetual	11,450	0.87
4,200,000	Telefonica 3.875% Perpetual	3,819	0.29
4,000,000	UniCredit 7.5% fixed to floating Perpetual	3,991	0.31
5,000,000	UniCredit FRN Perpetual	4,916	0.38
Sterling Denominated Bonds (89.48%)		1,190,046	90.49
Corporate Bonds (87.28%)		1,117,330	84.96
less than 5 years to maturity			
5,200,000	Autolink Concessionaires M6 8.39% 2022	1,483	0.11
4,900,000	Banco Santander 1.375% 2024**	4,903	0.37
17,230,000	Barclays 2.375% 2023	17,573	1.34
2,180,000	City Greenwich Lewisham Rail Link 9.375% 2020	148	0.01
5,500,000	Credit Agricole 1.25% 2024	5,510	0.42
6,800,000	Deutsche Bank 2.625% 2024	6,934	0.53
5,952,000	FirstGroup 8.75% 2021	6,423	0.49
6,000,000	HSBC 2.175% 2023	6,110	0.46
6,610,000	Intu (SGS) Finance 4.125% 2023**	5,949	0.45
4,000,000	Lloyds Bank 9.625% 2023	4,982	0.38
7,900,000	MetLife Global Funding I 1.125% 2021	7,922	0.60
2,306,000	MPT Operating Partnership 2.55% 2023	2,371	0.18
11,126,000	Phoenix Group 4.125% 2022	11,696	0.89
2,889,000	Scottish Widows 5.5% 2023**	3,221	0.24
4,540,000	Severn Trent 1.625% 2022	4,620	0.35
5,000,000	Severn Trent 6.125% 2024**	5,952	0.45
6,600,000	Societe Generale 1.875% 2024	6,705	0.51
4,000,000	Total Capital International 1.25% 2024	4,058	0.31

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
3,500,000	Unite (USAF) II 3.374% 2023	3,736	0.28
6,300,000	Western Power 3.625% 2023	6,738	0.51
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
4,500,000	Abertis Infraestructuras 3.375% 2026	4,818	0.37
3,000,000	AT&T 4.375% 2029	3,621	0.28
5,000,000	Bank of America 2.3% 2025	5,223	0.40
4,000,000	Bank of America 7% 2028	5,695	0.43
10,095,000	Barclays 3% 2026	10,704	0.81
9,803,000	BP 2.03% 2025	10,268	0.78
5,175,000	BP 2.274% 2026	5,530	0.42
813,000	BP Capital Markets 1.827% 2025	843	0.06
4,430,000	British American Tobacco 4% 2026	4,974	0.38
5,179,000	British Land 2.375% 2029	5,388	0.41
4,638,000	Citigroup 1.75% 2026**	4,678	0.36
6,140,000	CPUK 3.69% 2028	6,734	0.51
6,200,000	Credit Suisse FRN 2025**	6,344	0.48
3,344,000	CRH 4.125% 2029	4,036	0.31
4,617,000	CYBG 5% 2026**	4,743	0.36
3,446,000	Danske Bank 2.25% fixed to floating 2028	3,499	0.27
3,396,000	Dowson 2019-1 FRN 2026	3,396	0.26
3,014,000	Fidelity National Information Services 2.25% 2029	3,117	0.24
1,603,000	Fiserv 2.25% 2025	1,668	0.13
4,936,000	Gatwick 6.125% 2026	6,244	0.47
2,500,000	Hammerson 3.5% 2025**	2,638	0.20
4,213,000	Hammerson 6% fixed to floating 2026	5,012	0.38
1,073,000	Hammerson 7.25% 2028	1,419	0.11
5,000,000	Heathrow Finance 5.75% 2025**	5,633	0.43
6,389,000	HSBC 2.256% 2026	6,572	0.50
6,093,000	InterContinental Hotels 3.75% 2025	6,776	0.52
12,300,000	Kraft Heinz Foods 4.125% 2027	13,728	1.04
1,089,000	Land Securities 2.375% 2029	1,153	0.09
3,045,000	MPT Operating Partnership 3.692% 2028**	3,238	0.25
4,012,000	NewRiver REIT 3.5% 2028**	4,129	0.31
7,000,000	NIE Finance 6.375% 2026	9,061	0.69
5,268,000	Northern Gas Networks 4.875% 2027	6,547	0.50
6,000,000	Northumbrian Water 1.625% 2026	6,076	0.46
5,294,000	Northumbrian Water 2.375% 2027**	5,634	0.43
1,930,000	Notting Hill Genesis 2.875% 2029	2,092	0.16
3,520,000	Orsted 2.125% 2027	3,713	0.28
8,237,000	Paragon FRN 2026	8,811	0.67
2,500,000	Porterbrook Rail 4.625% 2029	2,984	0.23

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
10,000,000	Prudential 5.875% 2029	13,722	1.04
9,473,000	Quadgas Finance 3.375% 2029	10,212	0.78
4,752,000	Severn Trent 6.25% 2029	6,677	0.51
6,596,000	Smith (DS) 2.875% 2029	6,963	0.53
3,225,000	Southern Gas Networks 4.875% 2029**	4,170	0.32
5,200,000	Thames Water 6.75% 2028	7,251	0.55
7,100,000	Total Capital 1.66% 2026**	7,336	0.56
2,720,000	Trafford Centre 7.03%% 2029	1,720	0.13
3,659,000	Tritax Big Box REIT 2.625% 2026	3,851	0.29
6,066,000	Unite Group 3.5% 2028	6,765	0.51
5,010,000	Virgin Media 5% 2027	5,284	0.40
6,000,000	Virgin Money UK 3.375% fixed to floating 2025	6,255	0.48
2,200,000	Virgin Money UK 4% fixed to floating 2027	2,381	0.18
4,794,000	Virgin Money UK 7.875% fixed to floating 2028	5,586	0.42
7,045,000	Welltower 4.8% 2028	8,571	0.65
6,134,000	Wessex Water Services Finance 1.5% 2029	6,135	0.47
1,988,000	Western Power 6% 2025	2,447	0.19
4,803,000	Westfield Stratford City Finance 1.642% 2026	4,937	0.38
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
2,000,000	America Movil 4.948% 2033	2,722	0.21
5,000,000	Annington Funding 3.685% 2034	5,806	0.44
3,315,000	APT Pipelines 3.125% 2031**	3,667	0.28
2,400,000	APT Pipelines 3.5% 2030**	2,714	0.21
4,000,000	AT&T 5.2% 2033	5,286	0.40
2,610,000	Barclays 3.25% 2033	2,812	0.21
8,120,000	Broadgate Financing 5.098% 2035	8,607	0.65
10,340,000	Canary Wharf Finance 6.455% 2033	2,567	0.20
13,312,000	Digital Stout 3.75% 2030	15,318	1.16
1,462,000	Eastern Power Networks 2.125% 2033	1,520	0.12
2,000,000	EDF 5.875% fixed to floating 2031	2,833	0.22
5,000,000	EDF 6.125% 2034**	7,497	0.57
7,989,000	Fidelity National Information Services 3.36% 2031**	9,101	0.69
6,218,000	Fiserv 3% 2031	6,841	0.52
10,200,000	Great Rolling Stock 6.5% 2031	11,169	0.85
1,105,000	Greene King 5.702% fixed to floating 2034	987	0.08
2,678,000	Greene King FRN 2033	1,948	0.15
3,589,000	Heathrow Funding 6.45% fixed to floating 2033	5,419	0.41
6,102,000	HSBC Bank 5.375% 2030	7,215	0.55
6,500,000	Innogy 4.75% 2034	8,622	0.66
7,450,000	innogy Finance 6.25% 2030**	10,534	0.80
12,380,000	Meadowhall Finance 4.986% 2032	10,743	0.82

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
5,050,000	Meadowhall Finance 4.988% 2032	4,414	0.34
7,408,000	Morrison (Wm) 2.5% 2031**	7,652	0.58
10,000,000	Network Rail 4.375% 2030	13,617	1.04
3,500,000	Orange 3.25% 2032	4,003	0.30
7,220,000	Premiertel 6.175% 2032	7,738	0.59
2,058,000	SP Transimission 2% 2031**	2,138	0.16
3,800,000	Thames Water 4.375% 2034	4,838	0.37
4,840,000	Thames Water 5.75% 2030	5,273	0.40
1,000,000	Time Warner Cable 5.75% 2031**	1,259	0.10
6,040,000	Tritax Big Box REIT 3.125% 2031	6,604	0.50
5,464,000	Verizon Communications 1.875% 2030	5,531	0.42
1,000,000	Verizon Communications 2.5% 2031**	1,073	0.08
3,600,000	Welltower 4.5% 2034**	4,514	0.34
7,950,000	Western Power 5.75% 2032	11,344	0.86
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
4,000,000	America Movil 4.375% 2041	5,452	0.41
10,353,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 2.85% 2037**	11,454	0.87
5,328,000	Aspire Defence 4.674% 2040 'A'	6,429	0.49
4,023,000	Aspire Defence 4.674% 2040 'B'	4,854	0.37
2,538,000	Aster Treasury 4.5% 2043	3,713	0.28
4,000,000	AT&T 7% 2040	6,486	0.49
11,000,000	Aviva 6.125% 2036	13,449	1.02
11,012,000	Aviva 6.625% fixed to floating 2041	11,746	0.89
2,789,000	Berkshire Hathaway Finance 2.375% 2039	3,077	0.23
3,000,000	British American Tobacco 5.75% 2040	4,097	0.31
2,070,000	British Telecom 6.375% 2037	3,170	0.24
1,500,000	Cadent Finance 2.625% 2038	1,618	0.12
1,248,000	Circle Anglia 5.2% 2044	2,007	0.15
5,242,000	Connect Plus 2.607% 2039**	5,772	0.44
9,050,000	E.ON Finance 6.75% 2039**	15,283	1.16
4,000,000	EDF 5.5% 2037**	5,860	0.45
6,000,000	EDF 5.5% 2041	9,183	0.70
4,000,000	Enel 5.75% 2037	5,889	0.45
4,000,000	Enel 5.75% 2040**	6,105	0.46
2,000,000	Eversholt 3.529% 2042	2,222	0.17
800,000	GE Capital 6.25% 2038	1,188	0.09
1,320,000	GE Capital 8% 2039	2,243	0.17
4,000,000	GlaxoSmithKline 5.25% 2042**	6,416	0.49
3,000,000	HSBC 6% 2040	4,235	0.32
2,450,000	innogy Finance 6.125% 2039	3,937	0.30
2,197,000	LiveWest Treasury 2.25% 2043	2,300	0.17

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
6,000,000	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 5.5% 2040**	9,109	0.69
3,000,000	Midland Heart Capital 5.087% 2044	4,517	0.34
3,000,000	Morhomes 3.4% 2038	3,377	0.26
2,000,000	Peabody Capital 5.25% 2043	3,088	0.23
9,000,000	RMPA Services 5.337% 2038	9,098	0.69
5,170,000	Scottish Hydro 2.25% 2035**	5,392	0.41
4,680,000	Segro 2.875% 2037	5,270	0.40
3,760,000	SLM Student Loan Trust FRN fixed to floating 2038	2,890	0.22
2,500,000	Southern Gas Networks 3.1% 2036	2,906	0.22
400,000	Tesco 5.6611% 2041	526	0.04
8,864,000	Tesco 5.744% 2040**	11,444	0.87
1,000,000	Tesco 5.8006% 2040	1,314	0.10
1,706,000	Tesco 7.6227% 2039	2,199	0.17
4,037,000	THFC Funding No 1 5.125% 2035	5,714	0.43
6,043,000	Verizon Communications 3.375% 2036	7,153	0.54
3,215,000	Wheatley 4.375% 2044**	4,435	0.34
greater than 25 years to maturity			
4,050,000	American International FRN 2067	3,508	0.27
5,220,000	Annington Funding 3.935% 2047**	6,499	0.49
3,950,000	Aviva 5.125% 2050	4,621	0.35
2,185,000	Berkshire Hathaway Finance 2.625% 2059	2,581	0.20
7,669,000	BHP Billiton 6.5% 2077	8,606	0.65
1,500,000	Blend Funding 3.459% 2047	1,870	0.14
2,420,000	Cadent Finance 2.75% 2046	2,662	0.20
2,000,000	Catalyst Housing 3.125% 2047	2,379	0.18
6,002,000	Channel Link 3.043% 2050	6,424	0.49
5,000,000	Dignity 4.6956% 2049	4,296	0.33
4,000,000	EDF 6% 2114	7,132	0.54
4,200,000	Engie 5% 2060**	7,849	0.60
6,980,000	Income Contingent Student Loans 2 2007-2009 2.5% 2058	6,385	0.49
1,185,000	Incommunities Treasury 3.25% 2049	1,494	0.11
6,264,000	Koninklijke KPN 6.875% 2073	6,297	0.48
9,800,000	NGG 5.625% fixed to floating 2073	11,129	0.85
3,000,000	Notting Hill Housing Trust 3.25% 2048	3,442	0.26
2,500,000	Notting Hill Housing Trust 4.375% 2054	3,579	0.27
2,850,000	Orange 5.375% 2050**	4,691	0.36
3,000,000	Paragon 3.625% 2047	3,739	0.28
10,000,000	Paragon FRN 2050	9,315	0.71
7,000,000	Precise Mortgage Funding 2018-2B FRN 2055	4,841	0.37
5,440,000	Prudential 5.625% FRN 2051	6,417	0.49
4,010,000	RL Finance 4.875% Fixed to Floating 2039	4,264	0.32

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
5,005,000	RMAC FRN 2046		4,030	0.31
390,000	Swan Housing Capital 3.625% 2048		451	0.03
2,510,000	Thames Water 7.738% 2058		5,423	0.41
2,130,000	University of Cambridge 2.35% 2078		3,035	0.23
2,500,000	University of Oxford 2.544% 2117		3,262	0.25
1,582,000	University of Oxford 2.544% 2117		2,055	0.16
4,148,000	Vodafone 3% 2056		4,386	0.34
3,850,000	Wellcome Trust 2.517% 2118		5,103	0.39
3,800,000	WM Treasury 2 3.25% 2048		4,701	0.36
2,635,000	Wrekin Housing 2.5% 2048		2,877	0.22
Perpetual				
3,200,000	Aviva 6.125% fixed to floating Perpetual		3,523	0.27
10,800,000	AXA 5.453% fixed to floating Perpetual		12,380	0.94
5,109,000	AXA 6.6862% fixed to floating Perpetual		6,229	0.47
6,188,000	Barclays 6.375% fixed to floating Perpetual		6,857	0.52
2,800,000	Cheltenham & Gloucester 11.75% Perpetual		5,729	0.44
2,190,000	CYBG 8% Perpetual		2,334	0.18
2,000,000	HSBC 5.844% fixed to floating Perpetual		2,759	0.21
6,804,000	HSBC 5.875% Fixed to Floating Perpetual		7,599	0.58
4,400,000	Lloyds Bank 13% fixed to floating Perpetual		7,958	0.61
11,803,000	National Westminster Bank FRN Perpetual		13,135	1.00
2,519,000	Nationwide Building Society 5.875% fixed to floating Perpetual		2,749	0.21
3,422,000	Orange 5.75% fixed to floating Perpetual		3,788	0.29
2,000,000	Santander UK 10.0625% Perpetual		3,220	0.24
15,000,000	SSE 3.875% fixed to floating Perpetual		15,148	1.15
Government Bonds (2.20%)			72,716	5.53
less than 5 years to maturity				
2,639,000	China Development Bank 1.25% 2023		2,655	0.20
10,000,000	UK (Govt of) 1% 2024		10,249	0.78
between 15 and 25 years to maturity				
34,700,000	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2042		59,590	4.53
greater than 25 years to maturity				
121,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2049		222	0.02

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (2.88%)		19,725	1.50
Corporate Bonds (2.88%)		19,725	1.50
greater than 25 years to maturity			
5,063,000	BHP Billiton Finance FRN 2075	4,513	0.34
6,182,000	NatWest Markets 7.125% 2093	7,973	0.61
Perpetual			
4,510,000	Australia & New Zealand Banking FRN Perpetual	2,574	0.19
442,000	Royal Bank of Scotland FRN Perpetual	484	0.04
5,000,000	Societe Generale FRN Perpetual	4,181	0.32
Equities (0.39%)		5,404	0.41
UK Equities (0.39%)		5,404	0.41
Financials (0.39%)		5,404	0.41
3,350,000	National Westminster Bank	5,404	0.41
Collective Investment Schemes (3.29%)		40,787	3.10
11,940,565	ASI European High Yield Bond Fund ⁺	15,116	1.15
14,500,650	ASI Strategic Bond Fund ⁺	25,671	1.95
Derivatives (-0.23%)		63	-
Credit Default Swaps (-0.02%)		(292)	(0.02)
EUR 10,000,000	Sell Heathrow Funding 20/12/2019 1%	(292)	(0.02)
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.19%)		163	0.01
	Buy EUR 5,108,000 Sell GBP 4,349,728 11/03/2020	(49)	-
	Buy GBP 1,193,371 Sell EUR 1,412,000 11/03/2020	5	-
	Buy GBP 2,583,893 Sell EUR 3,059,000 11/03/2020	9	-
	Buy GBP 2,793,064 Sell EUR 3,303,000 11/03/2020	12	-
	Buy GBP 41,473,260 Sell EUR 48,952,000 11/03/2020	262	0.01
	Buy GBP 32,015,396 Sell USD 42,217,000 11/03/2020	24	-
	Buy USD 841,000 Sell GBP 643,240 11/03/2020	(6)	-
	Buy USD 912,000 Sell GBP 692,546 11/03/2020	(1)	-
	Buy USD 2,459,000 Sell GBP 1,881,007 11/03/2020	(18)	-
	Buy USD 5,649,000 Sell GBP 4,330,576 11/03/2020	(50)	-
	Buy USD 7,477,000 Sell GBP 5,690,885 11/03/2020	(25)	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Futures (-0.02%)		192	0.01
285	Long Long Gilt Future 27/03/2020	836	0.06
107	Long US 10 Year Note Future 20/03/2020	157	0.01
(235)	Short Euro-Bobl Future 06/03/2020	(179)	(0.01)
(159)	Short US 10 Year Ultra Future 20/03/2020	(622)	(0.05)
Total investment assets and liabilities		1,300,152	98.86
Net other assets		14,963	1.14
Total Net Assets		1,315,115	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

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

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		43,667		(13,033)
Revenue	20,900		26,696	
Expenses	(3,002)		(3,525)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(3)		-	
Net revenue before taxation	17,895		23,171	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		17,895		23,171
Total return before distributions		61,562		10,138
Distributions		(17,895)		(23,171)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		43,667		(13,033)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		1,325,925		1,667,065
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	30,410		25,737	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(90,634)		(73,409)	
		(60,224)		(47,672)
Dilution adjustment		(1)		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		43,667		(13,033)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		5,744		5,298
Unclaimed distributions		4		4
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		1,315,115		1,611,662

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		1,301,394		1,315,023
Current assets:				
Debtors	19,043		41,331	
Cash and bank balances	7,797		2,302	
		26,840		43,633
Total assets		1,328,234		1,358,656
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(1,242)		(3,362)
Creditors	(6,202)		(19,059)	
Bank overdrafts	-		(3,827)	
Distribution payable	(5,675)		(6,483)	
		(11,877)		(29,369)
Total liabilities		(13,119)		(32,731)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		1,315,115		1,325,925

Distribution table**For the three months ended 31 October 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 October 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9820	-	0.9820*	0.8892
Group 2	0.8515	0.1305	0.9820*	0.8892
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.6715	-	0.6715**	0.6217
Group 2	0.6124	0.0591	0.6715**	0.6217
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.3730	-	1.3730*	1.2646
Group 2	0.7030	0.6700	1.3730*	1.2646
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5687	-	1.5687*	1.4441
Group 2	1.1327	0.4360	1.5687*	1.4441
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.8344	-	0.8344**	0.7895
Group 2	0.3367	0.4977	0.8344**	0.7895
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5377	-	0.5377*	-
Group 2	0.0477	0.4900	0.5377*	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.5463	-	0.5463**	-
Group 2	0.0463	0.5000	0.5463**	-
P Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.8873	-	0.8873**	0.8400
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8400
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.8612	-	0.8612**	0.8151
Group 2	0.4902	0.3710	0.8612**	0.8151
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.9081	-	0.9081**	0.8600
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8600

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
Q Income shares				
Group 1	0.8818	-	0.8818**	0.8345
Group 2	0.4301	0.4517	0.8818**	0.8345
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.8105	-	1.8105*	1.6588
Group 2	0.7669	1.0436	1.8105*	1.6588

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2020.

For the three months ended 31 January 2020

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2019 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9021	-	0.9021*	0.8781
Group 2	0.2751	0.6270	0.9021*	0.8781
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.6134	-	0.6134**	0.6106
Group 2	0.2819	0.3315	0.6134**	0.6106
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2836	-	1.2836*	1.2355
Group 2	0.6640	0.6196	1.2836*	1.2355
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.4662	-	1.4662*	1.4113
Group 2	0.1631	1.3031	1.4662*	1.4113
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.7747	-	0.7747**	0.7661
Group 2	0.4571	0.3176	0.7747**	0.7661
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7125	-	0.7125*	0.5600
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.6939	-	0.6939**	0.5600
Group 2	-	-	-	-

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
P Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.8295	-	0.8295**	0.8156
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8156
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.8051	-	0.8051**	0.7916
Group 2	0.4191	0.3860	0.8051**	0.7916
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.8508	-	0.8508**	0.8355
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8355
Q Income shares				
Group 1	0.8258	-	0.8258**	0.8108
Group 2	0.3448	0.4810	0.8258**	0.8108
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.7159	-	1.7159*	1.6258
Group 2	0.7135	1.0024	1.7159*	1.6258

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI Diversified Income Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate a positive return through income and some capital growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in a globally diversified portfolio of assets whilst reducing the risk of losses. Invested capital is however at risk and there is no guarantee that this will be attained over any time period.

Performance Target: To exceed the return of 1 Month GBP LIBOR by 5% per annum over rolling five year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

1 Month GBP LIBOR has been chosen as a proxy for the return on cash deposits.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund invests globally in a range of asset classes, derivatives, money-market instruments and cash.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments) to gain exposure to a broad mix of assets from across the global investment universe.
- Asset classes that the Fund invests in may include listed equities, private equity, property, infrastructure, high yield bonds, loans, emerging market debt, asset-backed securities, alternative risk premia, insurance linked securities, litigation finance, peer-to-peer lending, aircraft leasing and healthcare royalties.
- Asset classes such as infrastructure, property or private equity will typically be accessed through investment route such as listed equities.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify a diverse mix of investments which they believe are most appropriate for the investment objective. As a result of this diversification, and during extreme equity market falls, we expect losses to be below those of conventional global equity markets, with a volatility typically less than two thirds of equities.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using the management team's quality, growth and momentum approach. It aims to identify companies that show a range of high quality characteristics, operate in growing markets and display positive business momentum.
- The team separately conduct extensive research to identify the most appropriate type of investment for each asset class.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").

- Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares or management of currency risk.
- Some underlying funds invested in by the Fund may use derivatives more extensively. Derivatives may be used within underlying funds to generate growth if market prices are expected to rise ("long positions") or fall ("short positions").

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Diversified Income Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 2.62% compared with an increase of 0.35% in the performance target, 1 Month GBP LIBOR.

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 delivered a positive return, aided by a 0.25% rate cut by the US Federal Reserve in October and a positive note on the back of "phase one" of the trade deal between the US and China. January was however impacted by the concerns around the coronavirus and consumer confidence weighed on stocks globally.

Local currency emerging bonds produced a positive return, with Mexico, Indonesia and Russia among the top performers. The improving outlook for global growth and robust emerging market fundamentals led to a continuation in the constructive backdrop for the asset class seen throughout most of 2019.

Social infrastructure generated positive returns with companies seeing share price rises in December in light of a decline in political risk as a result of the UK election outcome.

Insurance linked securities produced positive returns, with CATCo ordinary and C shares returning 62% and 84% respectively over the six months, largely as a result of discount narrowing.

A number of our property holdings contributed to strong performance, with the majority reporting strong Q3 results during the period and some benefitting from the outcome of the election.

Portfolio review

We reduced our exposure to local currency emerging market bonds. The asset class has performed particularly well over the past 12 months with yields available reducing considerably. We still view the asset class as attractive but the expected risk-return trade-off is less favourable. As a result, we felt it was prudent to take some profits.

Within listed equity we sold our positions in Euro Stoxx 50 Dividend Futures and increased our weight in income producing equities.

Our exposure to infrastructure increased as we participated in capital raises of various renewable and diversified infrastructure companies.

Within property we reduced exposure to several companies on valuation grounds following strong short-term performance. Reductions included Target Healthcare, GCP Student Living, Triple Point Social Housing and Civitas Social Housing.

Our exposure to special opportunities increased. We initiated two new holdings in Hipgnosis Songs, a music royalty vehicle that targets an attractive income from music intellectual property rights; and Amedeo Air Four, an aircraft leasing company that boasts a fleet of 14 planes leased to Emirates, Etihad and Thai Airways.

Outlook

The global economy is showing early signs of stabilisation, as central bank easing has loosened financial conditions, and positive developments in relation to trade agreements between the US and China. However, while downside risks have subsided at the margin, we believe the outlook for global growth has deteriorated and we continue to expect low returns from equity markets over the next 3-5 years especially given the sharp rise in 2019. We maintain our view that a diversified portfolio needs to include a wide range of alternative asset classes in order to deliver attractive risk-adjusted returns over the medium term.

Emerging market local currency bonds delivered strong performance over the past 6 months. Yields, and consequently expected returns, are lower but we still see the asset class as attractive, especially relative to the low returns available on cash and developed market bonds. Asset backed securities continue to offer significant attractions both in absolute terms and relative to corporate bonds with significantly higher return prospects for similar levels of risk. Finally, we see attractive opportunities in a range of alternative and non-traditional asset classes such as social and renewable infrastructure, healthcare royalties and real asset leasing. We are also researching a healthy pipeline of new opportunities in areas including renewable energy and healthcare royalties.

Diversified Multi-Assets Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 4 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.
- Commercial property is less liquid than other asset classes such as bonds or equities. Selling property can be a lengthy process so investors in the fund should be aware that they may not be able to sell their investment when they want to.
- Commercial property transaction charges are higher than those which apply in other asset classes. Investors should be aware that a high volume of transactions would have a material impact on fund returns.
- Property valuation is a matter of judgment by an independent valuer and is therefore a matter of the valuer's opinion rather than fact.
- The fund employs a single swinging pricing methodology to protect against the dilution impact of transaction costs. Due to the high transaction charges associated with the fund's assets, a change in the pricing basis will result in a significant movement in the fund's published price.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative tables

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	20,796	27,219	32,553	35,918
Closing number of shares	9,249,084	12,383,990	14,757,240	16,455,806
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	224.84	219.79	220.59	218.27
Change in net asset value per share	2.30%	(0.36%)	1.06%	8.91%
Operating charges	1.23%	1.33%	1.43%	1.39%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,017	1,133	1,412	1,422
Closing number of shares	843,399	939,673	1,107,277	1,069,386
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	120.56	120.54	127.56	132.93
Change in net asset value per share	0.02%	(5.50%)	(4.04%)	3.83%
Operating charges	1.23%	1.33%	1.43%	1.39%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	29,336	35,104	38,504	39,039
Closing number of shares	20,495,362	25,143,222	27,592,838	28,421,025
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	143.13	139.62	139.54	137.36
Change in net asset value per share	2.51%	0.06%	1.59%	9.48%
Operating charges	0.78%	0.78%	0.78%	0.74%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	150,419	150,645	33,239	25,039
Closing number of shares	140,857,810	141,395,812	29,639,530	21,563,241
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	106.79	106.54	112.14	116.12
Change in net asset value per share	0.23%	(4.99%)	(3.43%)	4.51%
Operating charges	0.78%	0.78%	0.78%	0.74%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	290	-		
Closing number of shares	273,427	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	106.01	103.28		
Change in net asset value per share	2.64%	-		
Operating charges	0.83%	0.83%		
M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	999	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	100.71	100.39		
Change in net asset value per share	0.32%	-		
Operating charges	0.83%	0.83%		

Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,558	5,742	6,795	6,863
Closing number of shares	2,323,354	2,468,012	2,935,857	3,026,857
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	239.21	232.63	231.46	226.75
Change in net asset value per share	2.83%	0.51%	2.08%	10.01%
Operating charges	0.18%	0.18%	0.18%	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.

^A M share classes were launched on 27 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (29.23%)		61,039	29.43
Argentine Peso Denominated Bonds (0.11%)		-	-
Government Bonds (0.11%)		-	-
Brazilian Real Denominated Bonds (3.76%)		7,927	3.82
Government Bonds (3.76%)		7,927	3.82
less than 5 years to maturity			
17,800,000	Brazil (Fed Rep of) 10% 2025	3,684	1.77
8,165,000	Nota Do Tesouro 10% 2021	1,532	0.74
1,330,000	Notas do Tesouro Nacional 6% 2023	888	0.43
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
8,580,000	Nota Do Tesouro Nacional 10% 2027	1,823	0.88
Chilean Peso Denominated Bonds (0.55%)		-	-
Government Bonds (0.55%)		-	-
Colombian Peso Denominated Bonds (2.08%)		3,036	1.46
Government Bonds (2.08%)		3,036	1.46
less than 5 years to maturity			
1,775,000,000	Colombia (Republic of) 10% 2024	469	0.23
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
2,850,000,000	Colombia (Republic of) 6% 2028	644	0.31
5,600,000,000	Colombia (Republic of) 7.5% 2026	1,372	0.66
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
2,300,000,000	Colombia (Republic of) 7% 2032	551	0.26
Czech Koruna Denominated Bonds (0.55%)		1,152	0.56
Government Bonds (0.55%)		1,152	0.56
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
17,110,000	Czech Republic (Govt of) 2% 2033	604	0.29
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
11,910,000	Czech Republic (Govt of) 4.2% 2036	548	0.27

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Dominican Peso Denominated Bonds (0.50%)		953	0.46
Government Bonds (0.50%)		953	0.46
less than 5 years to maturity			
25,750,000	Dominican (Republic of) 8.9% 2023	366	0.18
31,200,000	Dominican (Republic of) 11.5% 2024	471	0.23
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
8,000,000	Dominican (Republic of) 9.75% 2026	116	0.05
Egyptian Pound Denominated Bonds (0.53%)		1,255	0.60
Government Bonds (0.53%)		1,255	0.60
less than 5 years to maturity			
20,400,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 0% 2020	935	0.45
4,900,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 16.3% 2023	248	0.12
1,400,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 16.3% 2024	72	0.03
Euro Denominated Bonds (0.08%)		-	-
Corporate Bonds (0.08%)		-	-
Indian Rupee Denominated Bonds (0.86%)		1,705	0.82
Government Bonds (0.86%)		1,705	0.82
less than 5 years to maturity			
10,000,000	Housing Development Finance 8.75% 2023	111	0.05
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
99,200,000	Gujarat (State of) 7.2% 2027	1,058	0.51
50,000,000	HDFC Bank 8.1% 2025	536	0.26
Indonesian Rupiah Denominated Bonds (3.38%)		7,604	3.67
Government Bonds (3.38%)		7,604	3.67
less than 5 years to maturity			
20,750,000,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 7% 2022	1,188	0.57
18,100,000,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 8.125% 2024	1,087	0.53
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
25,100,000,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 6.125% 2028	1,334	0.64
28,600,000,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 7% 2027	1,624	0.78
22,100,000,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 9% 2029	1,401	0.68

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
15,873,000,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 8.375% 2034	970	0.47
Malaysian Ringgit Denominated Bonds (1.22%)		2,698	1.30
Government Bonds (1.22%)		2,698	1.30
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
4,200,000	Malaysia (Govt of) 3.828% 2034	829	0.40
500,000	Malaysia (Govt of) 4.232% 2031	101	0.05
5,470,000	Malaysia (Govt of) 4.498% 2030	1,123	0.54
3,300,000	Malaysia (Govt of) 3.844% 2033	645	0.31
Mexican Peso Denominated Bonds (3.78%)		7,671	3.70
Corporate Bonds (0.12%)		265	0.13
less than 5 years to maturity			
7,180,000	Petroleos Mexicanos 7.19% 2024	265	0.13
Government Bonds (3.66%)		7,406	3.57
less than 5 years to maturity			
61,900,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 10% 2024	2,833	1.37
26,270,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 6.5% 2022	1,052	0.51
4,300,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 8% 2020	173	0.08
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
12,250,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 10% 2036	645	0.31
7,400,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 7.75% 2042	323	0.15
51,050,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 8.5% 2038	2,380	1.15
Peruvian Sol Denominated Bonds (1.36%)		2,667	1.29
Government Bonds (1.36%)		2,667	1.29
less than 5 years to maturity			
3,645,000	Peru (Republic of) 5.7% 2024	922	0.45
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
6,310,000	Peru (Republic of) 6.95% 2031	1,745	0.84
Philippine Peso Denominated Bonds (0.45%)		-	-
Government Bonds (0.45%)		-	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Polish Zloty Denominated Bonds (1.82%)		3,182	1.53
Government Bonds (1.82%)		3,182	1.53
less than 5 years to maturity			
755,000	Poland (Republic of) 1.5% 2020	148	0.07
11,500,000	Poland (Republic of) 5.75% 2021	2,410	1.16
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
2,430,000	Poland (Republic of) 5.75% 2029	624	0.30
Russian Ruble Denominated Bonds (1.83%)		5,496	2.65
Government Bonds (1.83%)		5,496	2.65
less than 5 years to maturity			
122,200,000	Russia (Govt of) 6.4% 2020	1,456	0.70
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
223,200,000	Russia (Govt of) 6.9% 2029	2,801	1.35
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
92,700,000	Russian (Govt of) 7.7% 2033	1,239	0.60
South African Rand Denominated Bonds (1.80%)		5,801	2.80
Government Bonds (1.80%)		5,801	2.80
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
7,480,000	South Africa (Republic of) 10.5% 2026	427	0.21
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
17,300,000	South Africa (Republic of) 8% 2030	819	0.39
8,600,000	South Africa (Republic of) 8.25% 2032	399	0.19
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
58,140,000	South Africa (Republic of) 6.25% 2036	2,106	1.02
46,210,000	South Africa (Republic of) 8.75% 2044	2,050	0.99
Sterling Denominated Bonds (1.82%)		3,966	1.91
Corporate Bonds (1.82%)		3,966	1.91
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
648,000	Cold Finance FRN 2029	650	0.31
198,000	Dowson 2019-1 FRN 2026	198	0.09

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
	220,000	Newday Funding 2017 FRN 2025	220	0.11
	122,000	NewDay Funding FRN 2027	122	0.06
	100,000	Newday Partnership Funding FRN 2027	100	0.05
	268,000	Ribbon Finance FRN 2028	222	0.11
	239,000	Taurus 2019-3 Dac FRN 2029	239	0.11
	311,000	Turbo Finance FRN 2026	312	0.15
greater than 25 years to maturity				
	190,000	Bowbell FRN 2056	153	0.07
	379,000	Paragon FRN 2045	319	0.15
	621,000	Paragon FRN 2050	578	0.28
	421,000	Precise Mortgage Funding 2018-2B FRN 2055	291	0.14
	100,000	Ripon Mortgages FRN 2056	100	0.05
	183,000	RMAC No 2 FRN 2046	158	0.08
	317,000	Stratton Mortgage Funding FRN 2050	304	0.15
Thai Baht Denominated Bonds (0.56%)			-	-
Government Bonds (0.56%)			-	-
Turkish Lira Denominated Bonds (1.53%)			3,505	1.69
Government Bonds (1.53%)			3,505	1.69
less than 5 years to maturity				
	7,370,000	Turkey (Republic of) 10.4% 2024	946	0.46
	7,930,000	Turkey (Republic of) 10.7% 2021	1,012	0.49
	2,505,000	Turkey (Republic of) 10.7% 2022	322	0.15
	1,150,000	Turkey (Republic of) 12.2% 2023	154	0.07
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
	8,200,000	Turkey (Republic of) 10.6% 2026	1,071	0.52
Uruguayan Peso Denominated Bonds (0.66%)			2,421	1.17
Government Bonds (0.66%)			2,421	1.17
less than 5 years to maturity				
	70,600,000	Uruguay (Republic of) 9.875% 2022	1,408	0.68
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
	25,400,000	Uruguay (Republic of) 4.375% 2028	1,013	0.49

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (52.91%)		121,305	58.48
Emerging Market Equities (0.64%)		866	0.42
Brazil (0.29%)		642	0.31
22,800	BB Seguridade Participacoes	141	0.07
168,110	Itaúsa	383	0.18
23,200	Petrobras Distribuidora	118	0.06
2,133	PPLA Participations	-	-
Israel (0.05%)		-	-
Russia (0.05%)		80	0.04
22,596	Evrz	80	0.04
South Africa (0.00%)		144	0.07
3,850	Kumba Iron Ore	68	0.03
23,073	Resilient REIT	76	0.04
Turkey (0.25%)		542	0.26
16,949	Coca-Cola İçecek	99	0.05
75,656	Eregli Demir ve Celik Fabrikalari	89	0.04
9,840	Koza Altin	100	0.05
25,248	TAV Havalimanlari	87	0.04
33,020	Tekfen Holding	81	0.04
25,718	Tofas Turk Otomobil Fabrikasi	86	0.04
European Equities (4.65%)		9,349	4.50
Austria (0.04%)		82	0.04
13,660	Telekom Austria	82	0.04
Belgium (0.04%)		280	0.13
2,184	Ageas	91	0.04
511	Sofina	89	0.04
1,434	UCB	100	0.05

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Czech (0.07%)		81	0.04
10,335	O2 Telefonica	81	0.04
Denmark (0.04%)		93	0.04
2,884	Lundbeck	93	0.04
Finland (0.44%)		620	0.30
44,533	Kojamo	620	0.30
France (0.25%)		721	0.35
3,020	Atos	191	0.09
2,573	Eiffage	226	0.11
19,446	Peugeot	304	0.15
Germany (0.86%)		1,327	0.64
72,000	Alstria Office REIT	1,086	0.52
7,152	METRO AG	76	0.04
6,618	Uniper	165	0.08
Greece (0.00%)		81	0.04
10,429	Mytilineos	81	0.04
Hungary (0.10%)		82	0.04
72,234	Magyar Telekom	82	0.04
Ireland (1.50%)		2,572	1.24
2,330,563	Greencoat Renewables ⁺	2,361	1.14
1,940	Jazz Pharmaceuticals	211	0.10
Italy (0.08%)		503	0.24
57,587	A2A	87	0.04
26,790	Hera	92	0.04
79,797	SNAM	324	0.16

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Netherlands (0.30%)		1,204	0.58
29,542	Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize	551	0.27
15,695	Philips Electronics	546	0.26
4,235	Signify	107	0.05
Spain (0.37%)		961	0.46
2,182	Corp Financiera Alba	84	0.04
8,341	Enagas	170	0.08
11,977	Endesa	249	0.12
8,355	Grupo ACS	211	0.10
16,294	Red Electrica	247	0.12
Sweden (0.05%)		-	-
Switzerland (0.51%)		742	0.36
2,404	Roche	613	0.30
678	Sonova	129	0.06
Japanese Equities (4.65%)		9,790	4.72
6,500	Alfresa	101	0.05
46,200	Astellas Pharmaceuticals	630	0.30
1,900	Bandai Namco	85	0.04
8,000	Brother Industries	121	0.06
4,200	Capcom	91	0.04
26,400	Chubu Electric Power	275	0.13
2,100	Daiichikosho	78	0.04
6,100	Dainippon Sumitomo Pharma	81	0.04
1,300	Daito Trust Construction	117	0.06
7,900	Familymart	133	0.06
7,700	Fuji Media	81	0.04
12,700	Fujifilm	487	0.23
5,100	Gungho Online Entertainment	72	0.04
4,900	Heiwa	78	0.04
34,400	ITOCHU	618	0.30
3,900	Japan Airlines	84	0.04
2,300	Kaken Pharmaceutical	94	0.05
4,900	Kamigumi	80	0.04
11,700	Kandenko	85	0.04

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
6,300	KDDI		144	0.07
9,500	K's Holdings		89	0.04
3,800	Kyudenko		85	0.04
60,300	Marubeni		335	0.16
5,400	MediPal		88	0.04
4,800	Megmilk Snow Brand		86	0.04
3,900	Mitsubishi Shokuhin		87	0.04
2,200	Morinaga		81	0.04
3,500	Nihon Unisys		82	0.04
8,600	Nikon		81	0.04
31,000	Nippon Telegraph & Telephone		604	0.29
4,600	Nomura Real Estate		87	0.04
3,400	NS Solutions		77	0.04
28,400	NTT DOCOMO		617	0.30
3,900	Open House		80	0.04
44,500	ORIX		579	0.28
3,400	Otsuka		102	0.05
3,200	Sankyo		83	0.04
2,100	Sankyu		80	0.04
1,900	Sawai Pharmaceutical		95	0.05
19,200	Seven & I		566	0.27
9,900	Shionogi		454	0.22
5,400	Showa Denko		101	0.05
53,100	SoftBank		556	0.27
47,000	Sojitz		114	0.05
43,200	Sumitomo		495	0.24
2,600	Suntory Beverage & Food		84	0.04
3,100	Suzuken		92	0.04
2,700	TIS		124	0.06
2,000	Trend Micro		80	0.04
3,700	TS Tech		79	0.04
2,800	Zenkoku Hosho		92	0.04
North American Equities (10.38%)			22,172	10.69
Bermuda (0.64%)			1,803	0.87
1,289,440	Blue Capital Alternative Income Fund		113	0.06
49,901	Blue Capital Reinsurance		265	0.13
2,290,098	CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities		382	0.18
3,675,000	CATCo Reinsurance Opportunities 'C'		1,043	0.50

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Canada (1.19%)		2,304	1.11
4,200	Canadian Utilities	98	0.05
11,200	Hydro One	172	0.08
41,800	Onex	2,034	0.98
Mexico (0.18%)		623	0.30
138,100	Alfa	78	0.04
94,400	Alpek	67	0.03
17,600	Coca-Cola Femsa	81	0.04
76,200	Concentradora Fibra Danhos	89	0.04
99,200	Fibra Uno Administracion	124	0.06
717	Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste ADR	105	0.05
252,700	Nemak	79	0.04
United States (8.37%)		17,442	8.41
6,273	Abbvie	385	0.19
4,710	Allergan	667	0.32
1,550	Alliance Data Systems	121	0.06
4,677	Amdocs	255	0.12
5,301	AmerisourceBergen 'A'	344	0.17
8,495	AT&T	242	0.12
2,918	Best Buy	187	0.09
2,701	Biogen	551	0.27
2,236	Bristol-Myers Squibb	107	0.05
372	Broadcom	86	0.04
540,290	Burford Capital*	3,404	1.64
8,378	Consolidated Edison	597	0.29
5,425	Delta Airlines	229	0.11
9,457	Dominion Resources	615	0.30
6,154	DXC Technology	149	0.07
8,452	Equitable	154	0.07
8,706	Evergy	476	0.23
15,719	Exelon	567	0.27
4,092	Foot Locker	118	0.06
1,878	Gilead Sciences	90	0.04
7,495	H&R Block	132	0.06
5,672	HollyFrontier	193	0.09
25,355	Host Hotels & Resorts	314	0.15
39,734	HP	642	0.31

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
720	Humana	184	0.09
11,599	Juniper Networks	202	0.10
3,915	Kohl's	127	0.06
28,590	Kroger	583	0.28
695	Lam Research	157	0.08
4,705	McKesson	509	0.24
17,759	Mylan	288	0.14
7,059	Netapp	286	0.14
9,707	NRG Energy	272	0.13
12,833	Oracle	510	0.25
4,067	Pinnacle West Capital	301	0.14
3,445	PPL	95	0.05
949	Qorvo	76	0.04
4,772	Santander Consumer USA	96	0.05
3,951	SEI Investments	196	0.09
2,067	Southwest Airlines	86	0.04
4,488	Steel Dynamics	102	0.05
20,588	Synchrony Financial	506	0.24
6,152	T Rowe Price	623	0.30
1,122	Take-Two Interactive Software	106	0.05
14,624	Vistra Energy	250	0.12
6,034	Vornado Realty	301	0.15
12,468	Walgreens Boots Alliance	480	0.23
14,723	Western Union	300	0.14
6,698	Xerox	181	0.09
Pacific Basin Equities (2.52%)		6,787	3.27
Australia (0.57%)		1,493	0.72
5,852	Ansell	94	0.05
55,651	Fortescue Metals	321	0.15
4,584	Magellan Financial	156	0.08
55,420	Medibank Private	87	0.04
61,667	Metcash	80	0.04
17,064	Newcrest Mining	256	0.12
46,331	QBE Insurance	318	0.15
6,465	Sonic Healthcare	104	0.05
60,628	Whitehaven Coal	77	0.04

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
China (0.04%)		169	0.08
72,000	Tingyi	93	0.04
98,000	Uni-President China	76	0.04
Hong Kong (0.74%)		1,267	0.61
41,200	Budweiser Brewing	95	0.05
63,500	CLP	503	0.24
636,500	Hutchison Port Holdings Trust	77	0.04
27,000	Hysan Development	77	0.04
27,821	I-CABLE Communications	-	-
96,500	Lifestyle International	73	0.03
195,000	PCCW	87	0.04
210,000	Shun Tak	69	0.03
20,000	Wharf Real Estate Investment	79	0.04
28,000	Wheelock	130	0.06
36,500	Yue Yuen Industrial	77	0.04
Malaysia (0.00%)		164	0.08
9,700	Berjaya Sports Toto	5	-
57,000	MISC	81	0.04
109,100	Telekom Malaysia	78	0.04
New Zealand (0.09%)		172	0.08
54,725	Air New Zealand	75	0.03
26,688	Contact Energy	97	0.05
Singapore (0.00%)		133	0.06
27,500	Singapore Exchange	133	0.06
South Korea (0.70%)		1,392	0.67
1,504	Daelim Industrial	78	0.04
4,279	GS Engineering	76	0.04
9,505	Hana Financial	201	0.10
5,469	HDC Hyundai Development Co-Engineering & Construction	73	0.02
2,265	Hyundai Mobis	331	0.16
3,536	KEPCO Plant Service & Engineering	85	0.04

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
8,930	Kia Motors		232	0.11
9,374	LG Uplus		79	0.04
2,991	LOTTE Fine Chemical		74	0.04
3,556	Samsung Card		86	0.04
3,447	Samsung Securities		77	0.04
Taiwan (0.34%)			1,237	0.60
87,000	Asia Cement		99	0.05
36,000	Chicony Electronics Co		78	0.04
85,200	China Motor		80	0.04
316,000	FIT Hon Teng		73	0.03
49,000	Foxconn Technology		74	0.04
9,000	Globalwafers		90	0.04
79,000	Hon Hai Precision		165	0.08
159,000	Oriental Union Chemical		79	0.04
71,000	Pegatron		113	0.05
101,000	U-Ming Marine Transport		78	0.04
384,000	United Microelectronics		144	0.07
131,000	Wistron		90	0.04
11,000	Yulon Nissan Motor		74	0.04
Thailand (0.04%)			760	0.37
37,400	Advanced Info Service		186	0.09
297,900	Bangkok Dusit Medical Services		180	0.09
25,500	Bumrungrad Hospital		83	0.04
11,300	Electricity Generating		84	0.04
48,800	PTT Exploration & Production		148	0.07
47,500	Ratch		79	0.04
UK Equities (30.07%)			71,799	34.62
Consumer Goods (0.29%)			491	0.24
17,786	Tate & Lyle		141	0.07
117,949	Taylor Wimpey		254	0.12
38,850	Tesco		96	0.05
Consumer services (0.11%)			123	0.06
60,750	Sainsbury (J)		123	0.06

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
Financials (28.66%)		68,518	33.03
1,378,847	3i Infrastructure	4,274	2.06
2,343,498	Aberdeen Diversified Income and Growth Trust	2,578	1.24
1,119,000	Aberdeen Standard European Logistics Income	1,027	0.50
979,398	Aquila European Renewables Income Fund	865	0.42
5,438,923	BioPharma Credit	4,101	1.98
737,000	Blackstone GSO Loan Financing	502	0.24
72,945	Bluefield Solar Income Fund	95	0.05
3,244,272	Civitas Social Housing	3,209	1.55
1,016,000	CVC Credit Partners European Opportunities	1,057	0.51
50,508	Direct Line	171	0.08
1,999,101	Fair Oaks Income	1,039	0.50
430,000	Foresight Solar Fund	499	0.24
1,047,524	GCP Asset Backed Income Fund	1,105	0.53
1,034,797	GCP Student Living	2,080	1.00
1,763,037	Greencoat UK Wind	2,504	1.21
535,000	Gresham House Energy Storage	583	0.28
3,423,814	Hicl Infrastructure	6,081	2.93
1,050,000	Hipgnosis Songs	1,081	0.52
2,829,257	International Public Partnerships	4,725	2.28
1,006,825	John Laing Group	3,572	1.72
535,000	Marble Point Loan	313	0.15
852,000	NextEnergy Solar Fund	1,005	0.48
540,929	P2P Global Investments	4,501	2.17
2,737,156	PRS REIT	2,499	1.20
1,198,024	Renewables Infrastructure Group	1,577	0.76
1,749,000	Residential Secure Income	1,707	0.82
903,656	Sequoia Economic Infrastructure Income	1,032	0.50
589,455	SME Credit Realisation Fund	497	0.24
1,460,715	SQN Asset Finance Income Fund	745	0.36
1,034,582	SQN Asset Finance Income Fund 'C'	771	0.37
432,626	Target Healthcare REIT	517	0.25
1,367,424	Triple Point Social Housing REIT	1,351	0.65
1,755,078	Tritax Big Box REIT	2,450	1.18
1,409,499	Tufton Oceanic Assets	1,112	0.54
5,577,500	TwentyFour Income Fund	6,275	3.03
1,355,000	US Solar	1,018	0.49

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Health Care (0.04%)		749	0.36
56,567	ConvaTec	118	0.06
30,527	GlaxoSmithKline	545	0.26
4,708	Hikma Pharmaceutical	86	0.04
Industrials (0.52%)		1,795	0.87
1,345,000	Amedeo Air Four Plus	989	0.48
296,541	Doric Nimrod Air Three	197	0.10
319,403	Doric Nimrod Air Two	406	0.19
357,006	DP Aircraft I	203	0.10
Technology (0.09%)		123	0.06
11,998	Micro Focus	123	0.06
Telecommunications (0.28%)		-	-
Utilities (0.08%)		-	-
Collective Investment Schemes (8.97%)		20,319	9.80
4,498	Alpha UCITS SICAV - Fair Oaks Dynamic Credit Fund	4,507	2.17
67,868	John Laing Environmental	80	0.04
6,113,707	MI Twentyfour Asset Backed Opportunities Fund	6,319	3.05
366,135	Neuberger Berman CLO Income Fund	3,442	1.66
57,963	Prytania Diversified Asset-Backed Securities Fund	5,971	2.88
Derivatives (-1.56%)		956	0.46
Forward Currency Contracts (-1.59%)		968	0.47
	Buy AUD 688,000 Sell GBP 360,015 11/03/2020	(11)	(0.01)
	Buy EUR 636,000 Sell GBP 540,295 11/03/2020	(5)	-
	Buy GBP 374,071 Sell AUD 720,000 11/03/2020	9	0.01
	Buy GBP 14,027,214 Sell AUD 27,027,000 11/03/2020	306	0.15
	Buy GBP 12,433,066 Sell CAD 21,580,000 11/03/2020	69	0.03
	Buy GBP 584,853 Sell EUR 692,000 11/03/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 848,315 Sell EUR 1,000,000 11/03/2020	6	-
	Buy GBP 10,151,425 Sell EUR 11,982,000 11/03/2020	64	0.03
	Buy GBP 848,343 Sell JPY 120,957,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 12,596,671 Sell NOK 151,679,000 11/03/2020	125	0.06

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy GBP 12,721,688 Sell NZD 25,657,000 11/03/2020	133	0.07
	Buy GBP 12,694,642 Sell SEK 158,159,000 11/03/2020	236	0.11
	Buy GBP 132,216 Sell USD 173,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 159,666 Sell USD 211,000 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy GBP 597,804 Sell USD 786,000 11/03/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 1,081,679 Sell USD 1,408,000 11/03/2020	15	0.01
	Buy GBP 1,630,735 Sell USD 2,153,000 11/03/2020	(1)	-
	Buy GBP 29,667,534 Sell USD 39,121,000 11/03/2020	22	0.01
	Buy JPY 189,809,000 Sell GBP 1,331,496 11/03/2020	(2)	-
	Buy USD 189,000 Sell GBP 144,575 11/03/2020	(1)	-
	Buy USD 269,000 Sell GBP 205,842 11/03/2020	(2)	-
	Buy USD 672,000 Sell GBP 512,328 11/03/2020	(3)	-
	Buy USD 1,641,000 Sell GBP 1,242,055 11/03/2020	2	-
Futures (0.03%)		(12)	(0.01)
3	Long S&P 500 Index E-mini Future 20/03/2020	(12)	(0.01)
Total investment assets		203,619	98.17
Net other assets		3,798	1.83
Total Net Assets		207,417	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

* AIM listed.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		1,167		(5,496)
Revenue	5,186		3,123	
Expenses	(775)		(461)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(5)		(2)	
Net revenue before taxation	4,406		2,660	
Taxation	(557)		(306)	
Net revenue after taxation		3,849		2,354
Total return before distributions		5,016		(3,142)
Distributions		(4,746)		(2,441)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		270		(5,583)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		219,843		112,503
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	3,443		12,988	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(17,437)		(6,497)	
		(13,994)		6,491
Dilution adjustment		-		35
Stamp duty reserve tax		(3)		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		270		(5,583)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,301		1,661
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		207,417		115,107

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		203,656		200,615
Current assets:				
Debtors	1,690		2,643	
Cash and bank balances	4,631		23,499	
		6,321		26,142
Total assets		209,977		226,757
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(37)		(3,754)
Creditors	(1,950)		(1,294)	
Bank overdrafts	-		(286)	
Distribution payable	(573)		(1,580)	
		(2,523)		(3,160)
Total liabilities		(2,560)		(6,914)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		207,417		219,843

Distribution table**For the month ended 31 August 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 August 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8071	-	0.8071*	0.8210
Group 2	0.5253	0.2818	0.8071*	0.8210
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4427	-	0.4427**	0.4748
Group 2	0.2468	0.1959	0.4427**	0.4748
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5129	-	0.5129*	0.5196
Group 2	0.0967	0.4162	0.5129*	0.5196
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3914	-	0.3914**	0.4176
Group 2	0.2668	0.1246	0.3914**	0.4176
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3796	-	0.3796*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3689	-	0.3689**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8549	-	0.8549*	0.8622
Group 2	0.6188	0.2361	0.8549*	0.8622

* Distribution accumulated on 31 August 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 September 2019.

For the month ended 30 September 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 September 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 September 2019 and 30 September 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8210	-	0.8210*	0.8226
Group 2	0.4264	0.3946	0.8210*	0.8226
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4485	-	0.4485**	0.4739
Group 2	0.3188	0.1297	0.4485**	0.4739
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5218	-	0.5218*	0.5208
Group 2	0.2339	0.2879	0.5218*	0.5208
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3966	-	0.3966**	0.4170
Group 2	0.1886	0.2080	0.3966**	0.4170
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3859	-	0.3859*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3734	-	0.3734**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8700	-	0.8700*	0.8646
Group 2	0.5675	0.3025	0.8700*	0.8646

* Distribution accumulated on 30 September 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

For the month ended 31 October 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 October 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 October 2019 and 31 October 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8296	-	0.8296*	0.8084
Group 2	0.3535	0.4761	0.8296*	-
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4516	-	0.4516**	0.4639
Group 2	0.0268	0.4248	0.4516**	0.4639
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5274	-	0.5274*	0.5121
Group 2	0.1525	0.3749	0.5274*	0.5121
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3994	-	0.3994**	0.4084
Group 2	0.2017	0.1977	0.3994**	0.4084
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3900	-	0.3900*	-
Group 2	0.1400	0.2500	0.3900*	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3761	-	0.3761**	-
Group 2	0.1261	0.2500	0.3761**	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8799	-	0.8799*	0.8503
Group 2	0.4203	0.4596	0.8799*	0.8503

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 November 2019.

For the month ended 30 November 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2019 and 30 November 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8341	-	0.8341*	0.7994
Group 2	-	0.8341	0.8341*	0.7994
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4523	-	0.4523**	0.4570
Group 2	0.1208	0.3315	0.4523**	0.4570
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5304	-	0.5304*	0.5066
Group 2	0.1729	0.3575	0.5304*	0.5066
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4002	-	0.4002**	0.4025
Group 2	0.0602	0.3400	0.4002**	0.4025
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3922	-	0.3922*	0.3763
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3768	-	0.3768**	0.3763
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8851	-	0.8851*	0.8414
Group 2	0.5752	0.3099	0.8851*	0.8414

* Distribution accumulated on 30 November 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 December 2019.

For the month ended 31 December 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 December 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 December 2019 and 31 December 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8417	-	0.8417*	0.7810
Group 2	0.2838	0.5579	0.8417*	0.7810
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4547	-	0.4547**	0.4448
Group 2	0.1860	0.2687	0.4547**	0.4448
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5354	-	0.5354*	0.5000
Group 2	0.2440	0.2914	0.5354*	0.5000
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4024	-	0.4024**	0.3919
Group 2	0.1698	0.2326	0.4024**	0.3919
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3958	-	0.3958*	0.3678
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3789	-	0.3789**	0.3662
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8939	-	0.8939*	0.8226
Group 2	0.5764	0.3175	0.8939*	0.8226

* Distribution accumulated on 31 December 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2020.

For the month ended 31 January 2020

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 January 2020

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 January 2020 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8480	-	0.8480*	0.8038
Group 2	0.2443	0.6037	0.8480*	0.8038
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4564	-	0.4564**	0.4561
Group 2	0.3202	0.1362	0.4564**	0.4561
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5395	-	0.5395*	0.5097
Group 2	0.3110	0.2285	0.5395*	0.5097
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4040	-	0.4040**	0.4019
Group 2	0.1953	0.2087	0.4040**	0.4019
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3990	-	0.3990*	0.3787
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3805	-	0.3805**	0.3753
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9012	-	0.9012*	0.8472
Group 2	0.8103	0.0909	0.9012*	0.8472

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution paid on 28 February 2020.

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.

ASI Eastern European Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

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

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the MSCI Emerging Market Europe 10/40 Index plus 3% per annum over three years (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund invests at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in European emerging market countries, or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- The Fund may also invest up to 10% in other European equities.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the MSCI Emerging Market Europe 10/40 Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index, is not ordinarily expected to exceed 12.5%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the MSCI Emerging Market Europe 10/40 Index over the long term.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund ("Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Eastern European Equity Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 1.95% compared to a decrease of 1.72% in the performance target, the MSCI Emerging Market 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

Eastern European equities declined 1.7% in sterling terms over the six months to January 2020, largely reflecting a rebound in the British pound following the UK election in December. On the other hand, the benchmark rose 6.3% in euro terms over the same period.

The region performed well for much of the period under review. Investors welcomed monetary easing by the US and European countries, the thawing of US-China trade relations, and Boris Johnson's win in the UK general elections. However, global risk appetite waned towards the end of January when covid-19 broke out, compelling governments to close borders and ban travel.

Poland was the weakest market, weighed down by its slowing economy and a negative ruling on Swiss franc mortgages which hurt domestic banks. In Turkey, caution ruled due to the intensification of the country's military conflict in Syria, further compounded by US sanctions. In a bid to support growth, policymakers slashed interest rates several times driving inflation, and resulting in a sharp depreciation of the lira, fuelling fears that companies with foreign-currency debt may collapse.

Conversely, Russia was a bright spot as oil prices remained buoyant for most of the period and monetary easing spurred loan expansion. A surprise government reshuffle that centred around dispersing fiscal take was also received well by the market, signalling a stronger outlook for Russian consumers and industrial players alike. Investors cheered the economic recovery, robust corporate earnings growth, and generous dividend payouts.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, the performance was helped by our exposure to Beluga, one of Russia's largest alcohol companies, which enjoyed a stellar run. The leading vodka producer posted good results with rising global recognition of its brand. We expect its expansion into the wine segment, through the acquisition of vineyards, a winery in Russia, and retailer Winelab, to improve profitability.

Internet search engine Yandex also contributed ahead of plans to list its ride-hailing joint venture with Uber. Its relatively new vehicle services segment, including self-driving cars and delivery services, turned profitable during the second quarter. Additionally, the new law to pre-install Russian software on smartphones and computers may boost Yandex's dominance in the local search market, the company's primary cash cow.

Retail chain Detsky Mir was buoyed by expectations of a pick-up in fiscal spending designed to support consumers. Its online sales more than doubled in January after posting healthy December-quarter earnings growth. We like the multi-format retailer for its healthy cash flow, brand presence, growing physical footprint, and well-established online business.

However, the fund's underweight to Norilsk Nickel detracted from performance. The top palladium miner rallied in tandem with record prices for the metal used in pollution-control devices. Not holding Surgutneftegas also hindered performance. The energy heavyweight recovered on speculation that its cash pile may be used to buy a stake in larger rival, Lukoil, or to increase dividend pay-out.

Elsewhere, the fund's off-benchmark investment in Georgia Healthcare dampened returns as a share swap transaction between the hospital group and its controlling shareholder saw liquidity worsen.

In portfolio activity, we exited Bank Pekao on relative strength given a lack of clarity over the lender's long-term strategy and rising concerns about management quality following yet another reshuffle. We exited DP Eurasia as competition in Russia became increasingly tough. We also exited Cimsa Cimento and Logo Yazilim in favour of more compelling opportunities elsewhere.

With the proceeds, we initiated Turkish casual fashion brand Mavi Giyim Sanayi on attractive valuations. We like its growth prospects both at home and abroad, as well as its established online business. It boasts experienced management, robust balance sheets, and good profitability. We also initiated the Russian power-generation company Inter RAO, which has an improving business outlook.

Outlook

While markets are likely to remain volatile in view of the coronavirus threat and the collapse of OPEC+, risk appetite in Eastern European stock-markets remain supported by the monetary easing by central banks in the US and in Europe. Stock valuations in Russia, which dominates the benchmark with its energy sector that Europe depends on, remain attractive. Worries about sanctions have subsided. A slowdown in inflation and relatively high interest rates provide room for further monetary easing to stimulate its sluggish economy. Meanwhile, Poland's well-diversified economy, one of the fastest-growing in Europe, remains stable.

In the near-term, Russia's reliance on the energy sector looks set to expose it to geopolitical risks in the Middle East amid the current oil price war. In Poland, labour shortages weigh on economic growth. In the longer term, Brexit could impact European Union structural funds, which play a major role in economic progress for Poland and other member states. The lack of corporate governance is another concern. To manage these risks, we focus on companies that fit our quality criteria for sustainable returns in the longer term.

Global Emerging Markets Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
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Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative tables

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,168	4,283	3,991	4,741
Closing number of shares	1,202,012	1,246,954	1,414,432	1,610,325
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	346.75	343.48	282.16	294.41
Change in net asset value per share	0.95%	21.73%	(4.16%)	16.89%
Operating charges	1.39%	1.49%	1.80%	1.88%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	14,284	15,465	12,949	15,256
Closing number of shares	3,880,115	4,233,106	4,310,370	4,903,650
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	368.12	365.33	300.42	311.13
Change in net asset value per share	0.76%	21.61%	(3.44%)	17.77%
Operating charges	0.94%	0.94%	1.05%	1.13%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	816	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	133.79	132.59		
Change in net asset value per share	0.91%	-		
Operating charges	0.99%	0.99%		

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.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 26 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (96.87%)		18,089	98.02
Emerging Market Equities (49.20%)		10,290	55.76
Russia (49.20%)		10,290	55.76
31,209	Beluga	363	1.97
270,852	Detsky	370	2.00
22,427	HeadHunter	361	1.96
6,797,000	Inter RAO	467	2.53
23,261	LUKOIL	1,800	9.75
3,970	Magnit	176	0.95
103,362	MD Medical	423	2.29
2,140	MMC Norilsk Nickel	528	2.86
76,460	Mobile TeleSystems	296	1.61
156,000	Moscow Exchange	204	1.11
107,340	Novatek	1,475	8.00
31,840	Novolipetsk Steel	523	2.83
81,130	Rosneft Oil	462	2.50
525,040	Sberbank of Russia	1,573	8.52
4,250	Tatneft	36	0.20
17,510	X5 Retail Group	488	2.64
21,918	Yandex	745	4.04
European Equities (29.79%)		4,369	23.67
Czech Republic (2.31%)		355	1.92
13,540	Komerční Banka	355	1.92
Greece (4.93%)		797	4.32
53,960	Fourlis	256	1.39
12,540	JUMBO	192	1.04
47,984	Sarantis	349	1.89
Hungary (1.22%)		242	1.31
14,900	Richter Gedeon	242	1.31
Netherlands (1.11%)		-	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Poland (10.87%)		1,466	7.94
6,770	CD Projekt	370	2.01
19,745	Dino Polska	623	3.37
8,500	Santander Bank Polska	473	2.56
Portugal (2.49%)		404	2.19
30,910	Jeronimo Martins	404	2.19
Romania (1.96%)		428	2.32
151,030	BRD-Groupe Societe Generale	428	2.32
Slovenia (1.54%)		303	1.64
4,731	KRKA	303	1.64
Switzerland (3.36%)		374	2.03
13,410	Coca-Cola HBC	374	2.03
Middle East Equities (10.18%)		1,906	10.33
Turkey (10.18%)		1,906	10.33
1	Akbank	-	-
239,749	Aksigorta	207	1.12
1	AvivaSA Emeklilik ve	-	-
27,892	BIM Birlesik Magazalar	172	0.93
30,261	Coca-Cola İçecek	178	0.96
159,510	Enerjisa Enerji	164	0.89
1	Enka Insaat	-	-
32,160	Mavi Giyim Sanayi	232	1.26
99,352	MLP Saglik Hizmetleri	219	1.19
262,539	Sok Marketler Ticaret	359	1.95
26,290	Tupras	375	2.03
North America Equities (2.35%)		384	2.08
United States (2.35%)		384	2.08
2,220	EPAM Systems	384	2.08

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (5.35%)		1,140	6.18
Financials (0.93%)		243	1.32
16,090	Bank of Georgia	243	1.32
Health care (0.25%)		167	0.91
136,426	Georgia Healthcare	167	0.91
Industrials (2.08%)		377	2.04
57,300	Globaltrans	377	2.04
Technology (2.09%)		353	1.91
19,780	Mail Ru	353	1.91
Total investment assets		18,089	98.02
Net other assets		364	1.98
Total Net Assets		18,453	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities within the meaning of the FCA rules unless otherwise stated.
The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(32)		(143)
Revenue	231		101	
Expenses	(97)		(84)	
Net revenue before taxation	134		17	
Taxation	(24)		(17)	
Net revenue after taxation		110		-
Total return before equalisation		78		(143)
Equalisation on shares		(3)		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		75		(143)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		19,748		16,940
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	791		313	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(2,161)		(1,275)	
		(1,370)		(962)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		75		(143)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		18,453		15,835

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		18,089		19,130
Current assets:				
Debtors	239		119	
Cash and bank balances	182		646	
		421		765
Total assets		18,510		19,895
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(57)		(147)	
		(57)		(147)
Total liabilities		(57)		(147)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		18,453		19,748

ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate income and some growth over the longer term (5 years or more) by investing in emerging markets corporate and/or government bonds.

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index (Hedged to GBP) plus 2.5% per annum (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 70% in bonds including government, sub-sovereign, and corporate bonds issued by emerging market countries or corporations which carry out a substantial part of their operations, derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits or have a significant proportion of their assets in these countries.
- The Fund may also hold bonds issued by other governments or sub-sovereigns anywhere in the world.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify bonds and derivatives after analysing company's prospects and creditworthiness alongside global economic and market conditions. They make flexible allocations across bonds and derivatives in emerging markets as well as currencies.
- In seeking to achieve the performance target, the JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified (GBP Hedged) Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 8.50%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified (GBP Hedged) Index.

Note: The Fund's ability to buy and sell bonds and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress which could include periods where interest rates move sharply.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund will routinely use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate extra income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives can also be used to generate growth, consistent with the Fund's risk profile, if market prices are expected to rise

("long positions") or fall ("short positions").

- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of the ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 1.38% compared to an increase of 2.89% in the performance target, the JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index (Hedged to GBP).

Source: Lipper, JP Morgan, 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

Over the six-month review period, emerging-market (EM) debt posted positive performance. Sentiment was initially boosted by increasingly supportive central banks seeking to boost growth. In particular, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) twice cut its key policy rate by 25 basis points, in September and October, to a range of 1.5–1.75%. However, the Fed has since reiterated that its policy will remain on hold. Moreover, the European Central Bank reversed course in September as it reduced interest rates on deposits to a record low of -0.5% and announced the restart of its quantitative-easing programme, which began on 1 November.

US-China trade relations continued to affect markets throughout the period. The US announced new tariffs of 10% on the remaining US\$300 billion worth of Chinese imports in August, followed by a fresh 15% imposition of tariffs on a further US\$131 billion of imports in September. In response, Chinese authorities suspended purchases of US agricultural products and slapped a 7% tariff on US\$45 billion of US goods. Nevertheless, in December, the US and China signed a phase one trade deal and announced a partial backtrack on certain tariffs, which fuelled hopes of a potential resolution to the 18-month trade war. As a result, December was one of the best months of 2019 for EM debt. However, as markets entered 2020, the optimism garnered from the improving global trade environment reversed as the sudden rise of coronavirus in China dominated headlines, which led to investors reducing risk exposure.

Portfolio review

Overall, security selection and credit allocation were positive, while currency exposure and local-currency allocation proved negative. On a country basis, the underweight positions (versus the benchmark) in Lebanon, Mexico, Ivory Coast and Egypt contributed to performance. Additionally, security selection in Ecuador, Mexico, Indonesia, Qatar and Saudi Arabia boosted returns. Credit allocation in Morocco and Zambia also added to performance. Conversely, underweight exposure to Ecuador, Venezuela, Russia and Turkey detracted from returns.

Security selection and underweight positioning in Argentina was also negative. Moreover, currency exposure in Brazil, Uruguay and Indonesia was detrimental to returns.

In terms of recent activity, in hard-currency debt, the Fund increased positions in Qatar, Mozambique, Bahrain, Morocco, Belarus and Costa Rica, while participating in a new issue from Romania, which borrowed in euros. On the other side, we reduced holdings in Nigeria, Gabon, the Dominican Republic, Turkey and Tunisia, while reducing oil exposure in the Fund by selling positions in Ghana. In the local-currency space, we added exposure to South Africa and Brazil local rates, while we executed a switch in Indonesia to shorten duration. Elsewhere, in the corporate space, we increased our positioning in South African electricity company Eskom, which looked attractive versus sovereign bonds. We then reduced positions in Saudi Aramco and Zambia-based First Quantum Minerals.

Outlook

Since the start of January, global financial markets have become increasingly aware of the coronavirus outbreak in China.

The economic ramifications of the measures taken to contain the spread of the virus are resulting in significant downward revisions to China's first-quarter growth forecasts. As the virus continues to spread, technical factors are expected to soften as emerging-market sentiment weakens. Moreover, this is predicted to affect emerging-market sovereigns with weaker fiscal and external balance sheets and a high exposure to China from an investment and trade perspective.

Global Emerging Market Debt Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
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Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 4 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in mortgage- and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,703	1,765	2,131	2,945
Closing number of shares	1,179,484	1,237,405	1,605,413	2,142,373
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	144.43	142.62	132.73	137.46
Change in net asset value per share	1.27%	7.45%	(3.44%)	5.99%
Operating charges	1.36%	1.46%	1.66%	1.65%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,193	1,994	1,398	729
Closing number of shares	2,446,390	2,196,892	1,542,961	733,519
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	89.64	90.75	90.57	99.43
Change in net asset value per share	(1.22%)	0.20%	(8.91%)	0.05%
Operating charges	1.36%	1.46%	1.66%	1.65%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	29,793	33,168	37,222	46,499
Closing number of shares	23,762,474	26,849,067	32,555,263	39,541,223
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	125.38	123.54	114.34	117.60
Change in net asset value per share	1.49%	8.05%	(2.77%)	6.53%
Operating charges	0.91%	0.91%	0.98%	1.15%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	21,699	21,127	7,318	7,509
Closing number of shares	25,857,801	24,926,973	8,700,773	8,188,073
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	83.91	84.76	84.11	91.71
Change in net asset value per share	(1.00%)	0.77%	(8.29%)	0.56%
Operating charges	0.91%	0.91%	0.98%	1.15%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	903	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	115.19	113.32		
Change in net asset value per share	1.65%	-		
Operating charges	0.96%	0.96%		
M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	948	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	107.44	108.22		
Change in net asset value per share	(0.72%)	-		
Operating charges	0.96%	0.96%		

Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	69,111	68,857	63,949	28,328
Closing number of shares	43,856,054	44,514,386	45,002,909	19,541,162
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	157.59	154.68	142.10	144.97
Change in net asset value per share	1.88%	8.85%	(1.98%)	7.60%
Operating charges	0.16%	0.16%	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.

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.

^A M share classes were launched on 26 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (96.70%)		113,525	91.19
Argentine Peso Denominated Bonds (0.01%)		-	-
Government Bonds (0.01%)		-	-
Brazilian Real Denominated Bonds (1.24%)		1,611	1.30
Government Bonds (1.24%)		1,611	1.30
less than 5 years to maturity			
1,600,000	Notas do Tesouro Nacional 6% 2024	1,110	0.89
greater than 25 years to maturity			
580,000	Brazil (Fed Rep of) 6% 2050	501	0.41
Euro Denominated Bonds (6.86%)		10,425	8.37
Corporate Bonds (0.00%)		227	0.18
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
370,000	Argentina (Republic of) 7.82% 2033	227	0.18
Government Bonds (6.86%)		10,198	8.19
less than 5 years to maturity			
200,000	Banque Centrale de Tunisie 6.75% 2023	174	0.14
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
1,400,000	Banque Centrale de Tunisie 6.375% 2026	1,159	0.93
1,347,000	Benin (Republic of) 5.75% 2026	1,171	0.94
732,000	Montenegro (Republic of) 2.55% 2029	619	0.50
1,200,000	Senegal(Republic of) 4.75% 2028	1,073	0.86
1,000,000	Ukraine (Republic of) 6.75% 2026	972	0.78
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
1,430,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 5.625% 2030	1,260	1.01
1,820,000	Ivory Coast (Govt of) 5.25% 2030	1,585	1.27
440,000	Ivory Coast (Govt of) 5.875% 2031	391	0.32
610,000	Morocco (Govt of) 1.5% 2031	517	0.42
623,000	Romanian (Republic of) 2% 2032	539	0.43
760,000	Romanian (Republic of) 3.5% 2034	738	0.59

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Indonesian Rupiah Denominated Bonds (2.30%)		3,332	2.68
Government Bonds (2.30%)		3,332	2.68
less than 5 years to maturity			
37,000,000,000	Indonesia (Govt of) 8.25% 2021	2,139	1.72
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
19,700,000,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 8.375% 2039	1,193	0.96
Mexican Peso Denominated Bonds (3.06%)		4,071	3.27
Government Bonds (3.06%)		4,071	3.27
less than 5 years to maturity			
26,800,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 10% 2024	1,226	0.99
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
39,500,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 5.75% 2026	1,520	1.22
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
28,410,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 8.5% 2038	1,325	1.06
Russian Ruble Denominated Bonds (0.00%)		1,408	1.13
Government Bonds (0.00%)		1,408	1.13
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
105,400,000	Russian (Govt of) 7.7% 2033	1,408	1.13
South African Rand Denominated Bonds (0.00%)		1,467	1.18
Government Bonds (0.00%)		1,467	1.18
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
31,800,000	South Africa (Republic of) 9% 2040	1,467	1.18
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (83.23%)		91,211	73.26
Corporate Bonds (26.98%)		34,236	27.50
less than 5 years to maturity			
715,000	Country Garden Holdings 8% 2024	590	0.47
1,205,000	Georgian Oil and Gas 6.75% 2021	952	0.76
1,510,000	Georgian Railway 7.75% 2022	1,258	1.01
770,000	GPN Capital 4.375% 2022	609	0.49
700,000	GTLK Europe 5.95% 2021	554	0.44

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
360,000	Liquid Telecommunications 8.5% 2022	280	0.23
1,470,000	Oil and Gas Holding Company 7.625% 2024	1,308	1.05
269,877	Petroamazonas 4.625% 2020	169	0.14
1,140,000	Petroamazonas 4.625% 2020	72	0.06
5,695,000	Petróleos de Venezuela 6% 2024	346	0.28
200,000	Petroleos Mexicanos FRN 2022	159	0.13
369,000	Saudi Arabian Oil 2.875% 2024	287	0.23
580,000	Shimao Property 6.125% 2024	464	0.37
604,000	SPARC EM SPC Panama Metro Line 2 FRN 2022	279	0.22
635,000	State Bank of India 4.5% 2023	512	0.41
860,000	Tanzania (United Republic of) FRN 2020	73	0.06
533,000	Ukraine Railways 8.25% 2024	443	0.36
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
380,000	Al Candelaria Spain 7.5% 2028	330	0.26
325,000	ALdar Sukuk 4.75% 2025	269	0.22
2,660,000	Bahamas (Commonwealth of) 6% 2028	2,288	1.84
780,000	Bancolombia 4.875% 2027	614	0.49
600,000	Empresa Electrica Angamos 4.875% 2029	395	0.32
600,000	Global Bank 5.25% Fixed to Floating 2029	497	0.40
2,452,000	ICD Sukuk 5% 2027	1,992	1.60
230,000	IHS Netherlands 8% 2027	189	0.15
820,000	Latam Airlines 2015-1 Pass Through Trust A 4.2% 2027	501	0.40
601,000	Metinvest 8.5% 2026	499	0.40
770,000	MTN Mauritius Investments 6.5% 2026	660	0.53
800,000	Nexa Resources 5.375% 2027	654	0.53
2,871,770	Petroleos de Venezuela 6% 2026	174	0.14
1,530,000	Petroleos Mexicanos 6.5% 2027	1,258	1.01
840,000	Petroleos Mexicanos 6.84% 2030	691	0.55
430,000	Puma International Financing 5% 2026	307	0.25
764,000	Tengizchevroil Finance International 4% 2026	609	0.49
650,000	Thai Oil 4.625% 2028	566	0.45
750,000	TNB Global 4.851% 2028	658	0.53
28,300,000	Uruguay (Republic of) 4.375% 2028	1,128	0.91
720,000	Zahidi 4.5% 2028	454	0.36
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
329,000	Abu Dhabi National Energy 4.875% 2030	289	0.23
400,000	BBVA Bancomer 5.125% Fixed to Floating 2028	323	0.26
640,000	BBVA Bancomer 5.875% fixed to floating 2034	532	0.43
1,170,000	Belize (Government of) 4.9375% 2034	548	0.44

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
	400,000	Bioceanico Sovereign 0% 2034	214	0.17
	200,000	Ivory Coast (Govt of) 6.125% 2033	156	0.13
between 15 and 25 years to maturity				
	930,000	OCP 6.875% 2044	931	0.75
	1,365,000	Pertamina Persero 6% 2042	1,273	1.02
	1,020,000	Pertamina Persero 6.5% 2041	997	0.80
	840,000	Petroleos Mexicanos 6.5% 2041	648	0.52
	2,000,000	Saudi Arabian Oil 4.25% 2039	1,681	1.35
greater than 25 years to maturity				
	698,000	Abu Dhabi Crude Oil Pipeline 4.6% 2047	624	0.50
	1,000,000	Perusahaan Listrik Negara 6.25% 2049	986	0.79
	710,000	Suzano Austria 7% 2047	645	0.52
	800,000	Trust F/1401 6.39% 2050	696	0.56
Perpetual				
	750,000	MAF Global Securities FRN Perpetual	605	0.49
Government Bonds (56.25%)			56,975	45.76
less than 5 years to maturity				
	930,000	Costa Rica (Republic of) 4.25% 2023	713	0.57
	890,000	Dominican Republic 5.875% 2024	724	0.58
	1,330,000	Ecuador (Republic of) 10.75% 2022	1,001	0.80
	455,000	Ecuador (Republic of) 8.75% 2023	323	0.26
	855,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 6.2004% 2024	705	0.57
	430,000	Georgia (Republic of) 6.875% 2021	344	0.28
	1,720,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 5.875% 2024	1,483	1.19
	1,650,000	Iraq (Republic of) 6.752% 2023	1,265	1.02
	310,000	Morocco (Govt of) 4.25% 2022	248	0.20
	663,000	Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III 3.4% 2022	516	0.41
	860,000	Perusahaan Penerbit SBSN Indonesia III 4.35% 2024	706	0.57
	1,066,000	Qatar (Govt of) 3.875% 2023	856	0.69
	1,630,000	Rwanda (Republic of) 6.625% 2023	1,335	1.07
	850,000	Senegal (Republic of) 8.75% 2021	695	0.56
	450,000	South Africa (Republic of) 4.665% 2024	358	0.29
	530,000	Sri Lanka (Republic of) 5.75% 2023	403	0.32
	200,000	Sri Lanka (Republic of) 6.35% 2024	153	0.12
	200,000	Sri Lanka (Republic of) 6.85% 2024	155	0.12
	1,450,000	Turkey (Republic of) 5.75% 2024	1,166	0.94
	671,000	Ukraine (Republic of) 7.75% 2020	522	0.42

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
1,100,000	Ukraine (Republic of) 7.75% 2021		888	0.71
1,600,000	Ukraine (Republic of) 7.75% 2024		1,353	1.09
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
1,392,000	Angola (Republic of) 8% 2029		1,115	0.90
930,000	Armenia (Republic of) 3.95% 2029		713	0.57
839,000	Armenia (Republic of) 7.15% 2025		754	0.61
300,000	Bahrain (Kingdom of) 7% 2028		269	0.22
200,000	Belarus (Republic of) 7.625% 2027		175	0.14
980,000	Ecuador (Republic of) 7.875% 2025		633	0.51
530,000	Ecuador (Republic of) 8.875% 2027		342	0.27
2,572,000	Ecuador (Republic of) 9.65% 2026		1,737	1.40
935,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 7.6003% 2029		795	0.64
1,800,000	El Salvador (Republic of) 5.875% 2025		1,473	1.18
930,000	El Salvador (Republic of) 6.375% 2027		776	0.62
690,000	El Salvador (Republic of) 8.625% 2029		647	0.52
1,540,000	Eskom 7.125% 2025		1,186	0.95
910,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 4.1% 2028		758	0.61
1,020,000	Nigeria (Fed Rep of) 6.5% 2027		796	0.64
400,000	Pakistan (Republic of) 6.875% 2027		320	0.26
2,170,000	Qatar (Govt of) 4% 2029		1,858	1.49
800,000	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of) 3.625% 2028		652	0.52
925,000	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of) 4.375% 2029		801	0.64
834,000	Sharjah Sukuk Program 3.854% 2026		674	0.54
480,000	Sri Lanka (Republic of) 7.85% 2029		370	0.30
730,000	Turkey (Republic of) 7.375% 2025		625	0.50
704,000	Ukraine (Republic of) 7.75% 2025		602	0.48
232,000	Ukraine (Republic of) 7.75% 2027		199	0.16
1,955,000	Venezuela (Republic of) 9.25% 2028		182	0.15
between 10 and 15 years to maturity				
1,180,000	Bahrain (Kingdom of) 5.625% 2031		955	0.77
410,000	Belarus (Republic of) 6.2% 2030		339	0.27
245,000	El Salvador (Republic of) 8.25% 2032		228	0.18
600,000	Ghana (Republic of) 10.75% 2030		586	0.47
1,130,000	Mozambique 5% 2031**		822	0.66
1,000,000	Nigeria (Fed Rep of) 7.875% 2032		793	0.64
750,000	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of) 4.5% 2030		662	0.53
400,000	Sri Lanka (Republic of) 7.55% 2030		301	0.24

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
900,000	Dominican Republic 7.45% 2044	817	0.66
400,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 6.625% 2037	422	0.34
630,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 6.05% 2040	640	0.51
1,050,000	Paraguay (Republic of) 6.1% 2044	997	0.80
1,400,000	South Africa (Republic of) 6.25% 2041	1,157	0.93
greater than 25 years to maturity			
1,480,000	Costa Rica (Republic of) 7.158% 2045	1,207	0.97
1,583,000	Dominican Republic 6.85% 2045	1,353	1.09
715,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 7.903% 2048	587	0.47
1,480,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 8.5% 2047	1,286	1.03
930,000	Egypt (Arab Republic of) 8.7002% 2049	814	0.65
850,000	Ghana (Republic of) 8.627% 2049	646	0.52
377,000	Paraguay (Republic of) 5.4% 2050	335	0.27
3,470,000	Qatar (Govt of) 4.817% 2049	3,357	2.70
1,250,000	Qatar (Govt of) 5.103% 2048	1,254	1.01
2,210,000	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of) 5% 2049	2,067	1.66
1,030,000	Uruguay (Republic of) 5.1% 2050	986	0.79
Equities (0.00%)		-	-
Emerging Market Equities (0.00%)		-	-
Brazil (0.00%)		-	-
77,464	OAS	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes (2.96%)		3,578	2.87
117,536	Aberdeen Standard SICAV I - China Onshore Bond Fund*	1,210	0.97
242,000	Aberdeen Standard SICAV I - Indian Bond Fund*	2,368	1.90
Forward Currency Contracts (-2.07%)		521	0.42
	Buy EUR 485,000 Sell GBP 415,489 08/04/2020	(7)	(0.01)
	Buy EUR 600,000 Sell GBP 515,183 08/04/2020	(10)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 222,821 Sell EUR 261,000 08/04/2020	3	-
	Buy GBP 525,604 Sell EUR 621,000 08/04/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 751,228 Sell EUR 889,000 08/04/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 10,232,310 Sell EUR 11,969,000 08/04/2020	145	0.12
	Buy GBP 565,590 Sell MXN 14,000,000 08/04/2020	11	0.01
	Buy GBP 1,055,151 Sell MXN 26,609,000 08/04/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 147,949 Sell USD 195,000 08/04/2020	-	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy GBP 4,611,223 Sell USD 6,000,000 08/04/2020	68	0.06
	Buy GBP 22,772,728 Sell USD 29,994,000 08/04/2020	62	0.05
	Buy GBP 22,773,488 Sell USD 29,995,000 08/04/2020	62	0.05
	Buy GBP 22,773,488 Sell USD 29,995,000 08/04/2020	62	0.05
	Buy GBP 22,773,488 Sell USD 29,995,000 08/04/2020	62	0.05
	Buy GBP 1,559,627 Sell ZAR 29,588,000 08/04/2020	80	0.07
	Buy USD 252,772 Sell BRL 1,062,000 18/02/2020	3	-
	Buy USD 1,000,000 Sell GBP 767,534 08/04/2020	(10)	(0.01)
	Buy USD 635,070 Sell IDR 9,060,673,000 18/02/2020	(15)	(0.01)
Total investment assets		117,624	94.48
Net other assets		6,877	5.52
Total Net Assets		124,501	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

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

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(773)		(2,593)
Revenue	3,251		3,809	
Expenses	(317)		(252)	
Net revenue before taxation	2,934		3,557	
Taxation	(37)		(9)	
Net revenue after taxation		2,897		3,548
Total return before distributions		2,124		955
Distributions		(3,099)		(3,683)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(975)		(2,728)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		126,911		112,018
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	5,786		13,468	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(9,717)		(9,979)	
		(3,931)		3,489
Dilution adjustment		-		42
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(975)		(2,728)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		2,496		3,317
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		124,501		116,138

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		117,666		126,616
Current assets:				
Debtors	1,930		2,174	
Cash and bank balances	5,501		1,780	
		7,431		3,954
Total assets		125,097		130,570
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(42)		(2,767)
Creditors	(454)		(761)	
Distribution payable	(100)		(131)	
		(554)		(892)
Total liabilities		(596)		(3,659)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		124,501		126,911

Distribution table**For the month ended 31 August 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 August 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6335	-	0.6335*	0.6747
Group 2	-	0.6335	0.6335*	0.6747
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4031	-	0.4031**	0.4604
Group 2	-	0.4031	0.4031**	0.4604
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5580	-	0.5580*	0.5815
Group 2	-	0.5580	0.5580*	0.5815
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3826	-	0.3826**	0.4278
Group 2	-	0.3826	0.3826**	0.4278
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5130	-	0.5130*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.4560	-	0.4560**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6987	-	0.6987*	0.7229
Group 2	-	0.6987	0.6987*	0.7229

* Distribution accumulated on 31 August 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 September 2019.

For the month ended 30 September 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 September 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 September 2019 and 30 September 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6014	-	0.6014*	0.6216
Group 2	0.3293	0.2721	0.6014*	0.6216
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3809	-	0.3809**	0.4219
Group 2	0.1681	0.2128	0.3809**	0.4219
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5216	-	0.5216*	0.5362
Group 2	0.2616	0.2600	0.5216*	0.5362
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3564	-	0.3564**	0.3923
Group 2	0.2153	0.1411	0.3564**	0.3923
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4845	-	0.4845*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.4465	-	0.4465**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6537	-	0.6537*	0.6664
Group 2	0.4143	0.2394	0.6537*	0.6664

* Distribution accumulated on 30 September 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

For the month ended 31 October 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 October 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 October 2019 and 31 October 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5212	-	0.5212*	0.7920
Group 2	0.2996	0.2216	0.5212*	0.7920
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3289	-	0.3289**	0.5351
Group 2	0.1404	0.1885	0.3289**	0.5351
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4425	-	0.4425*	0.6833
Group 2	0.2162	0.2263	0.4425*	0.6833
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3012	-	0.3012**	0.4977
Group 2	0.1038	0.1974	0.3012**	0.4977
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3987	-	0.3987*	-
Group 2	0.1487	0.2500	0.3987*	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3718	-	0.3718**	-
Group 2	0.1418	0.2300	0.3718**	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5553	-	0.5553*	0.8505
Group 2	0.2299	0.3254	0.5553*	0.8505

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 November 2019.

For the month ended 30 November 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2019 and 30 November 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5764	-	0.5764*	0.7177
Group 2	0.0291	0.5473	0.5764*	0.7177
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3626	-	0.3626**	0.4848
Group 2	0.0591	0.3035	0.3626**	0.4848
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4994	-	0.4994*	0.6199
Group 2	0.1657	0.3337	0.4994*	0.6199
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3384	-	0.3384**	0.4489
Group 2	0.1367	0.2017	0.3384**	0.4489
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4439	-	0.4439*	0.1140
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.4159	-	0.4159**	0.1140
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6267	-	0.6267*	0.7723
Group 2	0.2489	0.3778	0.6267*	0.7723

* Distribution accumulated on 30 November 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 December 2019.

For the month ended 31 December 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 December 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 December 2019 and 31 December 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5792	-	0.5792*	0.8796
Group 2	0.3991	0.1801	0.5792*	0.8796
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3625	-	0.3625**	0.5876
Group 2	0.1409	0.2216	0.3625**	0.5876
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5024	-	0.5024*	0.7598
Group 2	0.2441	0.2583	0.5024*	0.7598
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3391	-	0.3391**	0.5476
Group 2	0.1695	0.1696	0.3391**	0.5476
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4450	-	0.4450*	0.6365
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.4229	-	0.4229**	0.6365
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6309	-	0.6309*	0.9470
Group 2	0.3813	0.2496	0.6309*	0.9470

* Distribution accumulated on 31 December 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2020.

For the month ended 31 January 2020

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 January 2020

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 January 2020 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6057	-	0.6057*	0.8632
Group 2	0.2612	0.3445	0.6057*	0.8632
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3776	-	0.3776**	0.5724
Group 2	0.0289	0.3487	0.3776**	0.5724
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5257	-	0.5257*	0.7457
Group 2	0.0835	0.4422	0.5257*	0.7457
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3534	-	0.3534**	0.5333
Group 2	0.0999	0.2535	0.3534**	0.5333
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4681	-	0.4681*	0.6365
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.4380	-	0.4380**	0.6365
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6604	-	0.6604*	0.9299
Group 2	0.3819	0.2785	0.6604*	0.9299

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution paid on 28 February 2020.

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.

ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

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

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the MSCI Emerging Markets Index, plus 3% per annum over rolling three year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund invests at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in global emerging market countries, or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- Emerging Markets include Asian, Eastern European, Middle Eastern, African and Latin American countries or any country included within the MSCI Emerging Markets Index.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term.
- In seeking to achieve the performance target, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 9%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the Index over the long term.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund ("Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund - A Accumulation Shares decreased by 6.26% compared to a decrease of 3.85% in the performance target, 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 markets ended lower in the period under review. Despite the eventual signing of a phase one trade deal between the US and China, the fledgling recovery ground to a halt with the outbreak of a new coronavirus, formally known as covid-19. Elsewhere, an attack on a Saudi oil production facility and US military drone strikes that killed a high-ranking Iranian official heightened tensions in the Middle East, increasing oil-price volatility.

Monetary easing by major central banks was also a key theme, as they tried to avert an impending global slowdown. The US Federal Reserve cut interest rates three times over the period after not having cut rates in over a decade. The People's Bank of China resumed policy easing, extended targeted stimulus and cut its reserve requirement ratio to inject more liquidity into the economy. Elsewhere, the Reserve Bank of India lowered rates for the fifth consecutive time in October and reduced corporate taxes, while the government initiated the sale of several state-owned enterprises to improve finances. Similarly, central banks in Brazil, Indonesia, Mexico, Russia and Turkey lowered rates over concerns about an increasingly uncertain outlook.

In Latin America, Brazil's much-anticipated pension reform bill was approved by the Senate, but political uncertainty caused investors to question the expected economic recovery in Brazil. In Argentina, the market plunged on uncertainties after Alberto Fernandez beat incumbent president Mauricio Macri in the elections. Domestic stocks then rebounded after lawmakers approved an emergency package to help lift the economy from its current crisis.

Portfolio review

The Fund underperformed its benchmark, with both asset allocation and stock selection negative.

Our choice of holdings in China was a detractor. The lack of exposure to e-commerce giant Alibaba weighed on returns, as it reported impressive results and successfully listed in Hong Kong over the period. However, there were some silver linings, as several domestically-focused core holdings generated robust returns despite slowing global growth outlook and trade war uncertainty weighing on the mainland market. These included Sunny Optical and Wuxi Biologics, which both delivered healthy returns.

Our exposure to Hong Kong also proved costly as our holdings there, such as Budweiser APAC, felt the impact of the prolonged protests. AIA also detracted, as its outlook for new sales worsened, in Hong Kong.

India was a mixed bag as weak economic data and rising political tensions dampened investor confidence. Tobacco producer ITC cost the fund, weighed down by a slowing domestic economy, as well as fears that a tax hike for cigarettes will affect its earnings. Conversely, high-quality lenders HDFC and Kotak Mahindra Bank were among the top contributors. Amid a near-term slowdown in the Indian economy and a liquidity squeeze in the banking sector, both posted resilient third-quarter results, allaying investor fears, and reaffirming their quality attributes. SBI Life Insurance was also a positive, as results showed good new business growth.

In Latin America, low growth and expectations of even further interest rate cuts, drove the Brazilian real down, leading the central bank to intervene to prop up the currency. With the focus on lower interest rates, Banco Bradesco detracted, given the near-term pressure on net-interest margins. On the flipside, not holding Itau Unibanco helped the fund, for the same reasons. Brewer Ambev proved costly as it fell on lacklustre results. Its beer volumes contracted year-on-year, due to a price increase by the company that encountered a challenging consumer environment. Meat producer BRF's shares also fell, taking a breather following robust year-to-date performance. Elsewhere, Banco Santander Chile was hampered by political unrest that destabilised the market. On a brighter note, in Mexico, the peso remained stable and stock selection contributed to returns, led by Asur. The airport operator advanced on solid passenger traffic growth, despite poor economic data in the country.

By sector, the fund's exposure to semiconductors proved beneficial. Core holdings Samsung Electronics and Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company (TSMC) were the top performers as these rose on the back of a better outlook for memory prices and smart phone sales.

In key portfolio activity, we exited Falabella, Hang Lung Group, Hero Motocorp, Public Bank and Siam Commercial on reduced conviction and to recycle capital into more attractive opportunities.

We also sold Massmart given its deteriorating fundamentals, and in light of the challenging consumer environment in South Africa.

We used the proceeds to fund other more compelling opportunities, such as the initiation of high-quality tech stock ASML Holdings. We bought the stock at a reasonable valuation and it has attractive growth prospects. The Netherlands-based company is the sole global supplier of extreme ultraviolet (EUV) lithography machines and generates the bulk of sales in Asia, which supports trends such as electrification, automation and machine learning. Its key customers include Samsung Electronics and TSMC.

In the financials sector, we introduced leading life insurer SBI Life as we believe it is well-positioned in an underpenetrated industry due to its solid distribution capabilities. We also bought leading Brazilian reinsurer IRB at an attractive valuation, and for its growing footprint in Latin America. Another initiation was leading retail lender China Merchant's Bank. We like its robust fundamentals and structurally favourable growth profile within the financial-services sector. We also think it is poised to benefit from the growth of consumption in China over the longer term.

Lastly, we also participated in the Hong Kong IPO of Budweiser APAC. We believe this attractively-valued, high-quality market leader should benefit from the tailwind of beer premiumisation.

Outlook

We are more cautious about the outlook for emerging-market equities in the near term. Receding fears of a global recession at the end of last year were compounded by the outbreak of the new coronavirus. Disruptions to supply chains seem inevitable and are expected to take a substantial bite out of China's already slowing economy. Meanwhile, doubts over Beijing's ability to meet its commitments could put the newly-inked trade pact with the US in jeopardy.

Having said that, the People's Bank of China has pledged ample liquidity to support markets and help its economy over the crisis. Furthermore, the speed at which scientists worldwide are working towards a 2019-nCoV vaccine is unprecedented and holds out hope for an equally swift recovery. Against this backdrop, the allure of emerging markets remains undiminished. The still-intact long-term structural trends, bolstered by the accommodative policies of governments and central banks, continue to offer compelling opportunities for astute investors. Our focus on high-quality companies with healthy fundamentals should yield sustainable returns in the longer term.

Global Emerging Markets Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including without limitation greater price volatility, less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative tables

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	303,836	351,921	402,727	515,045
Closing number of shares	42,066,184	45,621,938	58,152,690	71,003,778
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	722.28	771.39	692.53	725.38
Change in net asset value per share	(6.37%)	11.39%	(4.53%)	16.41%
Operating charges	1.66%	1.77%	1.98%	2.00%
G Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	37,576	39,365	53,387	63,116
Closing number of shares	34,830,189	34,240,189	52,004,873	59,148,373
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	107.88	114.97	102.66	106.71
Change in net asset value per share	(6.17%)	11.99%	(3.80%)	-
Operating charges	1.21%	1.21%	1.23%	1.25%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	512,944	603,265	640,258	1,095,471
Closing number of shares	63,984,347	70,615,581	83,936,171	138,144,500
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	801.67	854.29	762.79	792.99
Change in net asset value per share	(6.16%)	12.00%	(3.81%)	17.29%
Operating charges	1.21%	1.21%	1.23%	1.25%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,386	2,535	1,507	6,799
Closing number of shares	317,371	316,401	209,266	899,227
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	751.78	801.13	720.30	756.11
Change in net asset value per share	(6.16%)	11.22%	(4.74%)	16.08%
Operating charges	1.21%	1.21%	1.23%	1.25%
K Accumulation shares ^B	31 January 2020			
Closing net asset value (£'000)	35,006			
Closing number of shares	35,576,169			
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	98.40			
Change in net asset value per share	-			
Operating charges	0.81%			
M Accumulation shares ^C	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	97	-		
Closing number of shares	86,372	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	111.94	118.91		
Change in net asset value per share	(5.86%)	-		
Operating charges	1.26%	1.26%		

M Income shares ^c	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	908	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	110.70	117.55		
Change in net asset value per share	(5.83%)	-		
Operating charges	1.26%	1.26%		

Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	128,771	111,504	99,574	99,260
Closing number of shares	14,188,535	11,584,046	11,697,384	11,329,384
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	907.57	962.57	851.25	876.13
Change in net asset value per share	(5.71%)	13.08%	(2.84%)	18.47%
Operating charges	0.21%	0.21%	0.23%	0.25%

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.

^a G Accumulation share class was launched on 7 October 2016.

^b K Accumulation share class was launched on 14 August 2019.

^c M share classes were launched on 26 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (91.01%)		949,402	93.02
Europe, Middle East & Africa Equities (9.48%)		97,310	9.53
Luxembourg (0.98%)		4,545	0.45
289,691	Tenaris	4,545	0.45
Netherlands (0.00%)		18,404	1.80
29,200	ASML	6,241	0.61
221,806	Prosus	12,163	1.19
Russia (3.23%)		36,391	3.56
187,661	LUKOIL	14,521	1.42
727,870	Novatek	10,005	0.98
3,960,224	Sberbank of Russia	11,865	1.16
South Africa (4.22%)		28,260	2.77
2,010,800	MTN*	8,216	0.81
161,166	Naspers	20,044	1.96
Turkey (1.05%)		9,710	0.95
1,570,458	BIM Birlesik Magazalar	9,710	0.95
Latin American Equities (17.15%)		182,734	17.90
Brazil (11.90%)		122,412	11.99
3,170,500	AmBev	10,041	0.98
5,646,712	Banco Bradesco ADR	32,641	3.20
1,314,700	BRF	7,130	0.70
1,047,450	IRB Brasil Resseguros	8,310	0.81
1,223,721	Lojas Renner	12,481	1.22
1,781,100	Multiplan	10,934	1.07
3,221,970	Petrol Brasileiros (Preference)	16,273	1.60
2,769,430	Vale ADR	24,602	2.41
Chile (0.91%)		7,384	0.72
485,732	Banco Santander (Chile)	7,384	0.72

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Mexico (4.34%)		52,938	5.19
293,500	Fomento Economico Mexicano SAB de	20,059	1.97
901,210	Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste	13,115	1.28
4,255,823	Grupo Financiero Banorte	19,764	1.94
Pacific Basin Equities (64.38%)		594,525	58.25
China (16.42%)		178,774	17.52
349,720	58.com	14,756	1.45
216,664	Autohome	12,559	1.23
3,396,500	China Merchants Bank	12,560	1.23
440,680	Huazhu Group	11,534	1.13
4,608,500	Ping An Insurance*	39,936	3.91
401,400	Sunny Optical Technology	4,969	0.49
1,780,200	Tencent	64,873	6.36
1,072,000	Wuxi Biologics	10,405	1.02
219,918	Yum China	7,182	0.70
Hong Kong (8.61%)		83,464	8.18
3,658,000	AIA	27,786	2.72
3,504,200	Budweiser Brewing	8,062	0.79
1,783,000	China Mobile	11,183	1.10
6,964,000	China Resources Land	22,214	2.18
562,356	Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing	14,219	1.39
India (14.56%)		145,061	14.21
480,890	Hindustan Unilever	10,422	1.02
1,738,391	Housing Development Finance	44,651	4.37
6,661,287	ITC	16,653	1.63
1,318,393	Kotak Mahindra Bank	23,658	2.32
1,342,100	SBI Life Insurance	14,176	1.39
869,760	Tata Consultancy Services	19,255	1.89
345,573	UltraTech Cement	16,246	1.59
Indonesia (5.75%)		58,632	5.74
47,723,500	Astra	16,835	1.65
11,142,000	Bank Central Asia	20,055	1.96

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
55,798,900	Bank Rakyat Indonesia	13,825	1.35
8,650,100	Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa	7,917	0.78
Macau (1.07%)		14,236	1.39
3,839,600	Sands China	14,236	1.39
Malaysia (0.49%)		-	-
Philippines (2.89%)		25,569	2.51
27,176,700	Ayala Land	16,852	1.65
7,080,055	Bank of the Philippine Islands	8,717	0.86
South Korea (6.80%)		88,789	8.70
472	AmorePacific (Preference)	25	-
83,028	LG Chemical	17,809	1.75
2,346,900	Samsung Electronics (Preference)	70,955	6.95
Taiwan (5.52%)		67,925	6.66
8,452,718	Taiwan Semiconductors Manufacturing	67,925	6.66
Thailand (2.27%)		6,908	0.68
795,100	Siam Cement	6,908	0.68
Collective Investment Schemes (8.57%)		66,001	6.47
1,061	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund ⁺	1,061	0.11
5,434,137	Aberdeen Standard SICAV I-China A Share Equity Fund ⁺	64,940	6.36
Total investment assets		1,015,403	99.49
Net other assets		5,214	0.51
Total Net Assets		1,020,617	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

⁺ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

⁺ A portion of this security is on loan at year end.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(69,912)		(14,589)
Revenue	9,700		8,302	
Expenses	(6,450)		(7,261)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		(2)	
Net revenue before taxation	3,249		1,039	
Taxation	(1,066)		(1,034)	
Net revenue after taxation		2,183		5
Total return before equalisation		(67,729)		(14,584)
Equalisation on shares		76		(74)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(67,653)		(14,658)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		1,108,590		1,197,453
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	66,353		4,162	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(86,673)		(111,308)	
		(20,320)		(107,146)
Dilution adjustment		-		24
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(67,653)		(14,658)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		1,020,617		1,075,673

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		1,015,403		1,103,873
Current assets:				
Debtors	6,264		2,348	
Cash and bank balances	7,022		8,331	
		13,286		10,679
Total assets		1,028,689		1,114,552
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(8,072)		(5,944)	
Distribution payable	-		(18)	
		(8,072)		(5,962)
Total liabilities		(8,072)		(5,962)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		1,020,617		1,108,590

ASI Euro Corporate Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in Euro denominated investment grade corporate bonds.

Performance target: To achieve the return of the iBoxx Euro Corporates Index (in Euro terms), plus 0.65% per annum (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund invests at least 80% in investment grade corporate bonds that are denominated in Euros.
- The Fund may also invest in bonds issued anywhere in the world by governments and corporations, such as: sub-sovereigns, sub-investment grade, inflation-linked, convertible, asset backed and mortgage backed. The Fund will employ techniques to reduce (hedge) risk related to currency movements on non-Euro bonds.
- Where the Fund gains exposure to currencies other than Euros, the Fund will employ techniques to reduce (hedge) risk related to currency movements on non-Euro bonds.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify investments after analysing individual bonds and derivatives alongside global economic and market conditions.
- In seeking to achieve the performance target, the iBoxx Euro Corporates Index (in Euro terms) is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 2.50%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the iBoxx Euro Corporates Index (in Euro terms). Please Note: The Fund's ability to buy and sell bonds and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress which could include periods where interest rates move sharply.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund will make routine use of derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate extra income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Euro Corporate Bond - A Accumulation Shares decreased by 7.83% compared to a decrease of 7.06% in the performance target, 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 economic data was poor in the early months of the review period. Business surveys suggested a continued slowdown, particularly in the manufacturing sector. The US-China trade war also rumbled on in the background, with President Trump imposing additional tariffs on Chinese imports in August. In this context, the European Central Bank (ECB) responded as expected in September by cutting interest rates further into negative territory and restarting quantitative easing (QE). There was also a commitment to keep buying assets until its inflation target was achieved.

While credit spreads in the European investment grade (IG) corporate bond market widened early on, total returns remained positive as bund yields declined further into negative territory. European IG credit was stronger between October and December with spreads tightening to their lowest level of the year. The positive impact of tighter spreads was offset by a sizeable increase in the 10-year German bund yield leading to negative total returns for the period. The increase in risk appetite among investors could be attributed to Eurozone manufacturing business surveys improving in October and November. In addition, employment held up well, with the euro area unemployment rate near a record low. In December, a 'phase-one' US-China trade deal was positive for sentiment, as was the Conservative Party's emphatic UK election victory.

January 2020 saw a return to risk-off sentiment with bunds and global government bond yields declining to unprecedented levels. Credit spreads were remarkably resilient in the face of multiple potentially adverse sentiment shocks. This included rising Middle East tensions following the US killing of the head of Iran's Revolutionary Guards, the Senate trial of the US president and the coronavirus outbreak in China.

Portfolio review

The Fund remained underweight relative to the benchmark in the US industrial conglomerate General Electric (GE). This largely reflected a damaging short-seller report, which adversely affected the value of its bonds. In September, the biggest positive contributor was UniCredit, which benefited both from a reduction in Italian political risk and the revival of QE from the European Central Bank. Another positive contributor was Anheuser-Busch InBev, which was buoyed by the successful US \$5 billion initial public offering of its Asian brewing business.

In October a moderation in Brexit-related concerns was supportive for the UK's overweight in Barclays as well as FGP Topco, which is the consortium that owns Heathrow Airport. In addition, in an environment of generally improving sentiment, exposure to the subordinated debt of the Dutch insurer NN Group made a positive contribution. While the Fund delivered a negative total return in November, positive stock selection allowed the Fund to outperform the benchmark. In terms of individual securities, the biggest positive contributor was the pharmaceutical company Teva. The company is facing litigation in the US regarding its opioid products, but recovered some of its underperformance. In December and January, a backdrop of improving risk sentiment supported the Fund's holdings of corporate hybrids and subordinated financial debt. This included positive credit contributions from the corporate hybrids of the French electricity company EDF and the French oil company Total.

The Fund traded regularly throughout the period participating in multiple new issues including, but not limited to, Siemens (German engineering); Eon (German electric utilities); Dassault Systemes (French software); Unicredit (Italian bank); and Abertis Infraestructuras (Spanish road toll operator). In the secondary market, we looked to cut exposure to sectors and credits where weakening global demand would weigh heavily on the credit. Following a period of good performance and owing to reduced conviction at current levels, we trimmed exposure to ZF Friedrichshafen, the German autoparts maker. We also continued to sell French automaker Renault, moving more underweight.

Outlook

European corporate bonds have been fairly resilient. This is despite various negative sentiment factors such as the spreading of the coronavirus in Asia, and the likely resultant drag on growth in the region and in China in particular. However, the economic impact of the outbreak should be manageable. Monetary stimulus by the Chinese central bank has already been initiated as a stabilising initiative, with more to come if needed. However, vigilance is needed in more directly impacted sectors such as airlines, hotels and commodity producers. The recent regional Italian election outcome is a positive from the market perspective as it means a reduced risk of a snap election in the short-term. Another positive is the re-start of the ECB's asset purchase programme. The average monthly net buying of corporate bonds in the first three months has been €4 billion so far. This creates a strong technical demand factor going forward, if it is sustained at this pace. From the supply perspective too, corporate new bond issuance is expected to ease in the coming weeks due to the earnings season.

Euro IG and Aggregate Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 4 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in mortgage- and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative tables

A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	34	30	66	82
Closing number of shares	22,984	18,882	44,673	54,373
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	147.66	159.17	148.63	150.19
Change in net asset value per share	(7.23%)	7.09%	(1.04%)	5.45%
Operating charges	1.01%	1.01%	1.02%	1.03%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	54	63	202	87
Closing number of shares	27,499	29,571	102,762	44,462
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	197.42	212.05	196.31	196.46
Change in net asset value per share	(6.90%)	8.02%	(0.08%)	6.38%
Operating charges	0.61%	0.61%	0.62%	0.63%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	22,670	26,500	26,995	27,669
Closing number of shares	15,427,185	16,729,132	18,243,727	18,449,827
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	146.95	158.41	147.97	149.56
Change in net asset value per share	(7.23%)	7.06%	(1.06%)	5.46%
Operating charges	0.61%	0.61%	0.62%	0.63%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	958	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	102.73	110.09		
Change in net asset value per share	(6.69%)	-		
Operating charges	0.66%	0.66%		
M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	968	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	101.34	108.82		
Change in net asset value per share	(6.87%)	-		
Operating charges	0.66%	0.66%		

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.

^A M share classes were launched on 27 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (102.42%)		22,552	99.08
Euro Denominated Bonds (102.42%)		22,438	99.08
Corporate Bonds (101.84%)		22,438	98.58
less than 5 years to maturity			
133,000	Abbott Ireland Financing 0.875% 2023	115	0.51
150,000	America Movil 1.5% 2024	133	0.59
100,000	Annington Funding 1.65% 2024	88	0.39
300,000	APT Pipelines 1.375% 2022	260	1.14
150,000	AT&T 2.4% 2024	137	0.60
100,000	Banco Sabadell 1.75% 2024	87	0.38
100,000	BBVA 1.125% 2024	87	0.38
192,000	BP Capital Markets 1.117% 2024	169	0.74
160,000	British American Tobacco 0.875% 2023	138	0.60
100,000	British American Tobacco 1% 2022	86	0.38
100,000	CaixaBank 0.75% 2023	86	0.38
100,000	CaixaBank 2.375% 2024	91	0.40
100,000	CEZ 0.875% 2022	86	0.38
159,000	Cheung Kong Infrastructure Finance 1% 2024	137	0.60
152,000	China National Chemical 1.75% 2022	131	0.58
100,000	Citigroup 0.75% 2023	86	0.38
100,000	CK Hutchison 0.375% 2023	85	0.37
100,000	Coentreprise de Transport d'Electricite 0.875% 2024	87	0.38
100,000	Cooperatieve Rabobank 0.625% 2024	86	0.38
100,000	CRH 1.875% 2024	90	0.39
100,000	CRH Finance Germany 1.75% 2021	86	0.38
225,000	Danske Bank 0.875% 2023	192	0.84
100,000	Danske Bank 1.375% 2022	86	0.38
100,000	Dell Bank International 0.625% 2022	85	0.37
200,000	Deutsche Bank 1.5% 2022	171	0.75
100,000	Deutsche Bank 1.875% 2022	86	0.38
100,000	Deutsche Bank 5% 2020	86	0.38
100,000	FCA Bank 0.5% 2024	84	0.37
100,000	FCA Bank 1.25% 2022	86	0.38
100,000	Fidelity National Information Services 0.75% 2023	86	0.38
100,000	Fiserv 0.375% 2023	85	0.37
100,000	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (Singapore) 0.25% 2022	84	0.37
100,000	Informa 1.5% 2023	88	0.39
100,000	innogy Finance 3% 2024	94	0.41
150,000	JPMorgan Chase 0.625% 2024	129	0.57
100,000	Lloyds Banking Group 0.625% 2024	85	0.37

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
200,000	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial 0.98% 2023	174	0.76
100,000	Mondi Finance 1.5% 2024	89	0.39
144,000	Morgan Stanley 0.637% Fixed to Floating 2023	123	0.54
100,000	Morgan Stanley 1.75% 2024	90	0.39
100,000	NE Property 2.625% 2023	89	0.39
100,000	Nykredit Realkredit 0.25% 2023	84	0.37
166,000	Nykredit Realkredit 0.5% 2022	141	0.62
18,000	Sagax 2% 2024	16	0.07
200,000	SELP Finance 1.25% 2023	174	0.76
100,000	Teleperformance 1.5% 2024	88	0.39
100,000	TLG Immobilien 0.375% 2022	85	0.37
129,000	TOTAL 1.75% Fixed to Floating 2024	112	0.49
335,000	UBS 1.5% 2024	297	1.31
200,000	United Technologies 1.15% 2024	175	0.77
100,000	Veolia Environnement 0.892% 2024	87	0.38
100,000	Volkswagen Bank 0.75% 2023	86	0.38
175,000	Volkswagen Leasing 1.125% 2024	152	0.67
150,000	Volkswagen Leasing 1.375% 2025	132	0.58
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
100,000	Abertis Infraestructuras 1.125% 2028	83	0.37
100,000	Abertis Infraestructuras 2.375% 2027	91	0.40
100,000	ABN Amro 2.875% 2028	90	0.40
100,000	ABN Amro FRN 2025	85	0.37
100,000	Alstria Office REIT 0.5% 2025	84	0.37
100,000	America Movil 0.75% 2027	87	0.38
100,000	Amphenol Technologies 2% 2028	95	0.42
184,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 1.15% 2027	165	0.72
100,000	Atlantia 1.875% 2025	83	0.36
100,000	Atos 1.75% 2025	91	0.40
104,000	AusNet Services 1.5% 2027	94	0.42
100,000	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria 1% fixed to floating 2030	84	0.37
200,000	Banco Sabadell 0.875% 2025	172	0.75
117,000	Bank of America 0.808% Fixed to Floating 2025	101	0.44
150,000	Bank of America FRN 2025	132	0.58
200,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 1.7875% 2029	180	0.79
219,000	Barclays 2% 2028	189	0.83
100,000	Bayer 1.5% 2026	90	0.40
100,000	Bayer 2.125% 2029	95	0.42
100,000	Belfius Bank 0.375% 2026	84	0.37
150,000	BNP Paribas FRN 2027	134	0.59
115,000	BP Capital Markets 1.594% 2028	106	0.47

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
200,000	BP Capital Markets 1.953% 2025	185	0.81
100,000	BPCE 0.25% 2026	84	0.37
100,000	BPCE 0.5% 2027	84	0.37
100,000	BPCE 0.625% 2030	85	0.37
100,000	BPCE 1% 2025	87	0.38
100,000	BPCE 2.75% 2026	87	0.38
100,000	BPCE 2.75% 2027	90	0.39
100,000	British Telecom 1.125% 2029	86	0.38
100,000	Brown-Forman 1.2% 2026	89	0.39
200,000	CaixaBank 2.75% 2028	178	0.78
100,000	Cemex 3.125% 2026	88	0.39
100,000	CEZ 0.875% 2026	86	0.38
200,000	Citigroup FRN 2026	179	0.79
100,000	CK Hutchison 0.75% 2026	85	0.37
100,000	Cloverie 1.5% 2028	92	0.41
100,000	CNH Industrial Finance Europe 1.875% 2026	90	0.39
200,000	Credit Agricole 1.375% 2025	178	0.78
100,000	Credit Agricole 1.75% 2029	93	0.41
100,000	Credit Agricole 2% 2029	91	0.40
100,000	Credit Suisse 0.65% fixed to floating 2028	85	0.37
110,000	Credit Suisse 1% fixed to floating 2027	96	0.42
170,000	Credit Suisse FRN 2025	149	0.65
167,000	Deutsche Telekom 0.5% 2027	143	0.63
100,000	Digital Euro Finco 2.5% 2026	93	0.41
100,000	Emirates Telecom 2.75% 2026	97	0.42
100,000	Enel 0.375% 2027	85	0.37
100,000	ENI 0.625% 2030	85	0.37
130,000	ENI 1% 2025	115	0.50
100,000	Essilorluxottica 0.125% 2025	85	0.37
120,000	Experian Finance 1.375% 2026	108	0.47
100,000	Fiserv 1.125% 2027	88	0.39
200,000	GELF 1.125% 2029	171	0.75
100,000	GlaxoSmithKline 1.25% 2026	90	0.40
56,000	HeidelbergCement Finance Luxembourg 1.125% 2027	49	0.22
140,000	Hemso Fastighets 1% 2026	121	0.53
100,000	Iberdrola 3.25% Fixed to Floating 2025	92	0.40
100,000	Iberdrola Finanzas 1% 2025	88	0.39
100,000	Indigo Group 1.625% 2028	91	0.40
100,000	Informa 1.25% 2028	85	0.38
100,000	ING Groep FRN 2029	88	0.38
100,000	Innogy 1.5% 2029	92	0.40
100,000	JAB Holdings 1% 2027	86	0.38

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
100,000	JAB Holdings 1.75% 2026	91	0.40
200,000	JPMorgan Chase 1.09% Fixed to Floating 2026	176	0.77
200,000	La Banque Postale 2.75% 2026	173	0.76
100,000	LEG Immobilien 0.875% 2027	86	0.38
100,000	Medtronic Global 0.25% 2025	85	0.37
100,000	Merck & Co. 0.125% 2025	84	0.37
100,000	Merck & Co 0.375% 2027	85	0.37
100,000	Mizuho Financial 0.402% 2029	83	0.37
100,000	Nationwide Building Society FRN 2029	88	0.39
127,000	NE Property 1.875% 2026	108	0.48
100,000	Nykredit Realkredit 0.75% 2027	85	0.37
200,000	Nykredit Realkredit 2.75% 2027	179	0.78
100,000	Orange 2.375% Fixed to Floating 2025	89	0.39
100,000	Rabobank 2.5% 2026	87	0.38
100,000	RELX 1.375% 2026	90	0.40
100,000	Rentokil Initial 0.875% 2026	86	0.38
131,000	Richemont International 1% 2026	117	0.51
200,000	Royal Bank of Scotland FRN 2026	177	0.78
200,000	RTE Réseau de Transport d'Electricite 1% 2026	178	0.78
100,000	SEB FRN 2026	86	0.38
100,000	SELP Finance 1.5% 2025	88	0.39
46,000	Siemens Financieringsmaatschappij 0.125% 2029	39	0.17
100,000	Sika Capital 0.875% 2027	88	0.39
100,000	Societe Generale FRN 2028	86	0.38
100,000	Standard Chartered 0.85% fixed to floating 2028	85	0.37
50,000	Symrise 1.25% 2025	44	0.19
100,000	Takeda Pharmaceutical 2.25% 2026	95	0.42
101,000	Telenor 0.75% 2026	88	0.39
100,000	Thermo Fisher Scientific 1.375% 2028	91	0.40
100,000	Thermo Fisher Scientific 1.4% 2026	90	0.39
104,000	Transurban Finance 1.75% 2028	95	0.42
110,000	UniCredit 0.5% 2025	93	0.41
200,000	UniCredit 2% fixed to floating 2029	168	0.74
100,000	UniCredit 5.75% 2025	87	0.38
100,000	Verizon Communications 0.875% 2027	87	0.38
108,000	Verizon Communications 1.875% 2029	103	0.45
150,000	Verizon Communications 3.25% 2026	149	0.66
100,000	Vesteda Finance 2% 2026	92	0.40
119,000	Vicinity Centres 1.125% 2029	101	0.45
100,000	Vier Gas Transport 1.5% 2028	93	0.41
100,000	Vinci 1.625% 2029	95	0.42

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
100,000	Autoroutes du Sud de la France 1.375% 2031	93	0.41
100,000	CaixaBank 2.25% 2030	88	0.39
100,000	Coentreprise de Transport d'Electricite 2.125% 2032	99	0.43
100,000	Danske Bank 1.375% fixed to floating 2030	85	0.37
100,000	Digital Dutch Finco 1.5% 2030	87	0.38
58,000	E.ON 0.625% 2031	48	0.21
65,000	E.ON 0.75% 2030	55	0.24
100,000	EDF 5.625% fixed to floating 2033	134	0.59
100,000	ENI 1% 2034	86	0.38
100,000	Essilorluxottica 0.75% 2031	87	0.38
100,000	Fidelity National Information Services 2% 2030	93	0.41
100,000	Heathrow Funding 1.875% 2034	92	0.41
100,000	JPMorgan Chase 1.047% fixed to floating 2032	86	0.38
125,000	Prologis International Funding II 2.375% 2030	123	0.54
100,000	Public Storage 0.875% 2032	85	0.38
100,000	Royal Schiphol Group 1.5% 2030	95	0.42
100,000	Shell International Finance 0.5% 2031	84	0.37
43,000	Siemens Financieringsmaatschappij 0.5% 2034	36	0.16
100,000	Sika Capital 1.5% 2031	93	0.41
100,000	Verizon Communications 0.875% 2032	85	0.37
100,000	Verizon Communications 1.25% 2030	90	0.40
100,000	Vier Gas 0.5% 2034	82	0.36
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
100,000	Allianz II 5.75% 2041	91	0.40
100,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 2.75% 2036	105	0.46
130,000	Aviva 6.125% 2043	129	0.56
150,000	AXA 5.125% 2043	146	0.64
230,000	Delta Lloyd Levensverzekering fixed to floating 2042	236	1.04
200,000	Engie 1.375% 2039	183	0.80
100,000	Medtronic Global 1.5% 2039	88	0.39
100,000	NN Group FRN 2044	96	0.42
121,000	Shell International Finance 0.875% 2039	101	0.44
115,000	Siemens 1.75% 2039	112	0.49
161,000	Unilever 1.5% 2039	151	0.66
greater than 25 years to maturity			
200,000	Channel Link Enterprises Finance FRN 2050	179	0.79
200,000	Electricite de France 2% 2049	177	0.78
100,000	Orsted 1.75% fixed to floating 3019	86	0.38
100,000	Orsted 2.25% 3017	88	0.39

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
	50,000	Orsted 6.25% 3013	49	0.22
	100,000	Prologis Euro Finance 1.5% 2049	82	0.36
Perpetual				
	240,000	AXA 3.875% Perpetual	229	1.01
	100,000	Danone FRN Perpetual	86	0.38
	100,000	Iberdrola 1.875% Perpetual	86	0.38
	250,000	NatWest FRN Perpetual	208	0.91
	100,000	NN Group FRN Perpetual	94	0.41
	100,000	Orange 5% Perpetual	102	0.45
	100,000	Suez 1.625% fixed to floating Perpetual	84	0.37
	100,000	Telefonica FRN Perpetual	87	0.38
	210,000	TOTAL 2.625% Perpetual	190	0.84
	100,000	TOTAL 3.875% Perpetual	90	0.40
	100,000	Volkswagen International Finance 3.875% Perpetual	91	0.40
	100,000	Vonovia Finance 4% fixed to floating Perpetual	90	0.39
Government Bonds (0.58%)			114	0.50
less than 5 years to maturity				
	135,000	China Development Bank 0.375% 2021	114	0.50
Derivatives (-0.02%)			(12)	(0.05)
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.02%)			7	0.03
		Buy EUR 910,000 Sell GBP 769,550 11/03/2020	(4)	(0.02)
		Buy GBP 773,000 Sell EUR 906,638 20/02/2020	11	0.05
		Buy GBP 15,000 Sell EUR 17,706 11/03/2020	-	-
		Buy GBP 20,000 Sell EUR 23,521 11/03/2020	-	-
Futures (0.00%)			(19)	(0.08)
	2	Long US 10 Year Ultra Future 20/03/2020	5	0.02
	(2)	Short Euro Bond Future 06/03/2020	(5)	(0.02)
	(1)	Short Euro Buxl 30 Year Future 06/03/2020	(5)	(0.02)
	(16)	Short Euro-Bobl Future 06/03/2020	(13)	(0.06)
	(1)	Short Short Term Euro-BTP Future 06/03/2020	(1)	-
Total investment assets and liabilities			22,540	99.03
Net other assets			220	0.97
Total Net Assets			22,760	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(1,899)		(737)
Revenue	162		203	
Expenses	(76)		(81)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	85		121	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		85		121
Total return before distributions		(1,814)		(616)
Distributions		(85)		(121)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(1,899)		(737)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		26,593		27,263
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	334		635	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(2,272)		(1,981)	
		(1,938)		(1,346)
Dilution adjustment		4		2
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(1,899)		(737)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		-		1
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		22,760		25,183

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		22,568		27,238
Current assets:				
Debtors	446		175	
Cash and bank balances	54		264	
		500		439
Total assets		23,068		27,677
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(28)		(6)
Creditors	(30)		(1,016)	
Bank overdrafts	(209)		-	
Distribution payable	(41)		(62)	
		(280)		(1,078)
Total liabilities		(308)		(1,084)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		22,760		26,593

Distribution table**For the three months ended 31 October 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 October 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.1023	-	0.1023**	0.1761
Group 2	0.0418	0.0605	0.1023**	0.1761
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3510	-	0.3510*	0.4460
Group 2	-	-	-	0.4460
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.2598	-	0.2598**	0.3362
Group 2	0.1643	0.0955	0.2598**	0.3362
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.0073	-	0.0073*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.0072	-	0.0072**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2020.

For the three months ended 31 January 2020

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2019 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.1225	-	0.1225**	0.1615
Group 2	0.1212	0.0013	0.1225**	0.1615
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3600	-	0.3600*	0.4527
Group 2	-	-	-	0.4527
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.2685	-	0.2685**	0.3464
Group 2	0.1388	0.1297	0.2685**	0.3464
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1952	-	0.1952*	0.3800
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.1911	-	0.1911**	0.3800
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI Europe ex UK Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

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

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the FTSE World Europe ex UK Index plus 3% per annum over three years (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in European countries, or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from European operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- European countries can include the emerging markets of Europe, but excludes the UK.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the FTSE World Europe ex UK Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 9%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the index over the long term.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund ("Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Europe ex UK Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 0.95% compared with a decrease of 1.01% in the performance target, the FTSE World 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 fell in a turbulent six months to January 2020. Initially, the market was swept up in a global selloff, as sentiment was roiled by fears of a worldwide recession, trade friction and competitive currency devaluation. Stockmarkets rebounded subsequently as the US backed away from its hard-line stance on tariffs and restarted trade negotiations. Monetary easing by major central banks also shored up sentiment. Also buoying sentiment was the completion of the US-China phase one deal and in the UK, the Conservatives' sweeping win at the December general election helped reduce political uncertainty. However, the period ended on a sour note, as fears over the covid-19 outbreak in China gripped global stock markets. The oil price fell sharply due to a breakdown of supply discipline among key oil-producing countries at a time of softening global demand.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, contributing to relative performance was Swedish Match, which did well after it delivered robust numbers for its relatively-new but fast-growing nicotine pouch product, Zyn, and a modified risk designation in the US for its snus product, particularly in light of the FDA's adverse stance on flavoured e-cigarettes. Also benefiting the fund was leading global reinsurer Hannover Rueck, which continued to deliver robust growth, retained a solid capital position and has a good track record of returns over the long term. Finally, ASML Holdings shares gained on the back of expectations of a recovery in the memory cycle, supported by nascent signs in the tech and semiconductor sectors. Conversely, detracting from performance was Schoeller-Bleckmann as its shares weakened on concerns over its exposure to US shale activities. Also costing the fund was not holding drugmaker Roche, whose shares strengthened as competitive pressure from US bio-similars to its key oncology drugs was delayed and new products delivered good growth. Last, Prosus lost its bid for British online food-delivery service Just Eat. Instead, Just Eat will merge with Dutch rival Takeaway.com in an all-stock deal.

In portfolio activity, we introduced Prosus' following its listing on the Amsterdam stock exchange. The holding provides exposure to unique, best-in-class emerging markets internet assets at an attractive valuation, backed by a robust net-cash balance sheet. Against this, we sold lock-maker Assa Abloy on concerns that its valuation did not adequately reflect the slowing construction outlook in many of its major markets. We also exited Schoeller-Bleckmann in favour of more attractive opportunities elsewhere; and similarly, Novozymes, after its valuation more than amply reflected its prospects following a re-rating.

Outlook

With the recent volatility in markets driven by fears around coronavirus contagion, we've reviewed our fund holdings to consider the potential impact. Given our focus on high-quality companies and sustainable businesses, we are less concerned that a single-year hit to earnings and cash flows would significantly impair our holdings' competitiveness or cause balance sheet concerns, and have been pleased to see the fund prove resilient thus far. Recent results from some of our core holdings have been robust and we've been reassured by their attempts to quantify the level of impact they foresee as well as actions they're taking to mitigate the impact from covid-19.

Recent weakness has already presented some potential opportunities where we were able to use our longer-term investment horizon than many market participants, as we have done with previous bouts of volatility, to add more capital to holdings where we view the structural attractions as unchanged by the virus. The same goes for the potential new ideas we are evaluating for the portfolio that would bring interesting new exposures and where we may be able to take advantage of more attractive valuations to act in the coming weeks.

At the same time, we think it is important to balance being reactive with being proactive, and remain vigilant as news unfolds. It is likely that there are worse headlines yet to come and the resultant economic impact will certainly be felt well beyond China. However, we think that businesses providing relatively essential goods and services with wide margins and solid balance sheets should be more resilient. Here we also take comfort in our highly selective approach, where our bottom-up analysis and high differentiation from the benchmark ensure a material disconnect between fund performance and either European GDP growth or the broader market outlook.

Our focus, therefore, remains on being disciplined in putting capital to work in our best ideas – ensuring the fund's largest weights are in those high quality companies with the most attractive implied returns, which in aggregate we believe will continue to deliver the best risk-adjusted outcome for our clients. We benefit from a world-class proprietary research platform and an exceptionally well-resourced and experienced European team, which is generating a healthy pipeline of new stock ideas that will drive further tension for capital within the portfolio.

European Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund’s share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund’s objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund’s ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative tables

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	155,653	159,733	156,893	193,627
Closing number of shares	65,800,898	68,097,970	73,067,146	103,754,518
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	236.55	234.56	214.72	186.62
Change in net asset value per share	0.85%	9.24%	15.06%	17.92%
Operating charges	1.32%	1.43%	1.64%	1.66%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	153,215	89,702	45,495	40,013
Closing number of shares	65,035,068	38,485,262	21,439,852	21,872,723
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	235.59	233.08	212.20	182.94
Change in net asset value per share	1.08%	9.84%	15.99%	18.82%
Operating charges	0.87%	0.87%	0.89%	0.91%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	13	-		
Closing number of shares	10,245	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	124.40	122.93		
Change in net asset value per share	1.20%	-		
Operating charges	0.92%	0.92%		
Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,149	7,724	8,866	8,545
Closing number of shares	2,855,310	2,745,657	3,487,929	3,928,429
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	285.41	281.31	254.19	217.51
Change in net asset value per share	1.46%	10.67%	16.86%	19.71%
Operating charges	0.12%	0.12%	0.14%	0.16%

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.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 27 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (95.47%)		305,749	96.44
European Equities (90.54%)		296,017	93.37
Austria (1.70%)		-	-
Denmark (5.82%)		13,669	4.31
295,070	Novo Nordisk	13,669	4.31
Finland (1.95%)		-	-
France (17.26%)		61,792	19.49
75,923	Dassault Systemes	9,999	3.15
221,250	Edenred	9,073	2.86
96,440	Essilor	10,884	3.44
37,460	L'Oreal	7,933	2.50
71,815	Pernod Ricard	9,442	2.98
250,740	Ubisoft Entertainment	14,461	4.56
Germany (14.53%)		54,566	17.22
107,926	Deutsche Boerse	13,347	4.21
80,990	Hannover Rueck	11,977	3.78
46,250	MTU Aero Engines	10,681	3.37
129,860	Nemetschek	6,714	2.12
119,360	SAP	11,847	3.74
Ireland (3.98%)		12,183	3.84
126,230	Kerry	12,183	3.84
Italy (7.38%)		25,102	7.92
465,530	Amplifon	10,050	3.17
185,810	Brunello Cucinelli	5,127	1.62
1,352,297	Davide Campari-Milano	9,925	3.13

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Netherlands (11.32%)		49,119	15.49
67,460	ASML	14,419	4.55
195,000	Heineken	16,115	5.08
170,460	Prosus	9,348	2.95
161,770	Wolters Kluwer	9,237	2.91
Spain (3.95%)		11,853	3.74
199,140	Amadeus	11,853	3.74
Sweden (6.31%)		13,230	4.17
263,260	Atlas Copco 'B'	6,233	1.96
163,300	Swedish Match	6,997	2.21
Switzerland (16.34%)		54,503	17.19
150,970	Julius Baer	5,734	1.81
153,890	Nestle	12,877	4.06
9,900	Partners	6,890	2.17
4,150	SGS	9,107	2.87
27,260	Tecan	5,845	1.85
54,320	Temenos	6,661	2.10
64,320	VAT	7,389	2.33
UK Equities (4.93%)		9,732	3.07
Consumer Goods (4.93%)		9,732	3.07
219,750	Unilever	9,732	3.07
Collective Investment Schemes (2.11%)		5,414	1.71
5,414	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund*	5,414	1.71
Total investment assets		311,163	98.15
Net other assets		5,867	1.85
Total Net Assets		317,030	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		4,874		(20,911)
Revenue	635		373	
Expenses	(1,555)		(1,307)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		-	
Net expense before taxation	(921)		(934)	
Taxation	35		(61)	
Net expense after taxation		(886)		(995)
Total return before equalisation		3,988		(21,906)
Equalisation on shares		1		(1)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		3,989		(21,907)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		257,159		211,254
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	68,709		5,728	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(12,852)		(7,794)	
		55,857		(2,066)
Dilution adjustment		25		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		3,989		(21,907)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		317,030		187,281

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		311,163		250,945
Current assets:				
Debtors	939		896	
Cash and bank balances	5,317		5,646	
		6,256		6,542
Total assets		317,419		257,487
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(389)		(328)	
		(389)		(328)
Total liabilities		(389)		(328)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		317,030		257,159

ASI European High Yield Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in Sterling and Euro denominated sub-investment grade (high yield) corporate bonds.

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the ICE BofAML European Currency High Yield Constrained Index (Hedged to GBP) plus 1.25% per annum (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 70% in Sterling and Euro denominated sub-investment grade corporate bonds.
- The Fund may also invest in bonds issued anywhere in the world by governments and corporations, such as sub-sovereigns, investment grade, inflation-linked, convertible, asset backed and mortgage-backed bonds.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify bonds and derivatives after analysing company's prospects and creditworthiness alongside global economic and market conditions.
- In seeking to achieve the performance target, the ICE BofAML European Currency High Yield Constrained Index (Hedged to GBP) is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 4.50%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the ICE BofAML European Currency High Yield Constrained Index (Hedged to GBP).

Please Note: The Fund's ability to buy and sell bonds and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress which could include periods where interest rates move sharply.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund will routinely use derivatives to reduce risk or reduce cost and/or generate extra income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI European High Yield Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 3.34% compared to an increase of 3.55% in the performance target, the ICE BofAML European Currency High Yield Constrained Index (Hedged to GBP).

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

The European high yield market returned 3.6% over the period under review, taking the 12-month return to an impressive 10.4%. However, the rate of return has slowed more recently as concerns have been building over deteriorating economic data, the efficacy of monetary policy and continued trade uncertainty. Declining economic momentum globally is expected to translate into weaker corporate earnings, particularly for companies most exposed to manufacturing and international trade. Germany and Italy may already be in recessions, as well as the manufacturing sector globally. Towards the end of the period, an outbreak of coronavirus in China has put further pressure on global growth momentum.

UK risk has performed well over the six months buoyed by December's decisive election result. Investor sentiment improved as the risk of a hard Brexit declined. Market participants are also beginning to price in fiscal expansion in the form of higher government spending, which should help boost growth in the region. The signing of the long awaited Phase-One trade deal between China and the US also helped sentiment. However, trade agreements and protectionism will be a long lasting theme for investors to contend with going forward. President Trump has stated the European Union is his next area of focus. This is likely to put further pressure on already troubled industries such as the automotive sector, which the Fund is underweight in as a result.

Having cut interest rates in July, the US Federal Reserve (Fed) made two further cuts in September and October amid worries about the global economy. The European Central Bank (ECB) also cut interest rates and brought in fresh support measures to revive the flagging Eurozone economy. In the UK, the Bank of England left interest rates unchanged at its January meeting. It balanced the risk of post-Brexit pressures against a strong labour market and rising wages.

The European high yield new issue market got off to a flying start in 2020. Much of this pipeline was finely priced as strong investor demand meant order books were covered a multiple of times and pricing was at or through the tight end of guidance. This ensured that few bonds provided any meaningful performance in terms of capital gains post launch. Noteworthy large refinancings were seen in the technology sector from Altice and United Group.

Portfolio review

An overweight position (versus the index) in the UK and underweight position in more cyclical sectors such as automotives, basic industrials and capital goods drove Fund performance. Our underweight to BB rated bonds and overweight to B rated bonds also generated relative outperformance as the former returned 2.3% compared against 3.4% for the latter.

Outlook

In such an accommodative monetary environment, it is difficult to envisage growth and corporate fundamentals sharply deteriorating. History has shown that when central banks are active in such a major way, equities and risk assets tend to perform well. Listening to the many credit strategists from the investment banks in recent weeks, this feels like the consensus view. To summarise, their expectations in brief are: a stabilisation in US and European growth in 2020 should support a mild recovery; government yields will remain low as inflation pressures are limited (even more so in the wake of the outbreak of the coronavirus); easy monetary conditions will persist with ECB Quantitative Easing and US Fed staying on hold. Default rates, as a result, should remain well anchored given the low cost of funding and ample liquidity available to corporates.

However, valuations have become stretched and the coronavirus is causing investors to question the risk and reward of owning certain more exposed sectors. It remains to be seen whether this is a blip in the growth outlook or something more pervasive. Outflows from high yield have been manageable so far but the risks of contagion persist. The duration and depth of the lockdown and travel restrictions impacting Asia more broadly, will likely determine investors' perception of the disruption to supply chains and global growth and how risk assets ultimately perform.

Euro HY and Global Leverage Loans Team

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Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 3 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in mortgage- and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative tables

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,365	2,415	3,703	3,927
Closing number of shares	1,616,518	1,713,716	2,687,625	2,884,152
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	146.32	140.90	137.78	136.16
Change in net asset value per share	3.85%	2.26%	1.19%	7.57%
Operating charges	1.26%	1.32%	1.38%	1.40%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,182	6,331	8,683	7,382
Closing number of shares	7,128,492	7,406,065	9,874,822	8,048,715
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	86.72	85.48	87.93	91.71
Change in net asset value per share	1.45%	(2.79%)	(4.12%)	1.83%
Operating charges	1.26%	1.32%	1.38%	1.40%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	14,838	17,552	19,983	17,851
Closing number of shares	9,765,941	12,023,678	14,066,219	12,784,883
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	151.94	145.98	142.06	139.63
Change in net asset value per share	4.08%	2.76%	1.74%	8.16%
Operating charges	0.81%	0.81%	0.83%	0.85%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	24,316	27,560	31,871	33,696
Closing number of shares	24,004,256	27,664,000	31,253,137	31,856,704
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	101.30	99.62	101.98	105.77
Change in net asset value per share	1.69%	(2.31%)	(3.58%)	2.39%
Operating charges	0.81%	0.81%	0.83%	0.85%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	938	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	109.86	105.37		
Change in net asset value per share	4.26%	-		
Operating charges	0.86%	0.86%		
M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	975	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	103.54	101.82		
Change in net asset value per share	1.69%	-		
Operating charges	0.86%	0.86%		

Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	15,123	19,075	22,921	30,156
Closing number of shares	11,940,565	15,731,721	19,560,152	26,367,952
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	126.65	121.26	117.18	114.37
Change in net asset value per share	4.44%	3.48%	2.46%	8.91%
Operating charges	0.11%	0.11%	0.13%	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.

^A M share classes were launched on 27 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (95.62%)		61,745	98.28
Euro Denominated Bonds (64.44%)		41,618	66.24
Corporate Bonds (64.44%)		41,618	66.24
less than 5 years to maturity			
631,000	Adient 3.5% 2024	508	0.81
400,000	ADLER Real Estate 1.5% 2022	342	0.55
479,000	Altice 2.5% 2025	402	0.64
305,000	Autostrade 1.625% 2023	252	0.40
1,140,000	Avantor 4.75% 2024	1,007	1.60
469,000	Bausch Health 4.5% 2023	396	0.63
253,000	Cabot FRN 2024	220	0.35
200,000	Casino Guichard 3.11% Variable 2023	164	0.26
1,000,000	Casino Guichard 3.248% Variable 2024	766	1.22
416,000	Cirsa Finance International 6.25% 2023	366	0.58
250,000	Consus Real Estate 9.625% 2024	235	0.37
738,000	Cott Finance 5.5% 2024	643	1.02
112,000	DKT Finance 7% 2023	99	0.16
505,000	Galapagos 5.375% 2021	-	-
150,000	INEOS 5.375% 2024	129	0.21
171,000	International Game Technology 3.5% 2024	152	0.24
850,000	International Game Technology 4.75% 2023	771	1.23
719,000	Kleopatra Holdings 1 SCA 8.5% 2023	294	0.47
182,000	La Financiere Atalian 4% 2024	128	0.20
200,000	LeasePlan 7.375% Fixed to Floating 2024	192	0.30
213,000	LHC3 4.125% 2024	184	0.29
800,000	Lincoln Financing 3.625% 2024	685	1.09
231,000	Lincoln Financing FRN 2024	194	0.31
1,421,000	Nassa Topco 2.875% 2024*	1,239	1.97
508,000	Newco GB 8% 2022	438	0.70
1,351,000	Nidda Healthcare 3.5% 2024	1,147	1.83
742,000	OCI 3.125% 2024	635	1.01
429,000	OCI 5% 2023	371	0.59
950,000	PrestigeBidCo 6.25% 2023	824	1.31
498,000	Quatrim 5.875% 2024	437	0.69
250,000	Sazka 9% 2021**	-	-
222,000	Synlab Bondco FRN 2022	187	0.30
200,000	Synlab Unsecured Bondco 8.25% 2023	176	0.28
300,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 1.25% 2023	237	0.38
290,000	Verisure 5.75% 2023	250	0.40
220,000	Verisure Holding 3.5% 2023	189	0.30

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
241,000	VZ Vendor Financing 2.5% 2024	206	0.33
1,199,000	Ziggo 4.625% 2025	1,027	1.63
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
194,000	Altice 3.375% 2028	165	0.26
750,000	Altice 4.75% 2028	636	1.01
630,000	Altice 6.25% 2025	547	0.87
412,000	Altice 8% 2027	391	0.62
270,000	Altice France 5.875% 2027	251	0.40
182,000	Ardagh Packaging 2.125% 2026	157	0.25
300,000	Ashland Services 2% 2028	252	0.40
520,000	Avis Budget Finance 4.5% 2025	451	0.72
300,000	Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena 5.375% fixed to floating 2028	233	0.37
563,000	Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena 8% fixed to floating 2030	491	0.78
480,000	Banff Merger Sub 8.375% 2026	408	0.65
936,000	Blitz F18-674 6% 2026	847	1.35
365,000	Cemex 3.125% 2026	320	0.51
371,000	Cirsa Finance International 7.25% 2025 "A"	321	0.51
143,000	Cirsa Finance International FRN 2025 "B"	120	0.19
767,000	Constantin Investissement 3 SASU 5.375% 2025	664	1.06
740,000	Crown 3.375% 2025	678	1.08
643,000	Diocle FRN 2026	546	0.87
250,000	Dufry 2% 2027*	208	0.33
445,000	eircom 3.5% 2026	388	0.62
290,000	Energizer Gamma Acquisition 4.625% 2026	254	0.41
700,000	Equinix 2.875% 2025	604	0.96
606,000	Grifols 2.25% 2027	521	0.83
370,000	Grifols 3.2% 2025	316	0.50
572,000	House of Finance 4.375% 2026	479	0.76
440,000	Ineos Styrolution 2.25% 2027	365	0.58
429,000	International Game Technology 3.5% 2026	379	0.60
194,000	Intertrust Group 3.375% 2025	170	0.27
947,000	InterXion 4.75% 2025	854	1.36
554,000	Intrum 3% 2027	457	0.73
287,000	Intrum 3.5% 2026	245	0.39
361,000	IQVIA 2.25% 2028	308	0.49
1,153,000	Matterhorn Telecom 3.125% 2026	992	1.58
357,000	Monitchem HoldCo 3 5.25% 2025	314	0.50
100,000	Netflix 3.625% 2027	90	0.14
143,000	Nidda BondCo 5% 2025	121	0.19
470,000	Novafives 5% 2025	340	0.54
250,000	OI European 2.875% 2025	215	0.34

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
	384,000	PPF Arena 2.125% 2025	330	0.52
	360,000	Sigma 5.75% 2026*	306	0.49
	336,000	SoftBank 5.25% 2027	315	0.50
	823,000	Summer BC HoldCo 5.75% 2026	721	1.15
	961,000	Techem Verwaltungsgesellschaft 675 mbH 2% 2025	806	1.28
	700,000	Tele Columbus 3.875% 2025*	570	0.91
	667,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 1.625% 2028	453	0.72
	892,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 4.5% 2025	757	1.21
	161,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 6% 2025	145	0.23
	191,000	UGI International 3.25% 2025	168	0.27
	1,090,000	Unilabs Subholding 5.75% 2025	943	1.50
	271,000	UPCB Finance IV 4% 2027	214	0.34
	806,000	UPCB Finance VII 3.625% 2029	714	1.14
	711,000	WMG Acquisition 3.625% 2026	628	1.00
	700,000	Ziggo 4.25% 2027	628	1.00
between 10 and 15 years to maturity				
	800,000	Telecom Italia 7.75% fixed to floating 2033	1,009	1.61
greater than 25 years to maturity				
	100,000	Bayer 2.375% fixed to floating 2079	86	0.14
Perpetual				
	200,000	Banco BPM 6.125% fixed to floating Perpetual	169	0.27
	400,000	Banco Santander 4.375% fixed to floating Perpetual	348	0.55
	200,000	Banco Santander 5.25% fixed to floating Perpetual	181	0.29
	400,000	Caixa Geral de Depositos 10.75% fixed to floating Perpetual	397	0.63
	400,000	Danske Bank FRN Perpetual	364	0.58
	275,000	Stichting 6.5% Perpetual	305	0.49
	400,000	Telefonica FRN Perpetual	349	0.56
	139,000	Wienerberger 5% Perpetual	122	0.19
Sterling Denominated Bonds (31.18%)			19,714	31.38
Corporate Bonds (31.18%)			19,714	31.38
less than 5 years to maturity				
	600,000	AMC Entertainment 6.375% 2024	568	0.91
	968,000	Arqiva 6.75% 2023	1,028	1.64
	660,000	Arrow Global 5.125% 2024*	671	1.07
	350,000	Barclays 10% 2021	388	0.62
	109,202	BrightHouse Finco 9% 2023	22	0.03
	537,000	Co-Operative 5.125% 2024	576	0.92

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
838,000	CPUK 4.25% 2022		852	1.36
250,000	EI 7.5% 2024		267	0.42
220,000	EnQuest 7% 2022		198	0.31
255,000	Jaguar Land Rover 3.875% 2023		251	0.40
400,000	Miller Homes 5.5% 2024*		415	0.66
727,000	Moto Finance 4.5% 2022		736	1.17
343,000	MPT Operating Partnership 2.55% 2023		353	0.56
950,000	Newday Bondco 7.375% 2024*		959	1.53
1,023,000	RAC Bond 5% 2022		930	1.48
450,000	Shop Direct Funding 7.75% 2022*		435	0.69
429,000	Stonegate Pub Financing 4.875% 2022		435	0.69
910,000	TalkTalk 5.375% 2022		922	1.47
200,000	TDC 5.625% 2023		227	0.36
629,000	Voyage Care 5.875% 2023		635	1.01
270,000	Voyage Care Bonco 10% 2023		253	0.40
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
200,000	Ardagh Packaging 4.75% 2027		208	0.33
185,000	Galaxy Bidco 6.5% 2026		196	0.31
547,000	Heathrow Finance 4.125% 2029		561	0.89
453,000	MPT Operating Partnership 3.692% 2028		482	0.77
1,076,000	Phoenix 6.625% 2025*		1,276	2.03
364,000	Pinewood 3.25% 2025		371	0.59
593,000	Pinnacle Bidco 6.375% 2025		622	0.99
160,000	Trafford Centre 7.03%% 2029		101	0.16
275,000	Virgin Media 4.25% 2030		281	0.45
820,000	Virgin Media 5% 2027		865	1.38
between 10 and 15 years to maturity				
20,000	Trafford Centre 6.5% 2033		22	0.03
greater than 25 years to maturity				
400,000	Koninklijke KPN 6.875% 2073		402	0.64
198,000	RL Finance 4.875% Fixed to Floating 2039		210	0.35
Perpetual				
280,000	Aviva 5.9021% fixed to floating Perpetual		285	0.45
200,000	Barclays 6.375% fixed to floating Perpetual		222	0.35
539,000	Barclays 7.25% fixed to floating Perpetual		595	0.95
1,120,000	CYBG 8% Perpetual		1,194	1.90
100,000	HBOS 7.881% fixed to floating Perpetual		157	0.25
300,000	Lloyds Bank 13% fixed to floating Perpetual		543	0.86

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (0.00%)		413	0.66
Corporate Bonds (0.00%)		413	0.66
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
500,000	JBS Investments II 7% 2026	413	0.66
Equities (0.02%)		-	-
European Equities (0.02%)		-	-
Luxembourg (0.02%)		-	-
26,196	BrightHouse	-	-
Derivatives (-0.90%)		571	0.91
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.90%)		571	0.91
	Buy EUR 101,000 Sell GBP 85,040 20/02/2020	-	-
	Buy EUR 331,000 Sell GBP 280,075 20/02/2020	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 79,936 Sell EUR 94,000 20/02/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 166,129 Sell EUR 195,000 20/02/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 173,771 Sell EUR 203,000 20/02/2020	3	-
	Buy GBP 270,569 Sell EUR 317,000 20/02/2020	4	0.01
	Buy GBP 307,175 Sell EUR 358,000 20/02/2020	6	0.01
	Buy GBP 371,587 Sell EUR 440,000 20/02/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 395,345 Sell EUR 469,000 20/02/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 409,017 Sell EUR 480,000 20/02/2020	5	0.01
	Buy GBP 472,296 Sell EUR 550,000 20/02/2020	9	0.02
	Buy GBP 657,312 Sell EUR 771,000 20/02/2020	9	0.01
	Buy GBP 9,914,032 Sell EUR 11,628,000 20/02/2020	132	0.21
	Buy GBP 9,915,738 Sell EUR 11,630,000 20/02/2020	132	0.21
	Buy GBP 9,915,738 Sell EUR 11,630,000 20/02/2020	132	0.21
	Buy GBP 9,915,738 Sell EUR 11,630,000 20/02/2020	132	0.21
	Buy GBP 418,547 Sell USD 547,000 20/02/2020	4	0.01
Total investment assets		62,316	99.19
Net other assets		510	0.81
Total Net Assets		62,826	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

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

** Unapproved/Unquoted Security.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		1,313		(3,958)
Revenue	1,609		2,256	
Expenses	(233)		(295)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(3)		(2)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,373		1,959	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		1,373		1,959
Total return before distributions		2,686		(1,999)
Distributions		(1,569)		(2,207)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		1,117		(4,206)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		72,933		87,161
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	1,460		6,198	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(13,510)		(8,980)	
		(12,050)		(2,782)
Dilution adjustment		31		(1)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		1,117		(4,206)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		795		1,190
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		62,826		81,362

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		62,317		69,776
Current assets:				
Debtors	734		3,801	
Cash and bank balances	648		2,001	
		1,382		5,802
Total assets		63,699		75,578
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(2)		(682)
Creditors	(756)		(1,851)	
Distribution payable	(115)		(112)	
		(871)		(1,963)
Total liabilities		(873)		(2,645)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		62,826		72,933

Distribution table**For the month ended 31 August 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 August 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6413	-	0.6413*	0.6301
Group 2	0.4220	0.2193	0.6413*	0.6301
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3891	-	0.3891**	0.4021
Group 2	0.0877	0.3014	0.3891**	0.4021
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6642	-	0.6642*	0.6496
Group 2	0.3905	0.2737	0.6642*	0.6496
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4535	-	0.4535**	0.4663
Group 2	0.0992	0.3543	0.4535**	0.4663
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5200	-	0.5200*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.4600	-	0.4600**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5522	-	0.5522*	0.5359
Group 2	-	-	-	0.5359

* Distribution accumulated on 31 August 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 September 2019.

For the month ended 30 September 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 September 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 September 2019 and 30 September 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5132	-	0.5132*	0.5772
Group 2	0.3868	0.1264	0.5132*	0.5772
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3100	-	0.3100**	0.3667
Group 2	0.2256	0.0844	0.3100**	0.3667
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5320	-	0.5320*	0.5955
Group 2	0.2207	0.3113	0.5320*	0.5955
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3612	-	0.3612**	0.4255
Group 2	0.1447	0.2165	0.3612**	0.4255
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4100	-	0.4100*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.4000	-	0.4000**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4403	-	0.4403*	0.4914
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 30 September 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 October 2019.

For the month ended 31 October 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 October 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 October 2019 and 31 October 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5229	-	0.5229*	0.6690
Group 2	0.4472	0.0757	0.5229*	0.6690
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3147	-	0.3147**	0.4233
Group 2	0.2088	0.1059	0.3147**	0.4233
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5424	-	0.5424*	0.6905
Group 2	0.2499	0.2925	0.5424*	0.6905
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3672	-	0.3672**	0.4914
Group 2	0.0858	0.2814	0.3672**	0.4914
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3720	-	0.3720*	-
Group 2	0.1520	0.2200	0.3720*	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3762	-	0.3762**	-
Group 2	0.1462	0.2300	0.3762**	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4514	-	0.4514*	0.5702
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2019.

** Distribution paid on 30 November 2019.

For the month ended 30 November 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2019 and 30 November 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2018 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5837	-	0.5837*	0.5459
Group 2	0.4279	0.1558	0.5837*	0.5459
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3500	-	0.3500**	0.3437
Group 2	0.0716	0.2784	0.3500**	0.3437
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6054	-	0.6054*	0.5624
Group 2	0.3043	0.3011	0.6054*	0.5624
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4083	-	0.4083**	0.3993
Group 2	0.2212	0.1871	0.4083**	0.3993
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4445	-	0.4445*	0.0700
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.4203	-	0.4203**	0.0700
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5036	-	0.5036*	0.4661
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 30 November 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 December 2019.

For the month ended 31 December 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 December 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 December 2019 and 31 December 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5464	-	0.5464*	0.6205
Group 2	0.4206	0.1258	0.5464*	0.6205
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3263	-	0.3263**	0.3890
Group 2	0.1577	0.1686	0.3263**	0.3890
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5669	-	0.5669*	0.6411
Group 2	0.2173	0.3496	0.5669*	0.6411
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3808	-	0.3808**	0.4521
Group 2	0.1498	0.2310	0.3808**	0.4521
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4221	-	0.4221*	0.4600
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3987	-	0.3987**	0.4600
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4721	-	0.4721*	0.5302
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 December 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2020.

For the month ended 31 January 2020

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 January 2020

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 January 2020 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5482	-	0.5482*	0.5519
Group 2	0.3369	0.2113	0.5482*	0.5519
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3261	-	0.3261**	0.3443
Group 2	0.1302	0.1959	0.3261**	0.3443
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5691	-	0.5691*	0.5703
Group 2	0.2488	0.3203	0.5691*	0.5703
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.3810	-	0.3810**	0.4004
Group 2	0.1677	0.2133	0.3810**	0.4004
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4093	-	0.4093*	0.4200
Group 2	0.4093	-	0.4093*	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3905	-	0.3905**	0.4200
Group 2	0.3905	-	0.3905**	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4742	-	0.4742*	0.4719
Group 2	0.4742	-	0.4742*	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution paid on 29 February 2020.

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.

ASI European Real Estate Share Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in European property-related equities (company shares) including listed closed ended real estate investment trusts ("REITs").

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the FTSE EPRA Nareit Europe (UK Restricted) 10% Capped Index plus 3% per annum (before charges) over rolling three year periods. The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund invests in equities and equity-related securities of companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from European real estate operations or have a significant proportion of their assets in European real estate.
- European countries can include the UK and the emerging markets of Europe.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a concentrated asset mix at sector, country and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings that can be held for the long term.
- The FTSE EPRA Nareit Europe (UK Restricted) 10% Capped Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 9%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the index over the long term.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI European Real Estate Share Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 11.06% compared to an increase of 9.89% in the performance target, the FTSE EPRA Nareit Europe (UK Restricted) 10% Capped 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 performed strongly over the reporting period, along with the wider equity market. Share prices rose over the latter part of 2019, with upbeat trade-related news outweighing mixed data relating to the underlying health of the Eurozone economy. Investors viewed the US Federal Reserve's decision to cut interest rates at the end of October positively. In other news, a revised draft Brexit withdrawal agreement and the Conservative Party's subsequent decisive election victory reduced uncertainty about the EU's future relationship with the UK. This prompted a significant relief rally in UK domestic-facing stocks.

Economic data was mixed as the Eurozone's gross domestic product growth slowed to just 0.1% in the final three months of 2019. Contractions in the French and Italian economies dragged the overall figure down, despite more positive figures from Spain and Belgium. Meanwhile, the 'flash' reading of Germany's composite purchasing managers' index indicated expansion in the country's services and manufacturing sectors. The European Central Bank left Eurozone interest rates unchanged at its January meeting, while the Bank of England also maintained its official bank rate at the end of the period. Investor expectations of sustained low interest rates are almost certainly helping to support demand for direct and listed property alike.

Investment in continental European commercial real estate reached €70 billion in the fourth quarter of 2019. This resulted in an annual total of €208 billion, which is close to previous peak levels. The volume invested in retail property fell sharply during 2019, down roughly 18%, with offices and residential seeing increases in contrast. Within the listed space, concerns persisted around the negative trajectory for retail asset values, particularly in the UK. Elsewhere, a broadly positive reporting season supported gains as did several instances of corporate activity. By country, the strongest gains were made in Sweden and Switzerland, which continued to benefit from favourable occupational trends. The UK also enjoyed a bounce following the general election and as the potential for a 'no-deal' Brexit reduced.

Portfolio review

A key source of the Fund's outperformance came from stock picking in the UK. A number of our more niche exposures performed well, including flexible office owner Workspace, GP-facility owner Assura, and student housing provider Unite Group. Sirius Real Estate, which is UK-listed but owns German business parks, also outperformed. It reported good growth in earnings and net asset value, solid tenant demand, and further value-enhancement opportunities in the portfolio.

The Fund also benefited on a relative basis from our significant less-than-benchmark exposure to retail, in particular the large index-weight mall-owner Unibail-Rodamco Westfield. Not owning any UK retail players was also beneficial. Meanwhile, in the industrials sector, Swedish logistics stock Catena and pan-European industrial real estate investment trust (REIT) SEGRO both contributed strongly. They continued to benefit from the strong structural demand drivers behind the sub-segment's growth.

Conversely, limiting relative performance were our holdings in Hibernia REIT, which weakened despite a stable underlying Dublin office market. Flughafen Zurich also lagged, given concerns over reduced regulated revenues ahead. Not owning Swiss Prime Site, which did well because of its perception as a Swiss 'safe haven', also detracted.

As ever, we've been actively engaging with company management teams and completing site tours. Within the Fund, we remain watchful for opportunities that may arise in more volatile markets for the long-term investor. As such, we have continued to improve the quality of the portfolio with the following key strategic trades.

We introduced one new holding: prime Stockholm commercial property owner Faberge. We took advantage of the fact it had lagged its peers during most of 2019 and was trading at a relatively attractive discount. We like the company's development prospects, its exposure to central Stockholm and its strong balance sheet.

We added to logistics property owner Warehouses de Pauw by supporting an equity increase by the company, which gives greater visibility on its external growth plans. We also added to our holding in Shurgard Self-Storage to take advantage of share price weakness. We continue to like the company's occupancy resilience, the prospects for expansion and its strong balance sheet.

We funded these additions by exiting Wihlborgs, taking advantage of strong performance after its shares gained over 61% during the year. We also took some profits in Unite Group and Big Yellow where valuations looked fuller following outperformance.

Outlook

With the sector gaining over 20% during 2019, valuations suggest more modest total returns ahead. That said, leading European macro indicators suggest there is scope for better take-up. We expect occupier demand and rental growth to remain under scrutiny given they form the key underpin to valuations, along with development gains, at a time of low property yields. Following the proposed rental changes in the German residential sub-sector last year, we would expect political risk to remain a feature of the year ahead, too.

We continue to emphasise the importance of taking a selective and unconstrained approach given the variability in returns and occupational trends across different property types and locations. Europe offers a diversified range of exposures in the listed sector for the active bottom-up stock picker. Our key exposures reflect specific areas where we see stronger prospects. We have continued to reallocate capital away from more peripheral areas over the period. We have moved into core continental commercial markets and areas backed by attractive structural growth drivers, such as European logistics and continental self-storage. We remain very cautious on retail and we are not tempted by some of the sector's apparent value opportunities where balance sheets are not robust.

Given our rigorous focus on quality, we remain confident in the prospects for our holdings, which are backed by robust balance sheets and experienced management teams. They should be well positioned to continue to generate attractive risk-adjusted returns for our clients.

European Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- Dividend payment policies of the REITs in which the fund invests are not representative of the dividend payment policy of the fund.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,636	6,148	6,874	5,217
Closing number of shares	2,503,779	2,604,185	3,078,634	2,562,974
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	265.02	236.08	223.27	203.55
Change in net asset value per share	12.26%	5.74%	9.69%	9.26%
Operating charges	1.30%	1.40%	1.61%	1.62%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	501	516	570	566
Closing number of shares	323,823	372,324	422,789	446,389
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	154.71	138.51	134.82	126.75
Change in net asset value per share	11.70%	2.74%	6.37%	5.55%
Operating charges	1.30%	1.40%	1.61%	1.62%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	63,375	57,080	61,387	21,168
Closing number of shares	30,054,555	30,451,058	34,779,010	13,232,469
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	210.87	187.45	176.51	159.97
Change in net asset value per share	12.49%	6.20%	10.34%	9.93%
Operating charges	0.85%	0.85%	0.86%	0.87%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	9,203	8,976	12,578	8,566
Closing number of shares	6,679,270	7,292,493	10,547,769	7,697,669
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	137.78	123.09	119.25	111.28
Change in net asset value per share	11.93%	3.22%	7.16%	6.35%
Operating charges	0.85%	0.85%	0.86%	0.87%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	869	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	126.79	112.56		
Change in net asset value per share	12.64%	-		
Operating charges	0.90%	0.90%		
M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	888	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	122.95	109.73		
Change in net asset value per share	12.05%	-		
Operating charges	0.90%	0.90%		

Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	44,701	40,915	43,292	41,803
Closing number of shares	14,214,174	14,684,895	16,597,008	17,788,908
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	314.48	278.62	260.84	235.00
Change in net asset value per share	12.87%	6.82%	11.00%	10.58%
Operating charges	0.10%	0.10%	0.11%	0.12%

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.

^A M share classes launched on 27 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (99.34%)		120,241	96.64
European Equities (71.10%)		85,474	68.69
Austria (3.23%)		4,135	3.32
124,350	CA Immo	4,135	3.32
Belgium (6.66%)		8,931	7.18
175,500	Shurgard Self Storage	4,839	3.89
188,944	Warehouses De Pauw	4,092	3.29
France (9.10%)		10,004	8.04
41,660	Gecina	5,964	4.79
83,400	Klepierre	2,155	1.73
18,300	Unibail-Rodamco	1,885	1.52
Germany (22.41%)		26,534	21.33
259,700	Alstria Office REIT	3,917	3.15
175,808	Deutsche Wohnen	5,649	4.54
46,090	LEG Immobilien	4,307	3.46
6,181,182	Sirius Real Estate	5,582	4.49
163,750	Vonovia	7,079	5.69
Ireland (4.74%)		4,831	3.88
2,873,620	Cairn Homes	2,947	2.37
1,659,720	Hibernia REIT	1,884	1.51
Spain (6.77%)		9,069	7.29
491,430	Inmobiliaria Colonial	4,995	4.02
378,930	Merlin Properties	4,074	3.27
Sweden (12.96%)		16,241	13.05
266,000	Castellum	4,955	3.98
106,900	Catena	3,500	2.81

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
291,000	Fabege	3,780	3.04
268,000	Hufvudstaden	4,006	3.22
Switzerland (5.23%)		5,729	4.60
11,860	Flughafen Zurich	1,564	1.25
36,320	PSP Swiss Property	4,165	3.35
UK Equities (28.24%)		34,767	27.95
Consumer Services (1.82%)		2,520	2.03
383,150	Rightmove	2,520	2.03
Financials (26.42%)		32,247	25.92
6,287,890	Assura	4,886	3.93
192,700	Big Yellow	2,270	1.82
59,870	Derwent Valley	2,459	1.98
948,075	LondonMetric Property	2,158	1.73
220,670	Savills	2,743	2.21
919,956	Segro	8,375	6.73
237,166	Shaftesbury	2,131	1.71
367,600	Unite	4,672	3.76
210,163	Workspace	2,553	2.05
Collective Investment Schemes (0.71%)		3,660	2.94
3,660	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund ⁺	3,660	2.94
Total investment assets		123,901	99.58
Net other assets		517	0.42
Total Net Assets		124,418	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

⁺ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		13,348		(4,580)
Revenue	714		777	
Expenses	(346)		(402)	
Interest payable and similar charges	-		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	368		374	
Taxation	(14)		5	
Net revenue after taxation		354		379
Total return before distributions		13,702		(4,201)
Distributions		(611)		(660)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		13,091		(4,861)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		113,635		124,701
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	9,448		16,745	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(12,326)		(15,572)	
		(2,878)		1,173
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		13,091		(4,861)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		570		568
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		124,418		121,581

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		123,901		113,694
Current assets:				
Debtors	1,508		266	
Cash and bank balances	409		295	
		1,917		561
Total assets		125,818		114,255
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(1,351)		(395)	
Distribution payable	(49)		(225)	
		(1,400)		(620)
Total liabilities		(1,400)		(620)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		124,418		113,635

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2020**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.3202	-	1.3202*	1.2034
Group 2	0.4697	0.8505	1.3202*	1.2034
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.7746	-	0.7746**	0.7266
Group 2	0.2750	0.4996	0.7746**	0.7266
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0492	-	1.0492*	0.9164
Group 2	0.2983	0.7509	1.0492*	0.9164
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.6890	-	0.6890**	0.6194
Group 2	0.2658	0.4232	0.6890**	0.6194
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6688	-	0.6688*	0.2500
Group 2	0.2388	0.4300	0.6688*	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.6517	-	0.6517**	0.2500
Group 2	0.2317	0.4200	0.6517**	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5618	-	1.5618*	1.2819
Group 2	0.5240	1.0378	1.5618*	1.2819

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI European Smaller Companies Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate growth over the longer term (5 years or more) by investing in European smaller capitalisation equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the EMIX Smaller European Companies Index, plus 3% per annum over five years (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of smaller capitalisation companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in European countries, or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from European operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- European countries include the emerging markets of Europe and the UK.
- Smaller capitalisation companies are defined as any stock included in the EMIX Smaller European Companies Index or, if not included within the index any stock having a market capitalisation smaller than that of the stock with the largest market capitalisation in such index.
- The Fund may also invest in mid and larger capitalisation companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in European countries.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using the management team's quality, growth and momentum approach. It aims to identify companies that exhibit a range of high quality characteristics, operate in growing markets and display positive business momentum.
- In seeking to achieve the performance target, the EMIX Smaller European Companies Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 9%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the index.

Please note: The Fund's ability to buy and sell small and mid-capitalisation shares and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress. In certain circumstances investors in the Fund may not be able to sell their investment when they want to.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund ("Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI European Smaller Companies Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 1.31% compared to an increase of 2.55% in the performance target, the EMIX Smaller European Companies 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

Small-cap European equities rose despite a turbulent six months to January 2020. Initially, the market was swept up in a global selloff, as sentiment was roiled by fears of a worldwide recession, trade friction and competitive currency devaluation. Stockmarkets rebounded subsequently as the US backed away from its hard-line stance on tariffs and restarted trade negotiations. Monetary easing by major central banks also shored up sentiment. Also buoying sentiment was the completion of the US-China phase one deal and in the UK, the Conservatives' sweeping win at the December general election helped reduce political uncertainty. However, the period ended on a sour note, as fears over the covid-19 outbreak in China gripped global stock markets. The oil price fell sharply due to a breakdown of supply discipline among key oil-producing countries at a time of softening global demand.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, detracting from performance was Interparfums, as its shares were dampened by worries over the impact of the covid-19 outbreak on demand. The company has confirmed that there will be some short-term impact, particularly on first-quarter sales. Management, however, indicated that there will be no change to its medium-term investment plans, which is comforting. We remain happy that its long-term investment case is unchanged and will continue to hold the company. Also costing the fund was Burford Capital, as its shares were hurt by an aggressive short-selling attack earlier in the period. Last, New Work was lacklustre as its core B2B division started showing weakness in quarterly growth over 2019, suggesting that despite the structural imbalance between supply and demand in the German labour market, its business was being hurt by the poor economic conditions there. We are reviewing the holding. Conversely, mitigating the loss was Aveva, which advanced after it posted robust first-half results, while its medium-term potential remained significant, supported by digitisation and preventative-maintenance trends. Also benefiting the fund was Diploma, which saw its shares show further strength on the back of another solid trading update, boosted by its successful M&A activity. Finally, Gima TT's positive performance was driven by the completion of the merger with parent company, IMA.

Outlook

With the recent volatility in markets driven by fears around coronavirus contagion, we've reviewed our fund holdings to consider the potential impact. Given our focus on high-quality companies and sustainable businesses, we are less concerned that a single-year hit to earnings and cash flows would significantly impair our holdings' competitiveness or cause balance sheet concerns, and have been pleased to see the fund prove resilient thus far. Recent results from some of our core holdings have been robust and we've been reassured by their attempts to quantify the level of impact they foresee as well as actions they're taking to mitigate the impact from covid-19.

Recent weakness has already presented some potential opportunities where we were able to use our longer-term investment horizon than many market participants, as we have done with previous bouts of volatility, to add more capital to holdings where we view the structural attractions as unchanged by the virus. The same goes for the potential new ideas we are evaluating for the portfolio that would bring interesting new exposures and where we may be able to take advantage of more attractive valuations to act in the coming weeks.

At the same time, we think it is important to balance being reactive with being proactive, and remain vigilant as news unfolds. It is likely that there are worse headlines yet to come and the resultant economic impact will certainly be felt well beyond China. However, we think that businesses providing relatively essential goods and services with wide margins and solid balance sheets should be more resilient. Here we also take comfort in our highly selective approach, where our bottom-up analysis and high differentiation from the benchmark ensure a material disconnect between fund performance and either European GDP growth or the broader market outlook.

Our focus, therefore, remains on being disciplined in putting capital to work in our best ideas – ensuring the fund's largest weights are in those high quality companies with the most attractive implied returns, which in aggregate we believe will continue to deliver the best risk-adjusted outcome for our clients. We benefit from a world-class proprietary research platform and an exceptionally well-resourced and experienced European team, which is generating a healthy pipeline of new stock ideas that will drive further tension for capital within the portfolio.

Small Cap Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
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Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The shares of small and mid-cap companies may be less liquid and more volatile than those of larger companies.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative tables

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	35,349	36,339	36,981	47,123
Closing number of shares	1,925,117	2,006,100	2,140,895	3,260,370
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	1,836.17	1,811.44	1,727.36	1,445.33
Change in net asset value per share	1.37%	4.87%	19.51%	27.11%
Operating charges	1.32%	1.43%	1.65%	1.67%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	26,265	28,235	18,057	10,878
Closing number of shares	11,563,236	12,628,518	8,516,105	6,177,710
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	227.14	223.58	212.03	176.08
Change in net asset value per share	1.59%	5.45%	20.42%	28.07%
Operating charges	0.87%	0.87%	0.90%	0.92%
K Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	205	221	111	8
Closing number of shares	114,429	125,060	66,646	5,800
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	179.13	176.26	167.03	138.60
Change in net asset value per share	1.63%	5.53%	20.51%	28.17%
Operating charges	0.80%	0.80%	0.83%	0.85%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	886	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	123.88	121.76		
Change in net asset value per share	1.74%	-		
Operating charges	0.92%	0.92%		

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.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 27 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (94.47%)		59,805	96.74
European Equities (67.52%)		43,318	70.08
Austria (6.75%)		3,583	5.80
29,200	DO & CO	2,204	3.57
12,042	Schoeller-Bleckmann Oilfield Equipment	421	0.68
47,000	Vienna Insurance	958	1.55
Belgium (0.00%)		262	0.42
14,919	Fagron	262	0.42
Denmark (0.92%)		685	1.11
69,000	Scandinavian Tobacco 'A'	685	1.11
Finland (0.00%)		564	0.91
11,000	Kesko	564	0.91
France (6.92%)		3,949	6.39
79,671	Interparfums	2,425	3.92
8,001	Teleperformance	1,524	2.47
Germany (17.86%)		10,518	17.01
15,600	Cancom	709	1.15
26,000	CTS Eventim	1,233	2.00
33,666	Dermapharm	1,069	1.73
14,500	Gerresheimer	872	1.41
22,402	Grenke	1,696	2.74
2,409	Hypoport	644	1.04
55,377	Nemetschek	2,863	4.63
1,461	New Work	361	0.58
59,000	PATRIZIA Immobilien	1,071	1.73
Ireland (1.54%)		1,063	1.72
1,036,256	Cairn Homes	1,063	1.72

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Italy (11.28%)		7,225	11.69
132,500	Amplifon	2,860	4.63
57,500	Brunello Cucinelli	1,586	2.57
109,000	Cerved Information Solutions	811	1.31
85,843	DoBank	849	1.37
6,726	IMA	333	0.54
13,200	Reply	786	1.27
Norway (0.58%)		427	0.69
36,301	Kongsberg Gruppen	427	0.69
Spain (0.00%)		791	1.28
70,523	Almirall	791	1.28
Sweden (10.15%)		6,625	10.72
37,300	AddLife	857	1.39
70,000	AddTech 'B'	1,628	2.64
109,166	Cloetta 'B'	291	0.47
180,000	Coor Service Management	1,248	2.02
129,000	Eleckta	1,121	1.81
121,000	Lagercrantz 'B'	1,480	2.39
Switzerland (11.52%)		7,626	12.34
3,500	Bachem	475	0.77
280	Belimo	1,487	2.40
4,600	Burckhardt Compression	953	1.54
1,114	Dormakaba 'B'	531	0.86
9,600	Tecan	2,058	3.33
9,100	Temenos	1,116	1.81
3,750	VZ	1,006	1.63
North American Equities (0.00%)		-	-
United States (0.00%)		-	-
3,184,500	Ashurst Technology [□]	-	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (26.95%)		16,487	26.66
Basic Materials (2.69%)		1,439	2.33
65,003	Victrex	1,439	2.33
Consumer Services (2.38%)		1,369	2.21
112,000	Euromoney Institutional Investor	1,369	2.21
Financials (3.47%)		1,712	2.77
82,000	Burford Capital**	517	0.84
31,500	Close Brothers	446	0.72
43,000	Intermediate Capital	749	1.21
Health Care (6.31%)		4,212	6.81
100,500	Abcam**	1,400	2.26
71,500	Dechra Pharmaceuticals	2,032	3.29
25,354	Genus	780	1.26
Industrials (5.70%)		4,477	7.24
93,763	Diploma	1,826	2.95
97,500	Oxford Instruments	1,501	2.43
51,000	Ultra Electronics	1,150	1.86
Technology (6.40%)		3,278	5.30
66,676	AVEVA	3,278	5.30
Collective Investment Schemes (4.32%)		1,736	2.81
1,736	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund*	1,736	2.81
Total investment assets		61,541	99.55
Net other assets		279	0.45
Total Net Assets		61,820	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

** AIM Securities.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		701		(7,231)
Revenue	283		303	
Expenses	(343)		(345)	
Net expense before taxation	(60)		(42)	
Taxation	14		8	
Net expense after taxation		(46)		(34)
Total return		655		(7,265)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		655		(7,265)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		64,795		57,262
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	3,094		7,468	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(6,724)		(4,971)	
		(3,630)		2,497
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		655		(7,265)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		61,820		52,494

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		61,541		64,014
Current assets:				
Debtors	163		334	
Cash and bank balances	313		544	
		476		878
Total assets		62,017		64,892
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(197)		(97)	
		(197)		(97)
Total liabilities		(197)		(97)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		61,820		64,795

ASI Financial Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

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

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the MSCI AC World Financials Index plus 3% per annum over three years (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of financial institutions, such as banking, insurance, financial services and property companies, listed on global stock exchanges.
- The Fund may also invest in companies which generate a significant part of their earnings from financial activity.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a concentrated but diversified asset mix at country and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the MSCI AC Financial Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 9%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the index over the long term.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund ("Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Financial Equity Fund – A Income Shares decreased by 2.84% compared to a decrease of 1.55% in the performance target, 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 financial equities slipped in sterling terms in the six months under review due to a jittery start and end. Markets started off on the back foot in August, when US President Donald Trump threatened to impose tariffs on Chinese imports after talks stalled. Tensions then eased in September as both sides exchanged goodwill gestures to pave the way for talks to resume. Improving prospects of a partial deal between them supported stocks in the final months of 2019. In the New Year, however, fears over the economic impact of a viral outbreak unnerved investors. Stocks dipped, in spite of improving growth in some markets and the signing of the US-China phase one deal.

In policy news, the Federal Reserve cut rates for a second and third time. It then paused in December and signalled it could stand pat in 2020. Amid encouraging US data, including a healthy labour market, the S&P 500 Index set several fresh records. In Japan, lawmakers approved US\$120 billion in stimulus to address decelerating growth. The two markets were among the few that gained in the period. In the UK, a landslide election win by incumbent Prime Minister Boris Johnson's party and his later Brexit success boosted stocks after months of uncertainty. Its stockmarket, however, still ended the period lower overall.

Portfolio review

The Fund's performance was dented by its holding in Ayala Land, a property developer in the Philippines, as policy uncertainty surrounding the property sector led to profit-taking by some investors. We remain upbeat about the company, which has a sizeable land bank, an established brand across residential, office and retail sectors, and could enjoy a re-rating through plans to spin off its office assets into a real estate investment trust. Its Indonesian counterpart, Pakuwon Jati, was hurt by subdued sales and expectations that a change in accounting standards from 2020 could affect its revenue. We continue to like the firm which has a balanced mix of recurring and non-recurring income, giving it a superior earnings profile compared to its peers. Meanwhile, Banco Bradesco fell on expectations of a further rate cut in Brazil and political uncertainty. We remain confident in the leading Brazilian lender, which has a good quality loan portfolio and has benefited from robust growth in retail lending.

Conversely, bourse operator Japan Exchange Group boosted returns, as it rose in tandem with the broader market. Its US peer Intercontinental Exchange was lifted by plans to launch bitcoin

futures contracts for institutional needs in September, as well as investor expectations of healthy earnings. Elsewhere, German financial technology provider Hypoport recorded good results, driven by private clients and real estate platform segments.

In other portfolio activity, we introduced the following stocks: Fidelity National Information Services, based on our conviction in its ability to execute on synergies and private revenue growth, which should support steady cash conversion; Brazilian shopping-mall operator Multiplan, given our greater conviction in its development pipeline; Private-equity business Blackstone Group, which benefits from economies of scale; S&P Global, a high-quality business providing ratings and index provision; Indian property developer Prestige Estates for its attractive portfolio of investment properties and solid franchise in residential development.

Against these, we divested the following holdings: Thai lender Kasikornbank in favour of better opportunities elsewhere, as its outlook remains challenging and we expect its fees to remain under pressure; Swiss bank UBS Group, on waning conviction as a result of increased competition in the US wealth market and lower expectations for further capital return; Brazilian shopping-mall operator Iguatemi, replacing it with its peer Multiplan; Indian lender ICICI Bank following a rally, in favour of Prestige Estates; M&G, which was spun off from UK insurer Prudential, as its long-term fundamentals appear unattractive.

Outlook

The recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus looks likely to disrupt the nascent global economic recovery. The shutdown of parts of China will have knock-on effects elsewhere – particularly on countries with the strongest trade and tourism links to the world's second-largest economy. We expect some governments will use targeted fiscal aid to support affected sectors, alleviating some of the impact. Meanwhile, the fragile truce between the US and China offers investors some respite from geopolitical tensions. But both governments have offered few indications on the timing and prospects for further, and potentially more significant, talks. Political uncertainty as the US heads towards elections at the end of the year could also hamper stockmarkets.

In the meantime, rather than attempting to time a stock market turnaround, we focus on structural growth drivers that will be unaffected in the long term. The recent pullback in valuations also allows us to add to favoured holdings, or pick up attractive stocks, on the cheap. The solid fundamentals of the portfolio's underlying holdings will ensure their resilience during such uncertain times. Accommodative central banks should also continue to lend some support to stocks.

Global Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

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Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
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The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	49,057	52,334	48,463	49,531
Closing number of shares	1,223,664	1,262,553	1,332,198	1,440,975
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	4,009.03	4,145.12	3,637.85	3,437.31
Change in net asset value per share	(3.28%)	13.94%	5.83%	21.64%
Operating charges	1.33%	1.42%	1.64%	1.65%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,884	2,026	1,229	967
Closing number of shares	1,118,939	1,163,848	804,445	670,340
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	168.36	174.07	152.73	144.28
Change in net asset value per share	(3.28%)	13.97%	5.86%	21.67%
Operating charges	0.87%	0.87%	0.89%	0.90%
M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	904	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	112.94	116.41		
Change in net asset value per share	(2.98%)	-		
Operating charges	0.92%	0.92%		

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.

^A M Income share class was launched on 27 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (97.31%)		50,632	99.39
Emerging Market Equities (7.68%)		-	-
Brazil (5.99%)		2,769	5.44
276,988	Banco Bradesco ADR	1,601	3.14
190,200	Multiplan	1,168	2.30
Chile (1.69%)		585	1.15
337,373	Parque Arauco	585	1.15
European Equities (8.78%)		4,805	9.43
Germany (5.19%)		3,540	6.95
14,900	Deutsche Boerse	1,843	3.62
27,000	Deutsche Wohnen	868	1.70
3,100	Hypoport	829	1.63
Poland (1.41%)		677	1.33
35,100	Bank Polska Kasa Opieki	677	1.33
Sweden (1.08%)		588	1.15
79,100	Svenska Handelsbanken	588	1.15
Switzerland (1.10%)		-	-
Japanese Equities (5.30%)		2,893	5.68
119,500	Japan Exchange Group	1,659	3.26
81,945	Mitsubishi Estate	1,234	2.42
North America Equities (32.04%)		18,939	37.18
Canada (2.68%)		1,204	2.36
20,100	Royal Bank of Canada	1,204	2.36

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Mexico (1.39%)		849	1.67
182,900	Grupo Financiero Banorte	849	1.67
United States (27.97%)		16,886	33.15
13,700	Blackstone	635	1.25
14,500	CME	2,388	4.69
4,100	Fair Isaac	1,251	2.46
9,700	Fidelity National Information Services	1,057	2.07
22,100	First Republic Bank	1,859	3.65
36,000	Intercontinental Exchange	2,723	5.34
42,800	Regions Financial	505	0.99
2,600	S&P Global	579	1.14
60,000	Schwab (Charles)	2,072	4.07
25,300	Visa	3,817	7.49
Pacific Basin Equities (34.28%)		16,606	32.59
China (0.97%)		750	1.47
86,500	Ping An Insurance	750	1.47
Hong Kong (9.72%)		4,865	9.55
282,400	AIA	2,145	4.21
68,185	Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing	1,724	3.39
148,000	Swire Pacific 'A'	996	1.95
India (7.60%)		4,361	8.56
92,900	Housing Development Finance	2,386	4.68
235,400	Prestige Estates	961	1.89
96,000	SBI Life Insurance	1,014	1.99
Indonesia (3.01%)		1,548	3.04
3,105,000	Bank Rakyat Indonesia	769	1.51
27,217,300	Pakuwon Jati	779	1.53

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Philippines (4.54%)		1,916	3.76
3,090,300	Ayala Land	1,916	3.76
Singapore (3.21%)		1,565	3.07
260,060	Oversea-Chinese Banking	1,565	3.07
Thailand (4.97%)		1,225	2.40
2,320,400	Tesco Lotus Retail Growth	1,225	2.40
Vietnam (0.26%)		376	0.74
532,900	Vietnam Technological & Commercial Joint Stock Bank	376	0.74
UK Equities (9.23%)		4,035	7.92
Financials (5.89%)		2,121	4.16
56,600	Prudential	765	1.50
214,942	Standard Chartered	1,356	2.66
Industrials (3.34%)		1,914	3.76
72,600	Experian	1,914	3.76
Total investment assets		50,632	99.39
Net other assets		310	0.61
Total Net Assets		50,942	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities within the meaning of the FCA rules.
The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(1,773)		(194)
Revenue	437		398	
Expenses	(343)		(364)	
Net revenue before taxation	94		34	
Taxation	(68)		(47)	
Net revenue/(expense) after taxation		26		(13)
Total return before distributions		(1,747)		(207)
Distributions		(26)		(4)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(1,773)		(211)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		54,360		49,692
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	506		246	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(2,152)		(1,653)	
		(1,646)		(1,407)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(1,773)		(211)
Unclaimed distributions		1		1
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		50,942		48,075

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		50,632		52,897
Current assets:				
Debtors	44		477	
Cash and bank balances	513		1,466	
		557		1,943
Total assets		51,189		54,840
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(222)		(133)	
Distribution payable	(25)		(347)	
		(247)		(480)
Total liabilities		(247)		(480)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		50,942		54,360

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2020**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Income shares				
Group 1	1.6393	-	1.6393**	-
Group 2	-	1.6393	1.6393**	-
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4512	-	0.4512**	0.4361**
Group 2	0.1574	0.2938	0.4512**	0.4361**
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.2544	-	0.2544**	0.1500**
Group 2	0.0044	0.2500	0.2544**	-

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI Global Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

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

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the MSCI AC World Index plus 3% per annum over rolling three year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 80% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed on global stock exchanges.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the MSCI AC World Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 9%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the index.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Global Equity Fund – A Income Shares decreased by 1.02% compared to a decrease of 0.01% in the performance target, the MSCI AC World Index.

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

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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 were little changed in sterling terms in the six months under review as a jittery start and end shaved off their gains in between. Markets started off on the back foot in August, when US President Donald Trump threatened to impose tariffs on Chinese imports after talks stalled. Tensions then eased in September as both sides exchanged goodwill gestures to pave the way for talks to resume. Improving prospects of a partial deal between them supported stocks in the final months of 2019. In the New Year, however, fears over the economic impact of a viral outbreak unnerved investors. Stocks dipped, in spite of improving growth in some markets and the signing of the US-China phase one deal.

In policy news, the Federal Reserve cut rates for a second and third time. It then paused in December and signalled it could stand pat in 2020. Amid encouraging US data, including a healthy labour market, the S&P 500 Index set several fresh records. In Japan, lawmakers approved US\$120 billion in stimulus to address decelerating growth. The two markets were among the few that gained in the period. In the UK, a landslide election win by incumbent Prime Minister Boris Johnson's party and his later Brexit success boosted stocks after months of uncertainty. Its stockmarket, however, still ended the period lower overall.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, Australia-listed Treasury Wine Estates weighed on returns. It downgraded its earnings outlook for 2020 and 2021 due to potentially poor performance in the US. In particular, it has been hampered by unexpected leadership changes in the US, and aggressive discounting and higher promotional activity there. We are monitoring the impact of the changes in the company's management. Elsewhere, Canadian fertiliser giant Nutrien was hurt by lower demand for potash and a dip in ammonia prices. We have since exited the stock for better opportunities elsewhere. Meanwhile, not holding Apple also cost the fund. Growing expectations that a 5G iPhone will be a blockbuster product and easing US-China trade tensions boosted its share price. We prefer other tech stocks, such as Google's parent Alphabet and Microsoft, on quality and valuation grounds.

In contrast, chipmakers Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co and South Korea's Samsung Electronics benefited from an anticipated recovery in the chip cycle. Elsewhere, Australian biotech firm CSL delivered good returns on the back of solid earnings. We pared CSL to take profits as its valuation reached at an all-time high.

In portfolio activity, we introduced the following stocks: Fidelity National Information Services (FIS) based on our conviction in its ability to execute on synergies and private revenue growth, which should support steady cash conversion; US medical-device maker Boston Scientific, which has a diversified portfolio of market-leading products. Its management has a decent track record and we are confident in its ability to innovate, which will help drive growth; US heavy-equipment manufacturer Deere & Co. It has an established brand, is dominant in big-ticket agricultural machinery, and generates recurring revenue through providing maintenance services.

Against this, we exited the following holdings: Thai lender Kasikornbank in favour of better opportunities elsewhere, as its outlook remains challenging and we expect its fees to remain under pressure; British engine manufacturer Rolls Royce given uncertainty over its ability to hit free cash flow targets; The aforementioned Nutrien, British American Tobacco, German chipmaker Infineon Technologies, energy giant Royal Dutch Shell and Israeli cybersecurity firm Check Point Software, in favour of better opportunities elsewhere.

Outlook

The recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus looks likely to disrupt the nascent global economic recovery. The shutdown of parts of China will have knock-on effects elsewhere – particularly on countries with the strongest trade and tourism links to the world's second-largest economy. We expect some governments will use targeted fiscal aid to support affected sectors, alleviating some of the impact. Meanwhile, the fragile truce between the US and China offers investors some respite from geopolitical tensions. But both governments have offered few indications on the timing and prospects for further, and potentially more significant, talks. Political uncertainty as the US heads towards elections at the end of the year could also hamper stockmarkets.

In the meantime, rather than attempting to time a stock market turnaround, we focus on structural growth drivers that will be unaffected in the long term. The recent pullback in valuations also allows us to add to favoured holdings, or pick up attractive stocks, on the cheap. The solid fundamentals of the portfolio's underlying holdings will ensure their resilience during such uncertain times. Accommodative central banks should also continue to lend some support to stocks.

Global Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including without limitation greater price volatility, less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/ controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	91,317	95,192	125,381	161,133
Closing number of shares	33,749,721	34,670,286	48,875,780	67,076,032
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	270.57	274.56	256.53	240.22
Change in net asset value per share	(1.45%)	7.03%	6.79%	14.49%
Operating charges	1.57%	1.57%	1.63%	1.64%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	29,158	30,818	30,456	30,575
Closing number of shares	12,697,832	13,222,496	13,930,661	14,886,904
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	229.63	233.08	218.63	205.38
Change in net asset value per share	(1.48%)	6.61%	6.45%	14.14%
Operating charges	1.57%	1.57%	1.63%	1.64%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	93,182	128,891	174,699	201,509
Closing number of shares	32,520,327	44,429,567	64,754,759	80,146,843
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	286.53	290.10	269.79	251.42
Change in net asset value per share	(1.23%)	7.53%	7.31%	15.06%
Operating charges	1.12%	1.12%	1.13%	1.14%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,320	8,530	9,250	8,944
Closing number of shares	5,155,363	5,208,057	6,021,439	6,198,311
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	161.37	163.78	153.61	144.30
Change in net asset value per share	(1.47%)	6.62%	6.45%	14.16%
Operating charges	1.12%	1.12%	1.13%	1.14%
L Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	22	23	22	29
Closing number of shares	17,318	17,318	18,200	26,000
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	129.27	130.72	121.26	112.65
Change in net asset value per share	(1.11%)	7.80%	7.64%	12.65%
Operating charges	0.87%	0.87%	0.84%	0.82%
L Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,201	1,550	1,455	1,179
Closing number of shares	962,600	1,223,969	1,224,900	1,057,000
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	124.81	126.67	118.80	111.57
Change in net asset value per share	(1.47%)	6.62%	6.48%	11.57%
Operating charges	0.87%	0.87%	0.84%	0.82%

M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019
Closing net asset value (£'000)	48	-
Closing number of shares	42,878	100
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	112.04	113.14
Change in net asset value per share	(0.97%)	-
Operating charges	1.17%	1.17%

M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-
Closing number of shares	940	100
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	109.57	111.51
Change in net asset value per share	(1.74%)	-
Operating charges	1.17%	1.17%

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.

^A M share classes were launched on 30 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (99.59%)		221,774	99.34
Emerging Market Equities (2.85%)		4,190	1.88
Brazil (1.87%)		4,190	1.88
724,860	Banco Bradesco ADR	4,190	1.88
Israel (0.98%)		-	-
European Equities (13.80%)		29,705	13.31
France (2.01%)		4,453	1.99
13,400	LVMH	4,453	1.99
Germany (1.32%)		-	-
Ireland (1.58%)		3,606	1.62
136,800	Experian	3,606	1.62
Sweden (1.72%)		3,990	1.79
147,900	Atlas Copco 'A'	3,990	1.79
Switzerland (7.17%)		17,656	7.91
57,600	Nestle	4,820	2.16
81,900	Novartis	5,873	2.63
27,300	Roche	6,963	3.12
Japanese Equities (7.77%)		17,252	7.73
23,100	Fanuc	3,284	1.47
16,700	Keyence	4,364	1.96
40,900	Shin-Etsu Chemical	3,636	1.63
108,000	Sysmex	5,968	2.67
North American Equities (39.34%)		100,204	44.88
Canada (2.11%)		-	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Mexico (1.82%)		3,294	1.48
48,200	Fomento Economico Mexicano SAB de	3,294	1.48
United States (35.41%)		96,910	43.40
6,800	Alphabet 'A'	7,386	3.31
46,200	Autodesk	6,896	3.09
3,100	Booking	4,304	1.93
104,100	Boston Scientific	3,304	1.48
45,000	CME	7,412	3.32
27,800	Deere & Co	3,344	1.50
97,800	EOG Resources	5,409	2.42
37,300	Estee Lauder	5,520	2.47
44,500	Fidelity National Information Services	4,848	2.17
39,400	First Republic Bank	3,314	1.48
66,100	Intercontinental Exchange	4,999	2.24
65,000	Microsoft	8,391	3.76
44,450	PepsiCo	4,788	2.14
56,200	PRA Health Sciences	4,318	1.93
193,400	Schlumberger	4,915	2.20
122,600	Schwab (Charles)	4,234	1.90
100,600	TJX	4,505	2.02
59,800	Visa	9,023	4.04
Pacific Basin Equities (24.77%)		53,085	23.77
Australia (4.77%)		10,106	4.53
38,800	CSL	6,143	2.75
600,300	Treasury Wine Estates	3,963	1.78
China (2.05%)		7,755	3.47
212,800	Tencent	7,755	3.47
Hong Kong (3.58%)		6,684	2.99
880,000	AIA	6,684	2.99
India (3.95%)		10,318	4.62
271,000	Housing Development Finance	6,961	3.12

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
1,342,800	ITC	3,357	1.50
Singapore (2.69%)		5,693	2.55
945,868	Oversea-Chinese Banking	5,693	2.55
South Korea (3.10%)		4,801	2.15
158,800	Samsung Electronics (Preference)	4,801	2.15
Taiwan (2.71%)		7,728	3.46
961,705	Taiwan Semiconductors Manufacturing	7,728	3.46
Thailand (1.92%)		-	-
UK Equities (11.06%)		17,338	7.77
Basic Materials (2.74%)		6,839	3.06
69,863	Croda	3,481	1.56
21,800	Linde	3,358	1.50
Consumer Goods (3.88%)		5,501	2.47
182,800	Diageo	5,501	2.47
Industrials (1.34%)		-	-
Financials (1.58%)		4,998	2.24
792,300	Standard Chartered	4,998	2.24
Oil & Gas (1.52%)		-	-
Collective Investment Schemes (0.00%)		1,159	0.52
1,159	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund ⁺	1,159	0.52
Total investment assets		222,933	99.86
Net other assets		316	0.14
Total Net Assets		223,249	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

⁺ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(3,987)		(21,471)
Revenue	2,176		2,610	
Expenses	(1,656)		(1,893)	
Interest payable and similar charges	-		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	520		716	
Taxation	(153)		(195)	
Net revenue after taxation		367		521
Total return before distributions		(3,620)		(20,950)
Distributions		(366)		(522)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(3,986)		(21,472)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		265,004		341,263
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	6,895		4,398	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(44,927)		(66,597)	
		(38,032)		(62,199)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(3,986)		(21,472)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		259		426
Unclaimed distributions		4		4
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		223,249		258,022

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		222,933		263,928
Current assets:				
Debtors	3,005		1,489	
Cash and bank balances	2,525		1,208	
		5,530		2,697
Total assets		228,463		266,625
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(5,181)		(1,455)	
Distribution payable	(33)		(166)	
		(5,214)		(1,621)
Total liabilities		(5,214)		(1,621)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		223,249		265,004

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2020.

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019.

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 January 2020.

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.0712	-	0.0712*	0.1089
Group 2	-	0.0712	0.0712*	0.1089
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.0604	-	0.0604**	0.0928
Group 2	-	0.0604	0.0604**	0.0928
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7223	-	0.7223*	0.7443
Group 2	0.2163	0.5060	0.7223*	0.7443
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4076	-	0.4076**	0.4238
Group 2	0.0586	0.3490	0.4076**	0.4238
L Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4879	-	0.4879*	0.4808
Group 2	-	-	-	-
L Income shares				
Group 1	0.4727	-	0.4727**	0.4710
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9067	-	0.9067*	0.3000
Group 2	0.3067	0.6000	0.9067*	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.8957	-	0.8957**	0.3000
Group 2	0.3057	0.5900	0.8957**	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI Global Ethical Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in a global equities (company shares) which meet the Fund's ethical screening criteria.

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the FTSE World Index, plus 3% per annum over three years (before charges).

The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed on global stock exchanges.
- As well as choosing companies on the basis of their financial record, management and business prospects, the investment team will consider environmental, social and other relevant criteria. Where they believe that practices relating to these criteria are lacking they will encourage the company to adopt more responsible practices.
- All investments will comply with the Fund's ethical screening criteria, which looks to exclude investing in companies that operate to a degree in certain areas, including but not limited to those deriving revenue from animal testing, tobacco, pornography and weaponry.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level, with country and sector weightings within the portfolio typically a by-product of the underlying stock exposure.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term.
- To deliver the performance target, the FTSE World Index is also used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 9%. Due to the ethical nature of the management process, there are a material number of stocks and sectors in the FTSE World Index that the Fund is unable to invest, which means the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the FTSE World Index.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund ("Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Global Ethical Equity Fund – A Income Shares decreased by 0.27% compared to a decrease of 0.01% in the benchmark, the MSCI AC World Index.

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

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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 were little changed in sterling terms in the six months under review as a jittery start and end shaved off their gains in between. Markets started off on the back foot in August, when US President Donald Trump threatened to impose tariffs on Chinese imports after talks stalled. Tensions then eased in September as both sides exchanged goodwill gestures to pave the way for talks to resume. Improving prospects of a partial deal between them supported stocks in the final months of 2019. In the New Year, however, fears over the economic impact of a viral outbreak unnerved investors. Stocks dipped, in spite of improving growth in some markets and the signing of the US-China phase one deal.

In policy news, the Federal Reserve cut rates for a second and third time. It then paused in December and signalled it could stand pat in 2020. Amid encouraging US data, including a healthy labour market, the S&P 500 Index set several fresh records. In Japan, lawmakers approved US\$120 billion in stimulus to address decelerating growth. The two markets were among the few that gained in the period. In the UK, a landslide election win by incumbent Prime Minister Boris Johnson's party and his later Brexit success boosted stocks after months of uncertainty. Its stockmarket, however, still ended the period lower overall.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, UK industrial software provider Aveva Group was a key contributor, climbing to its highest in a year on solid earnings and a healthy outlook. Chipmakers Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co and Samsung Electronics advanced on an expected recovery in chip demand. Elsewhere, US software services provider Autodesk rose after posting better-than-expected quarterly profits and a jump in cash flows. We topped up the stock as it remains well-positioned to benefit from structural growth in its underlying markets.

On the flipside, not holding Apple hurt the fund, as growing expectations that a 5G iPhone will be a blockbuster product and easing US-China trade tensions boosted its share price. We prefer other tech stocks, such as Google's parent Alphabet and Microsoft, on quality and valuation grounds. Swiss security-solutions provider Dormakaba slipped on the back of subdued growth momentum. We believe the company's plans to improve profit margins will put it in good stead, and took advantage of share-price weakness to build our position in the firm. Meanwhile, US oil producer EOG Resources and oilfield services provider Schlumberger slid in tandem with the oil price.

In other portfolio activity, we introduced the following holdings: Fidelity National Information Services (FIS) based on our conviction in its ability to execute on synergies and private revenue growth, which should support steady cash conversion; Deutsche Boerse on our belief that the company should deliver double-digit growth in earnings-per-share, and for its good cash flow; US heavy-equipment manufacturer Deere & Co. It has an established brand, is dominant in big-ticket agricultural machinery, and generates recurring revenue through providing maintenance services.

Against this, we exited the following: French-Italian eyewear firm EssilorLuxotica after a recovery in its share price, as we believe its valuation now reflects all of its merger opportunities but few of the risks. Management and corporate governance concerns also persist; Thai lender Kasikornbank in favour of better opportunities elsewhere, as its outlook remains challenging and we expect its fees to remain under pressure; Swiss software provider Temenos Group, which had rich valuations; Israeli cybersecurity firm Check Point Software, German chipmaker Infineon Technologies and Japan Exchange, in favour of other higher conviction ideas.

Outlook

The recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus looks likely to disrupt the nascent global economic recovery. The shutdown of parts of China will have knock-on effects elsewhere – particularly on countries with the strongest trade and tourism links to the world's second-largest economy. We expect some governments will use targeted fiscal aid to support affected sectors, alleviating some of the impact. Meanwhile, the fragile truce between the US and China offers investors some respite from geopolitical tensions. But both governments have offered few indications on the timing and prospects for further, and potentially more significant, talks. Political uncertainty as the US heads towards elections at the end of the year could also hamper stockmarkets.

In the meantime, rather than attempting to time a stock market turnaround, we focus on structural growth drivers that will be unaffected in the long term. The recent pullback in valuations also allows us to add to favoured holdings, or pick up attractive stocks, on the cheap. The solid fundamentals of the portfolio's underlying holdings will ensure their resilience during such uncertain times. Accommodative central banks should also continue to lend some support to stocks.

Global Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including without limitation greater price volatility, less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/ controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative tables

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	32,452	34,413	33,694	33,614
Closing number of shares	11,977,275	12,611,996	13,369,135	14,401,110
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	270.94	272.86	252.02	233.41
Change in net asset value per share	(0.70%)	8.27%	7.97%	15.74%
Operating charges	1.57%	1.59%	1.63%	1.63%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,798	9,181	16,419	18,856
Closing number of shares	4,361,997	4,519,665	8,730,155	10,776,646
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	201.70	203.12	188.07	174.98
Change in net asset value per share	(0.70%)	8.00%	7.48%	15.25%
Operating charges	1.57%	1.59%	1.63%	1.63%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	65,608	66,870	61,822	61,405
Closing number of shares	20,964,232	21,265,066	21,385,879	23,049,634
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	312.95	314.46	289.08	266.40
Change in net asset value per share	(0.48%)	8.78%	8.51%	16.32%
Operating charges	1.12%	1.12%	1.13%	1.13%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	32,635	34,143	34,979	37,900
Closing number of shares	14,893,338	15,473,525	17,122,276	19,944,462
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	219.12	220.66	204.29	190.03
Change in net asset value per share	(0.70%)	8.01%	7.50%	15.25%
Operating charges	1.12%	1.12%	1.13%	1.13%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,261	-		
Closing number of shares	1,091,801	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	115.53	115.92		
Change in net asset value per share	(0.34%)	-		
Operating charges	1.17%	1.17%		
M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	920	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	114.35	114.82		
Change in net asset value per share	(0.41%)	-		
Operating charges	1.17%	1.17%		

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.

^A M share classes were launched on 26 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (97.04%)		140,192	99.60
Emerging Market Equities (2.31%)		2,618	1.86
Brazil (2.31%)		2,618	1.86
452,827	Banco Bradesco ADR	2,618	1.86
European Equities (13.81%)		14,945	10.62
France (1.80%)		-	-
Germany (2.75%)		5,108	3.63
22,800	Deutsche Boerse	2,820	2.00
37,900	Fielmann	2,288	1.63
Ireland (2.29%)		2,915	2.07
110,600	Experian	2,915	2.07
Italy (0.88%)		1,349	0.96
48,900	Brunello Cucinelli	1,349	0.96
Sweden (1.73%)		2,218	1.58
82,200	Atlas Copco 'A'	2,218	1.58
Switzerland (4.36%)		3,355	2.38
7,038	Dormakaba	3,355	2.38
Japanese Equities (10.20%)		12,480	8.87
46,700	AIN Holdings	2,177	1.55
20,300	Fanuc	2,886	2.05
10,600	Keyence	2,770	1.97
97,400	Mitsubishi Estate	1,466	1.04
43,400	Pigeon	1,188	0.84
16,900	Shimano	1,993	1.42

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
North American Equities (35.68%)		61,987	44.04
Canada (3.85%)		4,808	3.42
102,400	Ritchie Bros Auctioneers	3,280	2.33
50,300	TELUS	1,528	1.09
United States (31.83%)		57,179	40.62
4,180	Alphabet 'A'	4,540	3.22
28,900	Autodesk	4,314	3.06
2,000	Booking	2,776	1.97
27,200	CME	4,480	3.18
10,100	Costco Wholesale	2,341	1.66
17,400	Deere & Co	2,093	1.49
54,679	EOG Resources	3,024	2.15
27,100	Fidelity National Information Services	2,952	2.10
25,900	First Republic Bank	2,179	1.55
48,400	Intercontinental Exchange	3,661	2.60
43,700	Microsoft	5,641	4.01
117,300	Schlumberger	2,981	2.12
68,700	Schwab (Charles)	2,373	1.69
84,400	TJX	3,779	2.69
17,800	United Health	3,678	2.61
42,200	Visa	6,367	4.52
Pacific Basin Equities (30.57%)		40,971	29.10
China (2.27%)		4,843	3.44
132,900	Tencent	4,843	3.44
Hong Kong (6.06%)		6,859	4.87
559,700	AIA	4,251	3.02
2,167,000	Kerry Logistics Network	2,608	1.85
India (1.98%)		4,346	3.09
169,200	Housing Development Finance	4,346	3.09
Israel (2.53%)		2,300	1.63
17,600	Nice	2,300	1.63

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
New Zealand (1.70%)		2,656	1.89
632,700	Auckland International Airport	2,656	1.89
Philippines (1.69%)		3,093	2.20
4,988,600	Ayala Land	3,093	2.20
Singapore (4.86%)		6,397	4.54
572,920	Oversea-Chinese Banking	3,449	2.45
1,607,100	Singapore Telecommunications	2,948	2.09
South Korea (2.92%)		3,097	2.20
4,200	Samsung Electronics	3,097	2.20
Taiwan (4.60%)		7,380	5.24
691,000	Taiwan Mobile	1,857	1.32
135,000	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	5,523	3.92
Thailand (1.96%)		-	-
UK Equities (4.47%)		7,191	5.11
Financials (1.93%)		3,607	2.56
571,848	Standard Chartered	3,607	2.56
Technology (2.54%)		3,584	2.55
72,900	AVEVA	3,584	2.55
Collective Investment Schemes (2.64%)		1,665	1.18
1,665	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund*	1,665	1.18
Total investment assets		141,857	100.78
Net other liabilities		(1,102)	(0.78)
Total Net Assets		140,755	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(1,031)		(7,261)
Revenue	1,193		1,121	
Expenses	(895)		(895)	
Net revenue before taxation	298		226	
Taxation	(79)		(90)	
Net revenue after taxation		219		136
Total return before distributions		(812)		(7,125)
Distributions		(221)		(164)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(1,033)		(7,289)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		144,607		146,914
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	5,025		5,223	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(7,991)		(15,523)	
		(2,966)		(10,300)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(1,033)		(7,289)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		147		104
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		140,755		129,429

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		141,857		144,151
Current assets:				
Debtors	283		510	
Cash and bank balances	481		393	
		764		903
Total assets		142,621		145,054
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(1,794)		(234)	
Distribution payable	(72)		(213)	
		(1,866)		(447)
Total liabilities		(1,866)		(447)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		140,755		144,607

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2020**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
A Income shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6923	-	0.6923*	0.4889
Group 2	0.1983	0.4940	0.6923*	0.4889
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.4857	-	0.4857**	0.3455
Group 2	0.0914	0.3943	0.4857**	0.3455
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1298	-	0.1298*	0.1700
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.1283	-	0.1283**	0.1700
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution payable on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI Global High Yield Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in sub-investment grade (high yield) corporate bonds.

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield Corporate Index (Hedged to GBP) plus 1.25% per annum (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund invests at least 80% in sub-investment grade bonds issued anywhere in the world by corporations.
- At least 50% of the bonds will be issued by corporations based in Europe and/or North America which carry out a substantial part of their operations, derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits or have a significant proportion of their assets in these regions.
- The Fund may also invest in bonds issued anywhere in the world by governments and corporations, such as sub-sovereigns, investment grade, inflation-linked, convertible, asset backed and mortgage-backed bonds.
- The Fund will employ techniques to reduce (hedge) risk related to currency movements on non-Sterling bonds.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify bonds and derivatives after analysing company's prospects and creditworthiness alongside global economic and market conditions.
- In seeking to achieve the performance target, the Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield Corporate Index (Hedged to GBP), is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 4.50%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the Bloomberg Barclays Global High Yield Corporate Index (Hedged to GBP).

Please Note: The Fund's ability to buy and sell bonds and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress which could include periods where interest rates move sharply.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund will routinely use derivatives to reduce risk or reduce cost and/or generate extra income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Global High Yield Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 3.81% compared to an increase of 2.98% in the performance target, 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 global high yield market experienced strong results over the six months to 31st January 2020. During the period, the Barclays Global High Yield Corporate index (GBP hedged) generated a total return of 2.98%.

UK risk has performed well over the six months buoyed by December's decisive election result. Investor sentiment improved as the risk of a hard Brexit declined. Market participants are also beginning to price in fiscal expansion in the form of higher government spending, which should help boost growth in the region. The signing of the long awaited Phase-One trade deal between China and the US also helped sentiment. However, trade agreements and protectionism will be a long lasting theme for investors to contend with. President Trump has stated the European Union is his next area of focus. This is likely to put further pressure on already troubled industries such as the automotive sector, which the Fund is underweight in as a result.

Having cut interest rates in July, the US Federal Reserve made two further cuts in September and October amid worries about the global economy. The European Central Bank (ECB) also cut interest rates and brought in fresh support measures to revive the flagging Eurozone economy. In the UK, the Bank of England left interest rates unchanged at its January meeting. It balanced the risk of post-Brexit pressures against a strong labour market and rising wages.

The European high yield new issue market got off to a flying start in 2020. Much of this pipeline was finely priced as strong investor demand meant order books were covered a multiple of times and pricing was at or through the tight end of guidance. This ensured that few bonds provided any meaningful performance in terms of capital gains following their launch. Noteworthy large refinancings were seen in the technology sector from Altice and United Group.

For the review period, the US high yield market returned 3.51%, with BBs, Bs, and CCCs returning 4.27%, 3.49% and 1.57% respectively. In Europe, the high yield market returned 3.93%, with BBs, Bs, and CCCs returning 3.01%, 4.35% and 12.06% respectively.

Portfolio review

The Fund outperformed the benchmark over the review period. This was due to strong security selection across the ratings spectrum. The underweight in BB rated issuers, the top performing cohort in the benchmark, was offset by security selection within the category. Off-benchmark holdings in Investment Grade rated names contributed positively to performance. Security selection across the lower quality ratings buckets was also a positive contributor to performance.

Our position in bonds of homebuilder MDC Holdings and copper miner First Quantum contributed positively to the Fund over the review period. MDC reported a solid set of results in July that highlighted the company's improving fundamentals in a strong US housing market. First Quantum bonds reacted positively to news of continued progress on its Panamanian growth project.

From a sector standpoint, cyclicals continued to rebound, with autos and energy leading the way. The Fund's overweight and conservative positioning in the media and healthcare sectors led to them being the largest detractors. Home Construction and Technology were the best-performing sectors for the Fund. Our telecommunications holdings were helped by the positioning in the wireline company Cincinnati Bell. It was subject to a takeover offer, with expectations that the bonds will be redeemed at a premium. Positions in the basic materials sector benefited from renewed confidence in the economic growth cycle continuing.

Outlook

We continue to look for attractive opportunities across the ratings spectrum, with a preference for wide BBB names and improving B & CCC credits where the risk versus reward profile is attractive. We remain selective on new issues that are priced to perfection and are cognizant of taking on additional duration risk given low coupons and low rates. However, we think that success over the next 12 months will be influenced by credit selection.

The portfolio management view around the corona virus is that it's too early to judge on the effect to risk assets. The equity market is taking a different view compared to commodities for example, but an extrapolation of how SARS played out with a temporary slowdown followed by a v-shaped recovery is too simplistic in nature. Headlines will persist over the coming month and this should keep a ceiling on a prospective rally, while raising volatility. Given current valuations, we remain skeptical of a sustained rally in risk assets. Given our cautious starting point, we're not inclined to make any significant changes around the overall risk positioning of the portfolio. We favor taking a more granular approach to dislocations in individual sectors and credits in search of opportunities.

Euro HY and Global Leverage Loans Team

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Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
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Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 3 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in mortgage- and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	91	88	124	93
Closing number of shares	53,634	53,593	78,706	58,991
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	169.36	163.26	158.15	157.42
Change in net asset value per share	3.74%	3.23%	0.46%	8.81%
Operating charges	1.20%	1.26%	1.36%	1.37%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	103,960	107,008	90,429	95,371
Closing number of shares	114,635,912	119,865,889	99,489,767	100,540,625
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	90.69	89.27	90.89	94.86
Change in net asset value per share	1.59%	(1.78%)	(4.19%)	3.89%
Operating charges	1.20%	1.26%	1.36%	1.37%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,959	2,452	2,064	3,286
Closing number of shares	1,633,118	1,407,064	1,977,530	811,203
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	181.18	174.26	167.94	166.17
Change in net asset value per share	3.97%	3.76%	1.07%	9.44%
Operating charges	0.75%	0.76%	0.76%	0.77%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,316	4,539	6,708	3,994
Closing number of shares	4,995,514	5,337,041	7,745,664	4,418,778
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	86.40	85.05	86.60	90.39
Change in net asset value per share	1.59%	(1.79%)	(4.19%)	3.90%
Operating charges	0.75%	0.76%	0.76%	0.77%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	932	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	110.62	106.20		
Change in net asset value per share	4.16%	-		
Operating charges	0.80%	0.81%		
M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	963	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	104.19	102.50		
Change in net asset value per share	1.65%	-		
Operating charges	0.80%	0.81%		

P Gross Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	776	765	548	953
Closing number of shares	926,087	927,987	652,717	1,088,038
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	83.74	82.43	83.93	87.59
Change in net asset value per share	1.59%	(1.79%)	(4.18%)	3.88%
Operating charges	0.56%	0.57%	0.57%	0.58%
P Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	10,172	10,910	13,370	21,276
Closing number of shares	11,686,747	12,733,816	15,326,611	23,370,310
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	87.04	85.68	87.23	91.04
Change in net asset value per share	1.59%	(1.78%)	(4.18%)	3.88%
Operating charges	0.56%	0.57%	0.57%	0.58%
Q Gross Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	94	93	138	271
Closing number of shares	112,519	112,519	164,976	309,195
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	83.78	82.47	83.97	87.64
Change in net asset value per share	1.59%	(1.79%)	(4.19%)	3.94%
Operating charges	0.48%	0.49%	0.48%	0.48%
Q Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	29,902	29,711	18,093	22,057
Closing number of shares	34,354,671	34,676,554	20,740,463	24,225,284
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	87.04	85.68	87.24	91.05
Change in net asset value per share	1.59%	(1.79%)	(4.18%)	3.90%
Operating charges	0.48%	0.49%	0.48%	0.48%
Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	515,877	547,161	468,821	526,188
Closing number of shares	287,948,150	318,566,885	285,023,487	325,401,058
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	179.16	171.75	164.48	161.70
Change in net asset value per share	4.31%	4.42%	1.72%	10.11%
Operating charges	0.10%	0.11%	0.11%	0.12%

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.

^a M share classes were launched on 27 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (97.46%)		644,351	96.44
Euro Denominated Bonds (11.20%)		80,851	12.10
Corporate Bonds (11.20%)		80,851	12.10
less than 5 years to maturity			
440,000	Altice 2.5% 2025	369	0.06
1,500,000	Casino Guichard 3.11% Variable 2023	1,230	0.18
1,600,000	Casino Guichard 3.248% Variable 2024	1,225	0.18
807,000	Galapagos 5.375% 2021	1	-
750,000	International Game Technology 3.5% 2024	666	0.10
1,712,000	Kleopatra Holdings 1 8.5% 2023	700	0.10
3,455,000	La Financiere Atalian 4% 2024	2,429	0.36
2,970,000	Lincoln Financing 3.625% 2024	2,544	0.38
901,000	Lincoln Financing FRN 2024	758	0.11
1,522,000	Nidda Healthcare 3.5% 2024 'A'	1,294	0.19
1,946,000	Nidda Healthcare 3.5% 2024 'B'	1,636	0.24
2,887,000	OCI 3.125% 2024	2,469	0.37
3,000,000	OCI 5% 2023	2,598	0.39
4,362,000	PrestigeBidCo 6.25% 2023	3,782	0.57
1,216,000	Quatrim 5.875% 2024	1,066	0.16
1,026,000	Verisure Holdings 3.5% 2023	880	0.13
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
992,000	Altice 3.375% 2028	846	0.13
1,183,000	Altice 8% 2027	1,124	0.17
1,300,000	Altice France 5.875% 2027	1,209	0.18
6,000,000	Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena 5.375% Fixed to Floating 2028	4,670	0.70
3,085,000	Banff Merger Sub 8.375% 2026	2,618	0.39
1,010,000	Cirsa Finance International 7.25% 2025*	873	0.13
1,452,000	Cirsa Finance International FRN 2025	1,217	0.18
2,189,000	Energizer Gamma Acquisition 4.625% 2026	1,919	0.29
2,471,000	Grifols 2.25% 2027	2,123	0.32
4,779,000	International Game Technology 3.5% 2026	4,228	0.63
3,798,000	InterXion 4.75% 2025	3,426	0.51
2,806,000	Intrum 3% 2027	2,316	0.35
4,813,000	Intrum 3.5% 2026	4,113	0.62
1,980,000	IQVIA 2.25% 2028	1,689	0.25
3,415,000	Matterhorn Telecom 3.125% 2026	2,939	0.45
737,000	Nidda BondCo 5% 2025	626	0.09
2,940,000	PPF Arena 2.125% 2025	2,524	0.38

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
3,375,000	Techem Verwaltungsgesellschaft 675 mbH 2% 2025		2,831	0.43
12,974,000	Teksid Aluminum Luxembourg SARL 11.375% 2011		-	-
1,633,000	Tele Columbus 3.875% 2025*		1,327	0.20
555,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 4.5% 2025		471	0.07
991,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 6% 2025		891	0.13
4,640,000	Unilabs Subholding 5.75% 2025		4,013	0.60
4,273,000	UPCB Finance VII 3.625% 2029		3,784	0.57
Perpetual				
2,600,000	Banco Santander 5.25% Fixed to Floating Perpetual		2,354	0.35
2,400,000	Caixa Geral de Depositos 10.75% Fixed to Floating Perpetual		2,382	0.36
722,000	LeasePlan 7.375% Fixed to Floating Perpetual		691	0.10
Sterling Denominated Bonds (4.87%)			43,264	6.48
Corporate Bonds (4.87%)			43,264	6.48
less than 5 years to maturity				
4,656,000	AMC Entertainment 6.375% 2024		4,405	0.66
2,708,000	Arqiva 6.75% 2023		2,876	0.43
3,539,000	MPT Operating Partnership 2.55% 2023		3,638	0.54
3,150,000	Newday Bondco 7.375% 2024*		3,180	0.49
3,400,000	RAC Bond 5% 2022*		3,089	0.47
2,248,000	TalkTalk 5.375% 2022		2,279	0.34
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
1,382,000	Ardagh Packaging 4.75% 2027		1,434	0.21
4,030,000	CYBG 5% 2026*		4,140	0.62
4,675,000	MPT Operating Partnership 3.692% 2028		4,971	0.74
2,956,000	Phoenix 6.625% 2025*		3,506	0.52
1,522,000	Pinewood 3.25% 2025		1,550	0.23
Perpetual				
4,085,000	CYBG 8% Perpetual		4,354	0.65
2,998,000	Lloyds Banking Group 7.875% Perpetual		3,842	0.58
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (81.39%)			520,236	77.86
Corporate Bonds (81.39%)			520,236	77.86
less than 5 years to maturity				
5,183,000	Alliance Data Systems 4.75% 2024		3,920	0.59
2,716,000	Ally Financial 3.875% 2024		2,179	0.33
1,576,000	Ally Financial 5.125% 2024		1,331	0.20

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
2,000,000	Altice 8.125% 2024	1,561	0.23
3,139,000	Bruin E&P Partners 8.875% 2023	1,526	0.23
5,060,000	Builders FirstSource 5.625% 2024	3,991	0.60
3,030,000	Cablevision 6.5% 2021	2,276	0.34
2,511,000	Cemex 6% 2024	1,957	0.29
3,073,000	CenturyLink 5.625% 2020	2,342	0.35
1,088,000	Chesapeake Energy 11.5% 2025	666	0.10
335,000	CIFI 6.45% 2024	254	0.04
1,046,000	Cirsa Finance International 7.875% 2023	837	0.13
3,760,000	Consolidated Communications 6.5% 2022*	2,720	0.41
3,150,000	DaVita 5.125% 2024	2,443	0.37
1,346,000	Dell International 5.875% 2021	1,032	0.15
3,758,000	Digicel Group One 8.25% 2022	1,823	0.27
4,380,000	DISH DBS 5% 2023	3,374	0.50
6,240,000	DISH DBS 5.875% 2022	4,964	0.74
3,148,000	DKT Finance 9.375% 2023	2,549	0.38
3,695,000	Encompass Health 5.125% 2023	2,845	0.43
904,000	First Quantum Minerals 7.25% 2023	681	0.10
2,635,000	GCI 6.625% 2024	2,154	0.32
2,906,000	GLP Capital 5.375% 2023*	2,426	0.36
3,505,000	HCA 7.5% 2022	2,925	0.44
740,000	HTA 9.125% 2022	577	0.09
4,300,000	Intelsat Jackson 5.5% 2023	2,585	0.39
2,650,000	KOC Holding 5.25% 2023	2,091	0.31
6,322,000	Lennar 4.5% 2024	5,123	0.77
2,590,000	Liquid Telecommunications 8.5% 2022	2,030	0.30
21,698,000	Momentive Performance 8.875% 2020	-	-
395,000	Nabors Industries 4.625% 2021	300	0.04
4,751,000	Navient 5.5% 2023	3,780	0.57
2,133,000	Navient 6.5% 2022	1,723	0.26
4,128,000	New Enterprise Stone & Lime 10.125% 2022	3,291	0.50
2,164,000	Oasis Petroleum 6.875% 2022	1,576	0.24
5,583,000	Oasis Petroleum 6.875% 2023*	3,985	0.60
1,809,000	OCI 5.25% 2024	1,415	0.21
2,605,000	OI European 4% 2023	2,011	0.30
3,905,000	Six Flags Entertainment 4.875% 2024	3,033	0.45
11,530,000	Sprint 7.875% 2023	9,275	1.39
2,952,000	Sunac China 6.5% 2025	2,164	0.32
453,000	Sunac China 7.95% 2023	354	0.05
5,490,000	Tecnoglass 8.2% 2022	4,487	0.67
6,331,000	Tenet Healthcare 4.625% 2024	4,929	0.74
3,720,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 3.65% 2021	2,797	0.42

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
2,380,000	Turk Telekomunikasyon 4.875% 2024	1,850	0.28
1,225,000	Türkiye Garanti Bankasi 5.875% 2023	978	0.15
4,400,000	Valeant Pharmaceuticals 7% 2024	3,467	0.52
4,867,000	Valvoline 5.5% 2024	3,835	0.57
8,025,000	Virgin Media 5.75% 2025	6,257	0.94
3,390,000	Vistra Energy 5.875% 2023	2,624	0.39
1,723,000	WPX Energy 8.25% 2023	1,507	0.23
3,085,000	Wyndham Worldwide 4.15% 2024	2,502	0.37
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
6,649,000	ACI Worldwide 5.75% 2026	5,415	0.81
4,583,000	Adams Homes 7.5% 2025	3,564	0.53
3,332,000	AES Andres Dominican Power 7.95% 2026	2,704	0.40
3,024,000	Akbank FRN 2027	2,343	0.35
2,233,000	Altice 10.5% 2027	1,959	0.29
1,478,000	Altice 7.375% 2026	1,194	0.18
3,615,000	Altice 7.5% 2026	2,938	0.44
2,672,000	Apergy 6.375% 2026	2,144	0.32
1,709,000	Archrock Partners 6.25% 2028	1,334	0.20
3,272,000	ASGN 4.625% 2028	2,547	0.38
1,151,000	Ashtead Capital 4% 2028	894	0.13
3,293,000	Ashtead Capital 4.25% 2029	2,592	0.39
3,118,000	Bausch Health 8.5% 2027	2,673	0.40
6,333,000	Berry Global Escrow 4.875% 2026	5,020	0.75
4,335,000	Bombardier 7.5% 2025	3,167	0.47
409,000	Builders FirstSource 6.75% 2027	340	0.05
3,349,000	C&W Senior Financing DAC 6.875% 2027	2,727	0.41
4,030,000	Calpine 5.25% 2026	3,154	0.47
4,730,000	CB Escrow 8% 2025	3,822	0.57
10,630,000	CCO 5.75% 2026	8,469	1.27
3,462,000	Cedar Fair 5.25% 2029	2,767	0.41
3,701,000	Cemex 7.75% 2026	3,060	0.46
742,000	Centene 4.25% 2027	588	0.09
1,235,000	Centene 4.625% 2029	1,009	0.15
4,126,000	Century Communities 5.875% 2025	3,290	0.49
3,180,000	CenturyLink 5.125% 2026	2,479	0.37
8,093,000	Cheniere Christi Corpus 5.875% 2025	6,948	1.04
3,008,000	Cheniere Energy Partners 5.25% 2025	2,352	0.35
2,765,000	CIFI 6% 2025	2,049	0.31
4,000,000	Cimpress 7% 2026	3,209	0.49
3,550,000	Clean Harbors 4.875% 2027	2,836	0.42
495,000	Clean Harbors 5.125% 2029	402	0.06

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
4,410,000	Clearwater Seafoods 6.875% 2025	3,496	0.52
5,665,000	CommScope Finance 6% 2026	4,507	0.67
4,584,000	Crestwood Midstream Partners 5.625% 2027	3,504	0.52
581,000	Crestwood Midstream Partners 5.75% 2025	447	0.07
2,443,000	CSC Holdings 6.625% 2025	1,956	0.29
831,000	CSC Holdings 5.75% 2030	678	0.10
4,535,000	CSC Holdings 6.5% 2029	3,827	0.57
6,615,000	CSC Holdings 10.875% 2025	5,558	0.83
5,733,000	Cumulus Media 6.75% 2026	4,590	0.69
7,672,000	Dell International 5.3% 2029	6,699	1.00
1,690,000	Dell International 6.02% 2026	1,496	0.22
4,463,000	Delta Air Lines 3.75% 2029	3,418	0.51
4,715,000	Delta Air Lines 4.375% 2028	3,798	0.57
2,640,000	Encompass Health 4.5% 2028	2,064	0.31
2,387,000	Enviva Partners 6.5% 2026	1,926	0.29
3,576,000	ESH Hospitality 4.625% 2027	2,716	0.41
3,732,000	Fair Isaac 4% 2028	2,890	0.43
5,241,000	First Quantum Minerals 6.875% 2026	3,810	0.57
2,340,000	GCI 6.875% 2025	1,851	0.28
6,030,000	Gray Escrow 7% 2027	4,963	0.74
7,515,000	HCA 5.875% 2026	6,549	0.98
6,385,000	Huntsman International 4.5% 2029	5,270	0.79
3,000,000	IHS Netherlands 8% 2027	2,461	0.37
4,610,000	Iron Mountain 5.25% 2028	3,652	0.55
5,260,000	j2 Cloud 6% 2025	4,202	0.63
3,165,000	JBS Investments II 5.75% 2028*	2,541	0.38
4,409,000	JBS USA Finance 5.5% 2030	3,628	0.54
7,025,000	Lennar 4.75% 2027	5,887	0.88
2,059,000	Live Nation Entertainment 4.75% 2027	1,609	0.24
2,852,000	M/I Homes 4.95% 2028	2,223	0.33
792,000	MEG Energy 7.125% 2027	596	0.09
4,281,000	Meredith 6.875% 2026	3,337	0.50
4,615,000	Metinvest 8.5% 2026	3,830	0.57
2,583,000	MHP 6.95% 2026	2,043	0.31
2,488,000	Midcontinent Communications 5.375% 2027	1,997	0.30
3,600,000	Mineral Resources 8.125% 2027	2,990	0.45
1,350,000	Moss Creek Resources 10.5% 2027	821	0.12
3,860,000	Moss Creek Resources 7.5% 2026	2,157	0.32
1,050,000	Nabors Industries 7.25% 2026	798	0.12
4,434,000	NBM 7% 2026*	3,607	0.54
3,255,000	Netflix 5.875% 2028	2,781	0.42
4,630,000	Netflix 6.375% 2029	4,098	0.61

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
5,390,000	Novelis 5.875% 2026	4,339	0.65
1,805,000	NRG Energy 5.25% 2029	1,476	0.22
2,060,000	NRG Energy 7.25% 2026	1,690	0.25
6,920,000	Parsley Energy 5.625% 2027	5,565	0.83
4,897,000	Petrobras 5.093% 2030*	4,073	0.61
5,707,000	Photo Holdings Merger 8.5% 2026	4,048	0.61
4,990,000	Post Holdings 5% 2026	3,930	0.59
4,010,000	Qwest Capital Funding 6.875% 2028	3,079	0.46
3,300,000	Sabine Pass Liquefaction 5% 2027	2,792	0.42
3,531,000	Sabine Pass Liquefaction 5.875% 2026	3,114	0.47
2,688,000	Select Medical 6.25% 2026	2,202	0.33
1,369,000	Sensata Technologies 6.25% 2026	1,092	0.16
3,335,000	Shelf Drilling 8.25% 2025	2,353	0.35
4,380,000	Shimao Property 5.2% 2025	3,436	0.51
758,000	Sirius XM Radio 5.375% 2025	593	0.09
4,030,000	Sirius XM Radio 5.5% 2029	3,294	0.50
3,120,000	Sixsigma Networks Mexico 7.5% 2025	2,431	0.36
3,925,000	SM Energy 6.75% 2026	2,713	0.41
2,760,000	Staples 10.75% 2027	2,124	0.32
5,625,000	Staples 7.5% 2026	4,379	0.66
4,655,000	SunCoke Energy Partners 7.5% 2025	3,388	0.51
3,560,000	Tegna 4.625% 2028	2,714	0.41
3,080,000	Tenet Healthcare 6.25% 2027	2,473	0.37
6,770,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 3.15% 2026	4,398	0.66
3,385,000	T-Mobile 6.5% 2026	2,738	0.41
1,220,000	Transportadora de Gas del Sur 6.75% 2025	851	0.13
4,450,000	Trivium Packaging Finance 5.5% 2026	3,564	0.53
3,650,000	USA Compression Partners 6.875% 2027	2,879	0.43
940,000	VICI Properties 3.5% 2025	724	0.11
940,000	VICI Properties 3.75% 2027	717	0.11
2,065,000	Viking Cruises 5.875% 2027	1,608	0.24
4,710,000	Viking Cruises 6.25% 2025	3,680	0.55
514,000	Viper Energy Partners 5.375% 2027	406	0.06
4,991,000	Western Gas Partners 4.75% 2028	3,876	0.58
682,000	Western Midstream Operating 3.1% 2025	519	0.08
729,000	Western Midstream Operating 4.5% 2028	556	0.08
1,261,000	WPX Energy 4.5% 2030	963	0.14
4,040,000	WPX Energy 5.75% 2026	3,223	0.48
2,950,000	Wyndham Worldwide 5.1% 2025	2,499	0.37
10,590,000	Ziggo 5.5% 2027	8,465	1.27

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
between 10 and 15 years to maturity				
	1,144,000	Encompass Health 4.75% 2030	903	0.14
	1,762,000	Novelis 4.75% 2030	1,343	0.20
	4,887,000	Outfront Media Capital 4.625% 2030	3,809	0.57
	4,040,000	Qwest Capital Funding 7.75% 2031	3,198	0.48
	1,829,000	Sappi Papier 7.5% 2032	1,445	0.22
	5,865,000	Telecom Italia Capital 6% 2034	4,999	0.75
	1,760,000	Tenet Healthcare 6.875% 2031	1,379	0.21
	2,834,000	VICI Properties 4.125% 2030	2,182	0.33
	1,081,000	Western Midstream Operating 4.05% 2030	820	0.12
between 15 and 25 years to maturity				
	7,159,000	MDC 6% 2043	6,045	0.90
	2,745,000	Teck Resources 6.25% 2041	2,409	0.36
Perpetual				
	2,800,000	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria 6.5% Fixed to Floating Perpetual	2,278	0.34
	2,685,000	Bank of America FRN Perpetual	2,269	0.34
	4,355,000	Credit Suisse 6.25% Perpetual	3,646	0.55
	3,543,000	Energy Transfer Operating 6.75% Perpetual	2,690	0.40
	4,935,000	General Motors Financial FRN Perpetual	3,809	0.57
	3,756,000	ING FRN Perpetual	3,136	0.47
	4,480,000	JPMorgan Chase FRN Perpetual*	3,458	0.52
	5,000,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 8.625% Perpetual	4,102	0.61
	3,201,000	UBS FRN Perpetual	2,770	0.41
Equities (0.00%)			281	0.04
North America Equities (0.00%)			281	0.04
United States (0.00%)			281	0.04
	23,120	Cenveo	281	0.04
	20	New Cotal Participation	-	-
	1	Quad Graphics	-	-
Exchange Traded Funds (2.12%)			-	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Derivatives (-2.46%)		6,168	0.92
Forward Currency Contracts (-2.46%)		6,168	0.92
	Buy GBP 2,246,795 Sell EUR 2,666,000 20/02/2020	4	-
	Buy GBP 2,406,932 Sell EUR 2,811,000 20/02/2020	42	0.01
	Buy GBP 2,480,266 Sell EUR 2,940,000 20/02/2020	7	-
	Buy GBP 2,845,310 Sell EUR 3,375,000 20/02/2020	6	-
	Buy GBP 70,724,022 Sell EUR 82,951,000 20/02/2020	941	0.14
	Buy GBP 2,882,815 Sell USD 3,750,000 20/02/2020	39	-
	Buy GBP 3,840,089 Sell USD 5,000,000 20/02/2020	49	0.01
	Buy GBP 11,501,065 Sell USD 15,000,000 20/02/2020	128	0.02
	Buy GBP 132,835,319 Sell USD 173,588,000 20/02/2020	1,219	0.18
	Buy GBP 132,883,323 Sell USD 173,587,000 20/02/2020	1,268	0.19
	Buy GBP 132,884,088 Sell USD 173,588,000 20/02/2020	1,268	0.19
	Buy GBP 132,906,512 Sell USD 173,588,000 20/02/2020	1,290	0.19
	Buy USD 3,000,000 Sell GBP 2,297,065 20/02/2020	(22)	-
	Buy USD 4,000,000 Sell GBP 3,075,381 20/02/2020	(43)	(0.01)
	Buy USD 10,000,000 Sell GBP 7,610,593 20/02/2020	(28)	-
Total investment assets		650,800	97.40
Net other assets		17,349	2.60
Total Net Assets		668,149	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

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

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		10,552		(21,074)
Revenue	18,525		18,715	
Expenses	(1,039)		(949)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	17,485		17,765	
Taxation	(49)		(26)	
Net revenue after taxation		17,436		17,739
Total return before distributions		27,988		(3,335)
Distributions		(17,436)		(17,739)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		10,552		(21,074)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		702,694		600,295
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	4,485		22,038	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(63,362)		(26,955)	
		(58,877)		(4,917)
Dilution adjustment		-		(4)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		10,552		(21,074)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		13,779		14,344
Unclaimed distributions		1		1
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		668,149		588,645

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		650,893		699,862
Current assets:				
Debtors	8,169		11,380	
Cash and bank balances	21,817		35,652	
		29,986		47,032
Total assets		680,879		746,894
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(93)		(17,384)
Creditors	(10,999)		(24,803)	
Distribution payable	(1,638)		(1,980)	
		(12,637)		(26,783)
Total liabilities		(12,730)		(44,167)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		668,149		702,727

Distribution table**For the three months ended 31 October 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 October 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.7421	-	1.7421*	2.0604
Group 2	1.0518	0.6903	1.7421*	2.0604
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.9526	-	0.9526**	1.1842
Group 2	0.4831	0.4695	0.9526**	1.1842
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.0593	-	2.0593*	2.4436
Group 2	0.8174	1.2419	2.0593*	2.4436
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.0049	-	1.0049**	1.2601
Group 2	0.6316	0.3733	1.0049**	1.2601
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2488	-	1.2488*	-
Group 2	0.0588	1.1900	1.2488*	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	1.1770	-	1.1770**	-
Group 2	0.0570	1.1200	1.1770**	-
P Gross Income shares				
Group 1	1.0140	-	1.0140**	1.2617
Group 2	-	-	-	-
P Income shares				
Group 1	1.0539	-	1.0539**	1.3114
Group 2	0.6840	0.3699	1.0539**	1.3114
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	1.0313	-	1.0313**	1.2801
Group 2	-	-	-	-

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
Q Income shares				
Group 1	1.0714	-	1.0714**	1.3298
Group 2	0.5788	0.4926	1.0714**	1.3298
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.3144	-	2.3144*	2.6655
Group 2	1.0901	1.2243	2.3144*	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2020.

For the three months ended 31 January 2020

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2019 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.7529	-	1.7529*	2.0604
Group 2	0.8358	0.9171	1.7529*	2.0604
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.9485	-	0.9485**	1.1842
Group 2	0.2445	0.7040	0.9485**	1.1842
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.0774	-	2.0774*	2.4436
Group 2	0.7129	1.3645	2.0774*	2.4436
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.0022	-	1.0022**	1.2601
Group 2	0.5130	0.4892	1.0022**	1.2601
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2757	-	1.2757*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	1.2206	-	1.2206**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
P Gross Income shares				
Group 1	1.0116	-	1.0116**	1.2617
Group 2	-	-	-	-

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
P Income shares				
Group 1	1.0513	-	1.0513**	1.3114
Group 2	0.8957	0.1556	1.0513**	1.3114
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	1.0292	-	1.0292**	1.2801
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Q Income shares				
Group 1	1.0691	-	1.0691**	1.3298
Group 2	0.4397	0.6294	1.0691**	1.3298
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.3420	-	2.3420*	2.6655
Group 2	1.3445	0.9975	2.3420*	2.6655

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI Global Opportunistic Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in corporate and government bonds issued anywhere in the world.

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Credit Index (Hedged to GBP) plus 2% per annum (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 70% in bonds issued anywhere in the world by corporations, governments and sub-sovereigns.
- The Fund may also invest in investment grade, high yield, inflation-linked, convertible, asset backed and mortgage-backed bonds.
- The Fund will employ techniques to reduce (hedge) risk related to currency movements on non-Sterling bonds.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify bonds and derivatives after analysing company's prospects and creditworthiness alongside global economic and market conditions.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Credit Index (Hedged to GBP) is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 7.00%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance may deviate significantly from that of the index over the long term.

Please Note: The Fund's ability to buy and sell bonds and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress which could include periods where interest rates move sharply.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund will routinely use of derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/ or generate extra income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Global Opportunistic Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 3.64% compared to an increase of 3.79% in the benchmark, the Bloomberg Barclays Global Aggregate Credit 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 global Investment Grade (IG) credit market was broadly flat over the review period, with spreads tightening by only 2 basis points (bps). However, this largely reflected the negative impact of January, during which spreads widened by 10 bps. Nonetheless, with the 10-year US Treasury yield declining by a sizeable 49 bps, credit returns over the review period were still robustly positive.

A number of factors helped to explain tighter spreads in the months leading up to January. Despite growth concerns, employment held up well over the period, with the unemployment rate in the US at a multi-decade low and near a record low in Europe. In addition, persistent US/China trade war concerns gave way to an eventual 'phase-one' US/China trade deal, with the outcome of the UK election towards the end of 2019 also seen as market-friendly. However the Coronavirus outbreak originating in China in January was a major unexpected concern, which pushed spreads wider. On the positive side, the Coronavirus also contributed to a sharp decline in Treasury yields in January, which was supportive for high-grade global corporate bond total returns.

Portfolio review

The Fund modestly underperformed over the 6-month review period to end-January 2020.

In terms of individual securities, in the final quarter of 2019, the US carmaker General Motors was the top performer, helped by its better-than-expected third quarter earnings, despite damaging worker strike action against it over the period. Other positive contributors included the US bank Citigroup, Mexican mining company Minera Mexico and French electricity company EDF. On the negative side, with oil prices falling over the period this weighed on Shell International. Another detractor was the medical device maker Medtronic.

During the relatively softer market in January 2020, top performers came from higher quality issuers including EDF, Shell and Southern Power, while detractors included emerging market sensitive issuers such as the China National offshore Oil Corporation and Suzano.

Outlook

The spread of the Coronavirus in Asia, and the likely resulting drag on economic growth in the region and China in particular are risks we are monitoring closely. The economic impact looks manageable in our view. Monetary stimulus by the Chinese central bank has already been initiated as a stabilising initiative, with more to come if needed. However, we remain vigilant in terms of certain sector exposures, with a focus on more directly impacted areas, including airlines, hotels or commodity producers.

In terms of valuations, European markets have been more resilient than US markets in January, helped by the ECB's purchase program for euro denominated domestic assets, reduced supply, and a prolonged post-election rally in sterling.

Against this backdrop, we remain overweight credit risk. Given the risk-off tone in January and more pronounced weakness in certain parts of the global credit market, we are also selectively looking to add to higher quality issuers. In particular, this is in areas that have cheapened up without being materially affected by the Coronavirus outbreak, thereby offering a tactically attractive entry point to add to higher conviction names.

Global Aggregate Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 3 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in mortgage- and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative tables

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	140	133	138	143
Closing number of shares	113,350	111,704	123,868	126,768
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	123.36	119.03	111.13	112.86
Change in net asset value per share	3.64%	7.11%	(1.53%)	1.51%
Operating charges	1.06%	1.08%	1.12%	1.13%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-	6	2
Closing number of shares	914	499	6,469	1,569
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	99.58	97.26	93.53	97.95
Change in net asset value per share	2.39%	3.99%	(4.51%)	(1.70%)
Operating charges	1.06%	1.08%	1.12%	1.13%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	283	309	328	389
Closing number of shares	222,598	251,716	287,659	338,459
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	127.28	122.54	113.88	115.07
Change in net asset value per share	3.87%	7.60%	(1.03%)	2.02%
Operating charges	0.61%	0.61%	0.62%	0.63%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	59	56	72	109
Closing number of shares	57,631	56,294	75,082	108,482
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	102.76	100.19	96.00	100.03
Change in net asset value per share	2.57%	4.36%	(4.03%)	(1.20%)
Operating charges	0.61%	0.61%	0.62%	0.63%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	908	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	114.27	109.86		
Change in net asset value per share	4.01%	-		
Operating charges	0.66%	0.66%		
M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	925	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	110.36	107.50		
Change in net asset value per share	2.66%	-		
Operating charges	0.66%	0.66%		

Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	17	4,834	4,467	4,488
Closing number of shares	13,975	4,111,909	4,109,848	4,106,643
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	122.41	117.55	108.70	109.29
Change in net asset value per share	4.13%	8.14%	(0.54%)	2.48%
Operating charges	0.11%	0.11%	0.12%	0.13%

Z Gross Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	121,668	116,899	107,662	126,300
Closing number of shares	106,276,765	106,330,066	105,903,100	123,564,400
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	114.48	109.94	101.66	102.21
Change in net asset value per share	4.13%	8.14%	(0.54%)	2.21%
Operating charges	0.11%	0.11%	0.12%	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.

^A M share classes were launched on 30 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (97.76%)		119,098	97.48
Australian Dollar Denominated Bonds (0.86%)		1,116	0.91
Corporate Bonds (0.86%)		1,116	0.91
less than 5 years to maturity			
410,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide 3.25% 2022	218	0.17
250,000	Barclays 3.25% 2024	132	0.11
200,000	McDonald's 3% 2024	108	0.09
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
410,000	Lloyds Banking 4.25% 2027	234	0.19
160,000	Verizon Communications 4.5% 2027	95	0.08
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
380,000	DEXUS Finance 3% 2032	196	0.16
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
250,000	Verizon Communications 3.5% 2039	133	0.11
Canadian Dollar Denominated Bonds (0.72%)		843	0.69
Corporate Bonds (0.72%)		843	0.69
less than 5 years to maturity			
590,000	Molson Coors International 2.84% 2023	343	0.28
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
130,000	Rogers Communications 6.11% 2040	103	0.09
greater than 25 years to maturity			
618,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev Finance 4.32% 2047	397	0.32
Euro Denominated Bonds (31.84%)		30,358	24.85
Corporate Bonds (25.83%)		30,358	24.85
less than 5 years to maturity			
100,000	Abertis Infraestructuras 1.5% 2024	87	0.07
270,000	Annington Funding 1.65% 2024	238	0.21
540,000	Arion Banki 1% 2023	461	0.38
400,000	BBVA 1.125% 2024	348	0.28
400,000	BPCE 0.875% 2024	346	0.28

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
700,000	CaixaBank 2.375% 2024	635	0.52
100,000	Cemex 2.75% 2024	86	0.07
330,000	China National Chemical 1.75% 2022	285	0.23
290,000	CK Hutchison 0.375% 2023	246	0.20
250,000	CK Hutchison 1.25% 2023	217	0.18
260,000	Danske Bank 0.875% 2023	222	0.18
258,000	Danske Bank 1.375% 2022	223	0.18
189,000	Dell Bank International 0.625% 2022	161	0.13
243,000	FCA Bank 0.25% 2023	205	0.17
125,000	FCA Bank 1.25% 2022	108	0.09
118,000	Fidelity National Information Services 0.75% 2023	101	0.08
399,000	Lloyds Banking Group 0.625% 2024	339	0.28
189,000	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial 0.98% 2023	164	0.13
460,000	Morgan Stanley 0.637% fixed to floating 2023	394	0.32
193,000	NE Property 2.625% 2023	171	0.14
530,000	Nykredit Realkredit 0.5% 2022	450	0.37
113,000	RCI Banque 0.75% 2022	96	0.08
160,000	Royal Bank of Scotland Group 2% 2023	139	0.11
150,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 0.375% 2020	76	0.06
487,000	United Technologies 1.15% 2024	427	0.35
337,000	Volkswagen Leasing 0.5% 2022	286	0.23
223,000	Volkswagen Leasing 1% 2023	192	0.16
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
400,000	Abertis Infraestructuras 1.125% 2028	333	0.27
200,000	Abertis Infraestructuras 2.375% 2027	182	0.15
600,000	Alstria Office REIT 0.5% 2025	505	0.41
316,000	Altria 1.7% 2025	279	0.23
394,000	America Movil 0.75% 2027	341	0.28
400,000	APT Pipelines 2% 2027	368	0.30
200,000	Atos 2.5% 2028	195	0.16
300,000	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria 1% fixed to floating 2030	251	0.21
400,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 1.7875% 2029	361	0.30
445,000	Barclays 2% 2028	385	0.32
269,000	BP Capital Markets 0.831% 2027	235	0.19
600,000	CaixaBank 2.75% 2028	535	0.44
179,000	Cemex 3.125% 2026	157	0.13
470,000	CEZ 0.875% 2026	402	0.33
289,000	Citigroup FRN 2026	258	0.21
310,000	CK Hutchison 0.75% 2026	263	0.22
163,000	CNH Industrial Finance Europe 1.75% 2027	145	0.12
100,000	Credit Agricole 1.75% 2029	93	0.08

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Holding	Investment		
200,000	Credit Agricole 2% 2029	183	0.15
754,000	Deutsche Telekom 0.5% 2027	644	0.53
475,000	Digital Dutch 0.625% 2025	402	0.33
218,000	Eni 0.625% 2030	186	0.15
400,000	Essilorluxottica 0.125% 2025	339	0.28
284,000	Fidelity National Information Services 0.625% 2025	243	0.20
264,000	Fidelity National Information Services 1% 2028	227	0.19
542,000	GELF 1.125% 2029	464	0.38
253,000	HeidelbergCement Finance Luxembourg 1.125% 2027	221	0.18
697,000	Informa 1.25% 2028	595	0.49
465,000	JPMorgan Chase 1.09% fixed to floating 2026	409	0.33
614,000	Lloyds Bank 0.125% 2029	516	0.42
132,000	Medtronic Global 1.125% 2027	118	0.10
669,000	Morgan Stanley FRN 2026	594	0.49
496,000	NE Property 1.875% 2026	422	0.35
577,000	Nykredit Realkredit 0.75% 2027	492	0.40
500,000	Orange 0% 2026	416	0.34
750,000	SELP Finance 1.5% 2025	662	0.54
201,000	SELP Finance 1.5% 2026	176	0.14
162,000	Sika Capital 0.875% 2027	143	0.12
230,000	Smiths 2% 2027	207	0.17
517,000	Standard Chartered 0.85% fixed to floating 2028	439	0.36
124,000	Thermo Fisher Scientific 0.5% 2028	105	0.09
447,000	UniCredit 1.625% fixed to floating 2024	388	0.32
600,000	UniCredit 2% fixed to floating 2029	505	0.41
320,000	Vesteda Finance 2% 2026	293	0.24
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
494,000	Apple 0.5% 2031	426	0.35
224,000	BP Capital Markets 1.231% 2031	200	0.16
349,000	Danske Bank 1.375% fixed to floating 2030	297	0.24
325,000	Digital Dutch Finco 1.5% 2030	282	0.23
288,000	E.ON 0.35% 2030	239	0.20
278,000	E.ON 0.625% 2031	232	0.19
300,000	Essilorluxottica 0.75% 2031	261	0.21
104,000	Medtronic Global 1.625% 2031	98	0.08
160,000	Moody's 0.95% 2030	140	0.11
214,000	Prologis International Funding II 2.375% 2030	211	0.17
400,000	Public Storage 0.875% 2032	342	0.28
408,000	Shell International Finance 0.5% 2031	345	0.28
193,000	Siemens Financieringsmaatschappij 0.5% 2034	160	0.13
145,000	Sika Capital 1.5% 2031	135	0.11
247,000	Verizon Communications 1.25% 2030	222	0.18

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
between 15 and 25 years to maturity				
	500,000	Aviva 6.125% 2043	494	0.40
	100,000	Engie 1.375% 2039	91	0.07
	346,000	Medtronic Global 1.5% 2039	306	0.25
	160,000	NN Group FRN 2044	153	0.13
	587,000	Shell International Finance 0.875% 2039	491	0.40
	388,000	Siemens 1.75% 2039	378	0.31
greater than 25 years to maturity				
	1,000,000	Electricite de France 2% 2049	886	0.73
	200,000	Orange 1.375% 2049	164	0.13
	176,000	Orsted 1.75% fixed to floating 3019	151	0.12
Perpetual				
	300,000	ABN Amro 5.75% Perpetual	260	0.21
	300,000	Credit Agricole 6.5% Perpetual	271	0.22
	700,000	Engie FRN Perpetual	596	0.49
	100,000	Iberdrola FRN Perpetual	92	0.08
	100,000	Orange FRN Perpetual	89	0.07
	500,000	Telefonica FRN Perpetual	437	0.36
	610,000	TOTAL FRN Perpetual	529	0.43
Government Bonds (6.01%)			2,028	1.66
less than 5 years to maturity				
	920,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 2.15% 2024	826	0.68
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
	1,366,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 1.625% 2026	1,202	0.98
Sterling Denominated Bonds (8.71%)			9,446	7.73
Corporate Bonds (8.64%)			9,350	7.65
less than 5 years to maturity				
	586,000	Barclays 2.375% 2023	598	0.49
	311,000	CPUK 4.25% 2022	316	0.26
	600,000	Deutsche Bank 1.75% 2021	600	0.49
	400,000	Deutsche Bank 2.625% 2024	408	0.33
	150,000	Lend Lease Europe 6.125% 2021	161	0.13
	235,000	Lloyds Banking Group 2.25% 2024	243	0.20
	600,000	Petróleos Mexicanos 8.25% 2022	681	0.56
	414,000	Royal Bank of Canada 1.375% 2024	418	0.34

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	Holding	Investment		
	151,000	Tesco 6.125% 2022	166	0.14
	200,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.875% 2021	202	0.17
	560,000	Western Power 3.625% 2023	599	0.49
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
	170,000	AT&T 2.9% 2026	183	0.15
	407,000	Credit Suisse FRN 2025	416	0.34
	282,000	CYBG 5% 2026	290	0.24
	171,000	Land Securities 2.375% 2029	181	0.15
	107,000	Orsted 2.125% 2027	113	0.09
	570,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 2.875% 2026	599	0.49
	320,000	Stagecoach Group 4% 2025	346	0.28
	335,000	Westfield Stratford City Finance 1.642% 2026	344	0.28
between 10 and 15 years to maturity				
	150,000	HSBC 3% fixed to floating 2029	163	0.13
between 15 and 25 years to maturity				
	225,000	Connect Plus 2.607% 2039	248	0.20
	250,000	E.ON Finance 5.875% 2037	382	0.31
	242,000	Tesco 5.744% 2040	312	0.26
greater than 25 years to maturity				
	150,000	America Movil 6.375% fixed to floating 2073	154	0.13
	394,000	Gatwick 2.875% 2049	431	0.35
	165,000	Vodafone 3.375% 2049	185	0.15
Perpetual				
	100,000	HBOS 7.881% fixed to floating Perpetual	157	0.13
	450,000	SSE 3.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	454	0.37
Government Bonds (0.07%)			96	0.08
between 15 and 25 years to maturity				
	64,827	UK (Govt of) 3.25% 2044	96	0.08

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US Dollar Denominated Bonds (55.63%)		75,307	61.64
Corporate Bonds (54.40%)		72,080	59.00
less than 5 years to maturity			
400,000	Alfa 5.25% 2024	330	0.27
450,000	Ally Financial 5.125% 2024	380	0.31
531,000	American Tower 3.375% 2024	424	0.35
179,000	Ball 4% 2023	143	0.12
401,000	Bank of America FRN 2023	311	0.25
400,000	Bank Rakyat Indonesia 3.95% 2024	317	0.26
540,000	Bank Rakyat Indonesia 4.625% 2023	436	0.36
337,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 2.375% 2024	260	0.21
400,000	BBVA Bancomer 6.5% 2021	316	0.26
292,000	BBVA Bancomer 6.75% 2022	243	0.20
469,000	BMW Finance 2.4% 2024	362	0.30
719,000	BPCE 2.375% 2025	549	0.45
260,000	BPCE 4.625% 2024	215	0.18
462,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb 2.9% 2024	366	0.30
281,000	Cardinal Health 3.079% 2024	221	0.18
540,000	CCO 5.125% 2023	414	0.34
200,000	China Oil & Gas 5.5% 2023	156	0.13
1,560,000	Citigroup FRN 2023	1,211	0.99
700,000	CNOOC 4.5% 2023	574	0.47
450,000	Continental Resources 4.5% 2023	360	0.29
434,000	Continental Resources 5% 2022	330	0.27
674,000	Credit Agricole 3.25% 2024	537	0.44
279,000	Credit Suisse 2.997% 2023	217	0.18
517,000	Crown Castle International 2.25% 2021	395	0.32
591,000	CVS Health 3.5% 2022	464	0.38
200,000	Danske Bank 5.375% 2024	169	0.14
473,000	Delta Air Lines 2.9% 2024	363	0.30
372,000	Dominion Energy 3.071% 2024	293	0.24
381,000	Equifax 2.6% 2024	296	0.24
294,000	Exelon 3.497% 2022	230	0.19
700,000	First Abu Dhabi Bank 3% 2022	539	0.44
690,000	Ford Motor Credit 3.087% 2023	528	0.43
700,000	ICICI Bank 3.5% 2020	532	0.43
700,000	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (New York) 2.452% 2021	533	0.44
895,000	JPMorgan Chase FRN 2024	731	0.60
520,000	JPMorgan Chase FRN 2024	419	0.34
136,000	Kilroy Realty 3.45% 2024	109	0.09
710,000	Lennar 4.75% 2021	550	0.45
200,000	Lukoil International Finance 4.563% 2023	161	0.13

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Holding	Investment			
750,000	Mexichem 4.875% 2022		605	0.48
214,000	Nordea Bank 3.75% 2023		171	0.14
974,000	Penske Truck Leasing 3.375% 2022		758	0.62
488,000	Perrigo Finance 3.5% 2021		378	0.31
400,000	Sabine Pass Liquefaction 6.25% 2022		326	0.27
400,000	Sasol Financing 5.875% 2024		326	0.27
407,000	SBA Tower Trust 2.836% 2025		319	0.26
150,000	Schlumberger 3.75% 2024		121	0.10
200,000	Shimao Property 4.75% 2022		154	0.13
370,000	Shimao Property 6.125% 2024		296	0.24
777,000	Shire Acquisitions Investments Ireland 2.4% 2021		595	0.49
42,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 2.2% 2021		31	0.02
400,000	Thai Oil 3.625% 2023		313	0.26
91,000	UnitedHealth 3.5% 2024		74	0.06
446,000	Volkswagen 2.7% 2022		344	0.28
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
445,000	AbbVie 2.95% 2026		349	0.29
400,000	AbbVie 3.2% 2026		319	0.26
1,400,000	ABN Amro FRN 2028		1,119	0.92
699,000	American Tower 3.95% 2029		583	0.48
192,000	American Tower 4% 2025		158	0.13
720,000	APT Pipelines 4.2% 2025		591	0.48
514,000	Athene 4.125% 2028		414	0.34
900,000	Bank of America 3.248% 2027		726	0.59
766,000	Bank of America 3.559% fixed to floating 2026		626	0.51
380,000	Barclays 3.932% fixed to floating 2025		307	0.25
300,000	Bausch Health 5.75% 2027		243	0.20
361,000	Black Hills 3.05% 2029		282	0.23
960,000	BNP Paribas 2.819% fixed to floating 2025		746	0.61
159,000	Boston Gas 3.001% 2029		127	0.10
325,000	Boston Properties 4.5% 2028		287	0.23
289,000	BP Capital Markets 3.41% 2026		236	0.19
270,000	BPCE 3.5% 2027		218	0.18
410,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb 3.4% 2029		341	0.28
330,000	Broadridge Financial Solutions 2.9% 2029		257	0.21
98,000	Cardinal Health 3.41% 2027		78	0.06
143,000	Cigna 4.125% 2025		119	0.10
435,000	Citigroup 4.4% 2025		364	0.30
236,000	Citizens Financial 4.3% 2025		196	0.16
1,200,000	CNOOC 4.375% 2028		1,029	0.84
143,000	Continental Resources 4.375% 2028		115	0.09

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Holding	Investment		
436,000	Country Garden Holdings 5.125% 2027	333	0.27
250,000	CVS Health 4.1% 2025	206	0.17
380,000	Dell International 6.02% 2026	336	0.28
289,000	Dollar Tree 4% 2025	237	0.19
430,000	Dominion Energy Gas 3% 2029	336	0.28
338,000	Duke Energy Florida 2.5% 2029	262	0.21
600,000	Electronic Arts 4.8% 2026	525	0.43
107,000	EMD 3.25% 2025	85	0.07
84,000	Energy Transfer 4.75% 2026	70	0.06
200,000	Eni 4.25% 2029	172	0.14
302,000	Entergy Texas 4% 2029	259	0.21
424,000	Essex Portfolio 3% 2030	335	0.27
200,000	Experian Finance 4.25% 2029	173	0.14
299,000	Fiserv 3.2% 2026	239	0.20
800,000	General Motors Financial 4% 2026	641	0.52
357,000	Global Payments 3.2% 2029	283	0.23
410,000	HCA 5.25% 2026	355	0.29
212,000	HESS 4.3% 2027	172	0.14
426,000	Home Depot 2.95% 2029	344	0.28
634,000	HSBC FRN 2025	511	0.42
505,000	HSBC Holdings 2.633% fixed to floating 2025	389	0.32
418,000	ING FRN 2028	337	0.28
162,000	Ingersoll-Rand Luxembourg Finance 3.5% 2026	132	0.11
350,000	JBS Investments II 7% 2026	289	0.24
729,000	JPMorgan Chase FRN 2028	599	0.49
89,000	Laboratory of America 3.6% 2025	72	0.06
543,000	Lloyds Banking 2.438% 2026	414	0.34
383,000	Mexichem 4% 2027	304	0.25
300,000	Microsoft 3.125% 2025	244	0.20
348,000	Mississippi Power 3.95% 2028	293	0.24
333,000	Moody's 4.25% 2029	291	0.24
492,000	Morgan Stanley 2.72% fixed to floating 2024	384	0.31
390,000	MPLX 4.875% 2025	328	0.27
400,000	Mylan 3.95% 2026	323	0.26
99,000	National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance 3.4% 2028	82	0.07
587,000	New York Life Global Funding 3% 2028	476	0.39
193,000	RELX 4% 2029	164	0.13
200,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 3.754% fixed to floating 2029	157	0.13
173,000	S&P Global 2.5% 2029	134	0.11
560,000	Sabine Pass Liquefaction 4.2% 2028	455	0.37
200,000	Saudi Arabian Oil 3.5% 2029	160	0.13
202,000	Schlumberger 3.9% 2028	165	0.14

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	Holding Investment		
	210,000 Sherwin-Williams 3.45% 2027	172	0.14
	540,000 Shire Acquisitions Investments Ireland 3.2% 2026	431	0.35
	258,000 Simon Property 3.5% 2025	211	0.17
	423,000 Societe Generale 4.25% 2025	344	0.28
	200,000 Suzano Austria 5.75% 2026	171	0.14
	584,000 Suzano Austria 6% 2029	500	0.41
	200,000 Syngenta Finance 4.892% 2025	166	0.14
	430,000 Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line 3.85% 2025	353	0.29
	740,000 Truist Bank 2.636% fixed to floating 2029	568	0.46
	421,000 United Technologies 3.95% 2025	352	0.29
	270,000 Verizon Communications 4.125% 2027	231	0.19
	290,000 Verizon Communications 4.329% 2028	255	0.21
	221,000 Welltower 4.25% 2026	186	0.15
	124,000 Western Gas Partners 4.75% 2028	96	0.08
	241,000 Western Midstream Operating 3.1% 2025	184	0.15
	48,000 Western Midstream Operating 4.5% 2028	37	0.03
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
	833,000 Bank of America 3.194% fixed to floating 2029	673	0.55
	352,000 Cameron LNG 2.902% 2031	276	0.23
	4,280,000 GreenPoint Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-1 FRN 2034	180	0.15
	700,000 HSBC FRN 2030	583	0.48
	266,000 Kilroy Realty 3.05% 2030	207	0.17
	182,000 Kraft Heinz 6.75% 2032	178	0.15
	197,000 Oklahoma Gas & Electric 3.3% 2030	162	0.13
	256,000 UBS 3.126% fixed to floating 2030	203	0.17
	637,000 Wells Fargo 2.879% fixed to floating 2030	498	0.41
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
	430,000 Anheuser-Busch Inbev 4.7% 2036	392	0.32
	172,000 Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide 5.45% 2039	170	0.14
	325,000 Bank of America 5.875% 2042	359	0.29
	560,000 Charter Communications 6.384% 2035	554	0.45
	560,000 Citigroup 8.125% 2039	730	0.60
	998,000 Comcast 3.25% 2039	802	0.66
	521,000 Comcast 4.6% 2038	488	0.40
	170,000 EOG Resources 5.1% 2036	161	0.13
	100,000 Ingersoll-Rand Luxembourg Finance 4.65% 2044	90	0.07
	760,000 JPMorgan Chase 6.4% 2038	854	0.70
	130,000 Microsoft 4.1% 2037	119	0.10
	394,000 Morgan Stanley 6.375% 2042	454	0.37
	79,000 Occidental Petroleum 6.45% 2036	75	0.06

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Holding	Investment			
155,000	Plains All American Pipeline 4.7% 2044		114	0.09
260,000	Rogers Communications 5% 2044		248	0.20
240,000	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Water Revenue 3.303% 2039		190	0.16
315,000	Saudi Arabian Oil 4.25% 2039		265	0.22
3,230,000	STARM Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-2 FRN 2037		190	0.16
100,000	Tesco 6.15% 2037		93	0.08
140,000	Tesco 6.15% 2037		131	0.11
199,000	Texas Instruments 3.875% 2039		177	0.14
347,000	Union Pacific 3.55% 2039		285	0.23
323,000	United Technologies 4.45% 2038		302	0.25
300,000	Verizon Communications 5.25% 2037		296	0.24
229,000	Walt Disney 6.4% 2035		257	0.21
2,810,000	WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-AR12 Trust FRN 2036		220	0.18
3,315,000	WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2006-AR18 Trust FRN 2037		345	0.28
2,200,000	WaMu Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates Series 2007-HY7 Trust FRN 2037		223	0.18
greater than 25 years to maturity				
296,000	AbbVie 4.25% 2049		246	0.20
172,000	AbbVie 4.45% 2046		146	0.12
267,000	AEP Texas 3.45% 2050		213	0.17
510,000	Apple 3.45% 2045		423	0.35
218,000	Baker Hughes 4.08% 2047		177	0.14
3,030,000	Bear Stearns ARM Trust 2007-4 FRN 2047		265	0.22
160,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb 4.25% 2049		150	0.12
195,000	Burlington Northern Santa Fe 4.7% 2045		188	0.15
183,000	Charter Communications 4.8% 2050		148	0.12
206,000	Cigna 4.9% 2048		191	0.16
294,000	Comcast 3.45% 2050		239	0.20
176,000	Comcast 3.969% 2047		153	0.13
148,000	Connecticut Light & Power 4% 2048		134	0.11
494,000	CVS Health 5.05% 2048		454	0.37
190,000	Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health 4.178% 2048		172	0.14
197,000	Dow Chemical 5.55% 2048		191	0.16
118,000	DowDuPont 5.419% 2048		112	0.09
465,000	DTE Electric 4.05% 2048		427	0.35
160,000	Energy Transfer Operating 5.3% 2047		129	0.11
337,000	Enterprise Products Operating 4.8% 2049		300	0.25
137,000	Exelon 4.45% 2046		122	0.10
542,000	Florida Power & Light 4.125% 2048		506	0.41
346,000	Fox 5.576% 2049		345	0.28

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Holding	Investment		
140,000	General Motors 5.4% 2048	113	0.09
368,000	Halliburton 5% 2045	320	0.26
150,000	HCA 5.5% 2047	135	0.11
117,000	Ingersoll-Rand Luxembourg Finance 4.5% 2049	107	0.09
374,000	International Paper 4.4% 2047	311	0.25
900,000	JP Morgan Mortgage Trust 2018-6 3.5% 2048	361	0.30
152,585	JP Morgan Mortgage Trust 2018-9 4% 2049	72	0.06
202,000	Kimberly-Clark 2.875% 2050	153	0.13
463,000	Minera Mexico 4.5% 2050	364	0.30
228,000	Moody's 4.875% 2048	223	0.18
106,000	National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance 4.3% 2049	101	0.08
250,000	National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance 4.4% 2048	239	0.20
225,000	Noble Energy 4.95% 2047	187	0.15
430,000	Parker-Hannifin 4% 2049	373	0.31
560,000	Partners Healthcare System 3.192% 2049	441	0.36
316,000	PepsiCo 3.375% 2049	262	0.21
265,000	Port Authority of New York & New Jersey 4.031% 2048	253	0.21
180,000	Progressive 4.2% 2048	168	0.14
470,000	Prudential Financial 3.935% 2049	400	0.33
281,000	Quest Diagnostics 4.7% 2045	248	0.20
209,000	S&P Global 3.25% 2049	169	0.14
719,566	Sequoia Mortgage Trust 2018-6 4% 2048	255	0.21
223,000	Shell International Finance 3.125% 2049	173	0.14
708,000	Southern Power 4.95% 2046	639	0.52
216,000	UnitedHealth 3.875% 2059	182	0.15
150,000	UnitedHealth 4.25% 2048	135	0.11
199,000	Ventas Realty 4.875% 2049	188	0.15
299,000	Verizon Communications 4.522% 2048	282	0.23
343,000	Verizon Communications 5.012% 2049	344	0.28
373,000	Virginia Electric & Power 4% 2046	331	0.27
95,000	Virginia Electric & Power 4.6% 2048	93	0.08
345,000	Walmart 4.05% 2048	320	0.26
187,000	Walt Disney 2.75% 2049	140	0.11
480,000	Walt Disney 7.55% 2093	434	0.36
218,000	Williams Partners 5.1% 2045	182	0.15
Perpetual			
300,000	Credit Suisse 6.25% Perpetual	251	0.21
268,000	DNB Bank 4.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	208	0.17

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Government Bonds (1.23%)		3,227	2.64
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
543,000	Export-Import Bank of India 3.25% 2030	415	0.34
512,000	US Treasury 1.625% 2029	392	0.32
54,000	US Treasury 2.375% 2029	44	0.04
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
300,000	Saudi Arabia (Kingdom of) 4.5% 2030	265	0.22
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
100,000	Chicago Transit Authority 6.899% 2040	107	0.09
230,000	JobsOhio Beverage System 2.833% 2038	178	0.14
974,000	Mexico (United Mexican States) 4.75% 2044	849	0.69
120,000	Rutgers The State University of New Jersey 3.27% 2043	97	0.08
240,000	State of Texas 3.211% 2044	191	0.16
greater than 25 years to maturity			
210,000	Commonwealth of Massachusetts 2.9% 2049	165	0.13
566,000	US Treasury 3% 2049	524	0.43
Derivatives (-2.06%)		1,073	0.88
Forward Currency Contracts (-2.06%)		1,186	0.97
	Buy AUD 356,513 Sell GBP 184,679 03/02/2020	(4)	-
	Buy AUD 354,000 Sell GBP 183,278 20/02/2020	(3)	-
	Buy EUR 113,000 Sell GBP 96,865 20/02/2020	(2)	-
	Buy EUR 208,000 Sell GBP 175,640 20/02/2020	(1)	-
	Buy EUR 378,000 Sell GBP 317,999 20/02/2020	-	-
	Buy EUR 1,413,000 Sell GBP 1,202,232 20/02/2020	(13)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 135,256 Sell AUD 266,000 20/02/2020	-	-
	Buy GBP 155,457 Sell AUD 296,000 20/02/2020	5	-
	Buy GBP 184,892 Sell AUD 357,000 20/02/2020	4	-
	Buy GBP 206,438 Sell AUD 398,000 20/02/2020	4	-
	Buy GBP 280,570 Sell AUD 539,000 20/02/2020	7	0.01
	Buy GBP 318,986 Sell AUD 607,000 20/02/2020	11	0.01
	Buy GBP 826,646 Sell CAD 1,412,000 20/02/2020	17	0.01
	Buy GBP 60,450 Sell EUR 71,000 20/02/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 96,355 Sell EUR 114,000 20/02/2020	-	-
	Buy GBP 108,913 Sell EUR 128,000 20/02/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 110,265 Sell EUR 130,000 20/02/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 146,044 Sell EUR 173,000 20/02/2020	1	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy GBP 1,046,110 Sell EUR 1,222,000 20/02/2020	18	0.02
	Buy GBP 16,604,385 Sell EUR 19,475,000 20/02/2020	221	0.18
	Buy GBP 16,604,385 Sell EUR 19,475,000 20/02/2020	221	0.18
	Buy GBP 138,344 Sell USD 182,000 20/02/2020	-	-
	Buy GBP 158,810 Sell USD 207,000 20/02/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 170,547 Sell USD 223,000 20/02/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 209,900 Sell USD 273,000 20/02/2020	3	-
	Buy GBP 219,057 Sell USD 287,000 20/02/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 242,613 Sell USD 318,000 20/02/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 253,284 Sell USD 331,000 20/02/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 266,998 Sell USD 347,000 20/02/2020	4	-
	Buy GBP 315,324 Sell USD 412,000 20/02/2020	3	-
	Buy GBP 823,610 Sell USD 1,078,000 20/02/2020	6	0.02
	Buy GBP 852,040 Sell USD 1,109,000 20/02/2020	11	0.01
	Buy GBP 1,266,088 Sell USD 1,646,000 20/02/2020	18	0.01
	Buy GBP 23,982,707 Sell USD 31,343,000 20/02/2020	218	0.18
	Buy GBP 23,983,472 Sell USD 31,344,000 20/02/2020	218	0.18
	Buy GBP 23,983,472 Sell USD 31,344,000 20/02/2020	218	0.18
	Buy USD 76,000 Sell GBP 58,163 20/02/2020	(1)	-
	Buy USD 109,000 Sell GBP 83,858 20/02/2020	(1)	-
	Buy USD 206,000 Sell GBP 158,228 20/02/2020	(2)	-
	Buy USD 810,000 Sell GBP 621,427 20/02/2020	(7)	(0.01)
Futures (0.00%)		(113)	(0.09)
6	Long 10 Year Mini JGB Future 12/03/2020	2	-
18	Long Canadian 10 Year Bond Future 20/03/2020	23	0.02
18	Long Euro Schatz Future 06/03/2020	2	-
1	Long Long Gilt Future 27/03/2020	2	-
7	Long US 5 Year Note Future 31/03/2020	8	0.01
2	Long US Long Bond Future (CBT) 20/03/2020	1	-
(3)	Short Australia 10 Year Bond Future 16/03/2020	-	-
(10)	Short Euro Bond Future 06/03/2020	(30)	(0.02)
(4)	Short Euro Buxl 30 Year Future 06/03/2020	(27)	(0.02)
(27)	Short Euro-Bobl Future 06/03/2020	(25)	(0.02)
(19)	Short US 10 Year Note Future 20/03/2020	(37)	(0.03)
(7)	Short US Ultra Bond Future (CBT) 20/03/2020	(32)	(0.03)
Total investment assets		120,171	98.36
Net other assets		1,999	1.64
Total Net Assets		122,170	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		3,364		(229)
Revenue	1,611		1,825	
Expenses	(68)		(64)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,542		1,760	
Taxation	(1)		(5)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,541		1,755
Total return before distributions		4,905		1,526
Distributions		(1,542)		(1,758)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		3,363		(232)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		122,231		112,673
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	74		575	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(5,042)		(94)	
		(4,968)		481
Dilution adjustment		9		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		3,363		(232)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,535		1,763
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		122,170		114,685

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		120,356		119,644
Current assets:				
Debtors	1,539		4,708	
Cash and bank balances	1,737		1,513	
		3,276		6,221
Total assets		123,632		125,865
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(185)		(2,672)
Creditors	(1,276)		(961)	
Distribution payable	(1)		(1)	
		(1,277)		(962)
Total liabilities		(1,462)		(3,634)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		122,170		122,231

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2020**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution payable 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5546	-	1.5546*	1.7280
Group 2	0.7740	0.7806	1.5546*	1.7280
A Income shares				
Group 1	1.3182	-	1.3182**	1.4719
Group 2	0.7527	0.5655	1.3182**	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.6024	-	1.6024*	1.7726
Group 2	1.2220	0.3804	1.6024*	1.7726
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.3104	-	1.3104**	1.4943
Group 2	0.5440	0.7664	1.3104**	1.4943
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5295	-	1.5295*	0.6000
Group 2	0.8495	0.6800	1.5295*	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	1.4997	-	1.4997**	0.6000
Group 2	0.8297	0.6700	1.4997**	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5379	-	1.5379*	1.6942
Group 2	1.2327	0.3052	1.5379*	1.6942
Z Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.4394	-	1.4394*	1.5845
Group 2	-	-	-	1.5845

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution payable on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI Japanese Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

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

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the MSCI Japan Index, plus 3% per annum over three years (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in Japan or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from Japanese operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the MSCI Japan Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 10%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the index.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, to reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund ("Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Japanese Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 1.47% compared to an increase of 1.74% in the performance target, the MSCI 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

Japanese equities gained in the six months under review. The period was marked by trade disputes instigated by the US against its key trading partners, with punitive tariffs used as leverage in re-negotiations. The subsequent slowdown in global growth led major central banks to cut interest rates, providing support to their economies. The market rallied towards the end of 2019 on optimism that a US-China preliminary trade deal was in sight. Moreover, Japan signed a limited trade deal which lowers tariffs on US farm produce, Japanese machine tools and other goods. On the home front, expectations for improved corporate earnings, and news that lawmakers approved US\$120 billion in stimulus to address decelerating growth, lifted investor sentiment. But gains were capped amid concerns over the impact of both the consumption tax hike and the spreading novel coronavirus on the global economy.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, Chugai Pharmaceutical rose on a set of good full-year results and earnings forecasts driven by healthy sales of haemophilia drug Hemlibra and favourable clinical trial outcomes for oncology drugs. The fund also benefited from holding Japan Exchange Group, whose successful acquisition of Tokyo Commodity Exchange helped broaden its range of derivatives products. Meanwhile, our lack of exposure to Softbank proved beneficial as the telecoms and internet company reported its first quarterly operating loss in over a decade at US\$6.5 billion for the July-September period. This was mainly due to its investments in technology start-ups Uber and WeWork.

Capping gains was cosmetics maker Shiseido. Its shares declined on fears that the coronavirus outbreak would hurt its inbound business. Weaker-than-expected results and a subsequent lowering of earnings forecasts also weighed on the cosmetics maker. In the longer term though, we believe its purchase of fast-growing US prestige skin care brand Drunk Elephant in November will help strengthen its skincare portfolio, improve profitability of its US business and attract new consumers. Holding Sysmex also dented performance as the medical diagnostics company's shares retreated on dismal results stemming from tepid demand and rising costs. Nevertheless, we believe Sysmex's medium-term outlook remains resilient, thanks to its attractive "razor/razorblade" sales model, first selling its state-of-the-art testing machines, then enjoying recurring sales of high-margin test reagents. Similarly, conference room operator TKP Corp fell after it posted disappointing earnings, though this was attributed to one-off costs from mergers and acquisitions as well as new openings. Its equity-financing exercise conducted in 2019 should also help lessen the debt load and allow the company to continue executing its growth strategy.

In key portfolio activity, we exited cosmetics company Mandom, Aeon Financial Service and Japan Tobacco in view of better opportunities elsewhere. We also exited IT services firm Net One Systems on concerns that it, along with several other firms, had artificially boosted sales numbers through a series of questionable transactions. These issues come at a time when we have been increasingly concerned about internal controls of Japanese companies: management is under pressure to hit sales targets, while struggling to cope with the labour shortage, they are increasingly forced to globalise even as internal processes have yet to catch up.

Subsequently, we initiated positions in quality holdings that we believe would add stable, long-term value to the portfolio. Among these was TKP Corp. The domestic market leader in hotel, banquet and convention management services has a clear growth strategy and gained market share with a combination of good locations, quality food and competitive prices.

Next was Hoya, a leading manufacturer of medical and high-tech optics products. Its portfolio ranges from optical lenses to semiconductor components. The company leads the field in terms of technology, R&D and processing, and it is poised to benefit from structural growth opportunities for extreme ultraviolet lithography mask blanks used for leading-edge semiconductors.

Finally, we introduced Sony Corp as we gained more confidence in its management and trajectory of its underlying business fundamentals. We are most upbeat about its image-sensor business, where the electronics giant has a dominant market share. We believe investors have underestimated the growth potential of this business. Additionally, its gaming division aims to release the next generation PlayStation 5 console this year, which should support earnings.

Outlook

The near-term outlook appears cautious as investors cast a wary eye on the coronavirus and its subsequent impact on global trade. Governments are still trying to contain the spread of the virus. Additionally, mixed local data point to an uneven economic recovery. This uncertainty may compel the yen to appreciate, which would erode exporters' earnings. On a more positive note, the government's US\$120 billion fiscal package should help mitigate the effects of the recent hike in the sales tax and an exports slump. Moreover, the central bank stands ready to ease policy further if economic conditions deteriorate, particularly on the inflation front.

From a longer-term perspective, we believe the core investment themes in Japan remain intact and that the Fund is well-positioned to benefit from them. To that end, we continue to focus our in-depth, fundamental research efforts on identifying domestic companies that are world leaders in their field, run by experienced management, and supported by solid balance sheets. It is our belief that this approach will sustain the long term value of the portfolio, even as macro-driven short-term volatility weighs on the market.

Asia Pacific Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	10,478	12,848	34,437	35,634
Closing number of shares	4,410,438	5,527,850	14,412,523	15,599,268
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	237.58	232.43	238.93	228.44
Change in net asset value per share	2.22%	(2.72%)	4.59%	7.10%
Operating charges	1.32%	1.44%	1.62%	1.61%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	55,969	61,105	93,898	424,674
Closing number of shares	21,583,573	24,141,348	36,286,413	172,941,989
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	259.31	253.11	258.77	245.56
Change in net asset value per share	2.45%	(2.19%)	5.38%	7.91%
Operating charges	0.87%	0.87%	0.87%	0.86%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	30	-		
Closing number of shares	27,048	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	110.34	107.53		
Change in net asset value per share	2.61%	-		
Operating charges	0.92%	0.92%		
Z Accumulation shares ^B	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	-	1	55
Closing number of shares	-	-	368	20,368
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	-	284.89	268.31
Change in net asset value per share	-	-	6.18%	8.72%
Operating charges	-	-	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.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 27 November 2018.

^B Z Accumulation share class closed on 20 September 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (98.72%)		65,751	98.91
Japanese Equities (98.72%)		65,751	98.91
Communication Services (5.87%)		3,546	5.33
112,500	KDDI	2,572	3.87
318,300	Yahoo Japan	974	1.46
Consumer Discretionary (16.23%)		12,654	19.04
37,800	Denso Corporation	1,201	1.81
14,000	Nitori	1,664	2.50
6,500	Shimano	767	1.16
31,400	Sony	1,695	2.55
61,700	Stanley Electric	1,229	1.85
14,800	TKP	400	0.60
57,300	Toyota Motor	3,069	4.62
70,000	USS	979	1.47
41,800	Yamaha	1,650	2.48
Consumer Staples (14.76%)		5,235	7.87
26,500	Calbee	665	1.00
31,400	Pigeon	859	1.29
19,260	Seven & I	568	0.85
28,800	Shiseido	1,428	2.15
40,700	Welcia	1,715	2.58
Financials (7.76%)		5,754	8.66
148,000	Japan Exchange Group	2,054	3.09
72,200	Tokio Marine	3,024	4.55
17,100	Tokyo Century	676	1.02
Health Care (14.13%)		9,866	14.84
16,900	As One	1,169	1.76
88,000	Asahi Intecc	1,872	2.82
40,500	Chugai Pharmaceutical	3,190	4.80
17,800	Hoya	1,320	1.98
31,900	Shionogi	1,464	2.20
15,400	Sysmex	851	1.28

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
Industrials (17.42%)			13,307	20.02
176,600	Amada		1,435	2.16
21,520	Daikin Industries		2,353	3.54
19,600	East Japan Railway		1,331	2.00
6,800	Fanuc		967	1.45
18,400	Komatsu		318	0.48
52,900	Makita		1,572	2.37
73,000	MISUMI		1,414	2.13
79,500	Nabtesco		1,794	2.70
70,500	Recruit		2,123	3.19
Information Technology (10.33%)			5,841	8.79
9,828	Keyence		2,568	3.86
48,700	Otsuka		1,464	2.21
96,500	Renesas Electronics		479	0.72
32,200	SCSK		1,330	2.00
Materials (12.22%)			8,204	12.34
87,000	Kansai Paint		1,611	2.42
49,800	Nippon Paint		1,837	2.76
36,500	Shin-Etsu Chemical		3,244	4.88
89,400	Taiyo Nippon Sanso		1,512	2.28
Real Estate (0.00%)			1,344	2.02
247,800	Tokyu Fudosan		1,344	2.02
Collective Investment Schemes (0.00%)			1	-
1	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund*		1	-
Total investment assets			65,752	98.91
Net other assets			725	1.09
Total Net Assets			66,477	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		1,639		(15,344)
Revenue	581		881	
Expenses	(332)		(543)	
Net revenue before taxation	249		338	
Taxation	(43)		(87)	
Net revenue after taxation		206		251
Total return before equalisation		1,845		(15,093)
Equalisation on shares		(21)		(17)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		1,824		(15,110)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		73,953		128,336
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	5,414		13,683	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(14,714)		(36,187)	
		(9,300)		(22,504)
Dilution adjustment		-		12
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		1,824		(15,110)
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		66,477		90,734

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		65,752		73,005
Current assets:				
Debtors	182		498	
Cash and bank balances	893		729	
		1,075		1,227
Total assets		66,827		74,232
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(350)		(279)	
		(350)		(279)
Total liabilities		(350)		(279)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		66,477		73,953

ASI Latin American Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

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

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the MSCI EM Latin America 10/40 Net Total Return Index plus 3% per annum over three years (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in Latin American countries or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from Latin American operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the MSCI EM Latin America 10/40 Net Total Return Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 12.5%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the index.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, to reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund ("Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Latin American Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares decreased by 7.39% compared to an decrease of 8.68% in the benchmark, the MSCI EM Latin America 10/40 Net Total Return 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 faced volatility through the period under review and declined in sterling terms. The US-China trade negotiation leading up to a preliminary deal was a key factor driving market sentiment. That was subsequently eclipsed by fears over the impact of the covid-19 virus on the global economy. Governments of affected countries struggled to effectively contain the outbreak. In the region, the initial euphoria in Brazil over President Jair Bolsonaro's pension reform approval by the Senate was dampened by his split with the ruling party, as well as lacklustre retail and manufacturing numbers. Mexico continued to be hindered by tepid growth, while Chile was beset by widespread protests due to rising inequality. Argentine shares were not spared the broader market pullback despite government measures to alleviate a debt crisis, and the central bank's fourth interest rate cut in over a month.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, the main contributors include Mexican lender Banorte which reported robust 2019 results despite the challenging local economic outlook. Meanwhile, Mexican airport operators OMA and ASUR continued to benefit from robust passenger traffic growth. Elsewhere, holding Brazilian software firm Totvs helped performance due to rising expectations for an improvement in its results as information technology spending recovers, and on new growth avenues.

Conversely, not holding Mexican telco America Movil dented performance as its shares re-rated on improving operational trends in its core markets. A lack of exposure to Brazil-based Magazine Luiza also weighed on the portfolio as the retailer's shares rallied amid its successful efforts to grow e-commerce operations. Elsewhere, holding lender Banco BBVA Argentina proved costly amid the market selloff caused by incumbent business-friendly President Mauricio Macri's loss by a wide margin in the primary election.

During the review period, we exited Brazilian fuel distributor Ultrapar given concerns over its growth prospects and strategic business direction. We also sold Banco BBVA Argentina on share-price strength and due to the deteriorating macro outlook in the country. Other divestments included steel pipe maker Tenaris and Mexican dairy company Lala due to lower conviction in their investment cases, and to fund better opportunities elsewhere.

Against this, we introduced Mercado Libre, Latin America's leading e-commerce group, amid the valuation opportunity in the Argentine equity market, and initiated a position in Burger King Brasil, an attractive business with good growth opportunities at a reasonable valuation. We also introduced Instituto de Resseguros do Brasil, the leading re-insurer in Brazil, which has a growing influence in Latin America, and is attractively valued. Finally, we initiated XP, Brazil's biggest brokerage by equity-trading volume, due to its broad economic moat.

Outlook

Market sentiment is likely to remain cautious as investors cast a wary eye on the coronavirus and its impact on global trade. Governments are struggling to contain the virus. Regionally, mixed data in Brazil indicate that any recovery remains uneven at best. Hence, further progress in President Jair Bolsonaro's reform agenda will be needed to bolster the country's outlook. In Mexico, despite steps made towards the ratification of a trade agreement with the US and Canada, further rate cuts are expected on the back of dismal economic data. The Argentine market may continue to be volatile in the near term as investors await more policy clarity from newly-elected Peronist president Alberto Fernandez. Investors will also stay watchful of Chile for the outcome of the constitutional referendum, and whether the government's stimulus measures will arrest slowing growth. Despite the short-term uncertainties, we remain optimistic that the fund's high-quality companies have a degree of resilience, and will continue to deliver solid results. Market volatility also creates opportunities, which we will keep a keen eye out for, to add capital to favoured companies at attractive valuations.

Global Emerging Markets Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
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Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 6 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	25,700	33,294	102,211	142,237
Closing number of shares	22,591,852	26,949,426	99,581,435	133,186,933
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	113.76	123.54	102.64	106.80
Change in net asset value per share	(7.92%)	20.36%	(3.90%)	19.06%
Operating charges	1.64%	1.74%	1.99%	2.02%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	92,638	103,053	86,087	84,439
Closing number of shares	75,873,286	77,895,363	78,754,626	74,802,023
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	122.10	132.30	109.31	112.88
Change in net asset value per share	(7.71%)	21.03%	(3.16%)	19.94%
Operating charges	1.19%	1.19%	1.24%	1.27%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	872	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	117.55	127.21		
Change in net asset value per share	(7.59%)	-		
Operating charges	1.24%	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.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 27 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (99.37%)		116,549	98.49
Emerging Market Equities (75.59%)		-	-
Argentina (2.59%)		3,641	3.08
20,995	Globant	1,951	1.65
3,360	MercadoLibre	1,690	1.43
Brazil (64.20%)		76,421	64.58
877,925	AmBev	2,780	2.35
241,340	Arezzo Industria e Comercio	2,583	2.18
550,044	B3 SA - Brasil Bolsa Balcao	4,687	3.96
1,740,322	Banco Bradesco	9,667	8.17
44,675	Banco Bradesco (Preference)	261	0.22
369,190	BK Brasil Operacao	1,072	0.91
736,024	Bradespar	4,835	4.09
436,399	BRF	2,367	2.00
232,940	IRB Brasil Resseguros	1,848	1.56
1,141,693	Itau Unibanco	5,947	5.03
1,450,505	Itaúsa (Preference)	3,309	2.80
196,468	LINX	1,189	1.00
337,862	Localiza	3,190	2.70
443,124	Lojas Renner	4,519	3.82
569,681	Multiplan	3,497	2.95
102,979	Notre Dame Intermedica	1,280	1.08
417,770	Odontoprev	1,309	1.11
1,915,815	Petrol Brasileiros (Preference)	9,676	8.18
60,667	Raia Drogasil	1,337	1.13
688,306	Rumo	2,834	2.39
158,427	TOTVS	2,096	1.77
381,253	Vale ADR	3,387	2.86
244,367	WEG	1,710	1.44
34,283	XP	1,041	0.88
Chile (7.16%)		6,737	5.69
92,804	Banco Santander (Chile) ADR	1,411	1.19
743,812	Embotelladora Andina (Preference)	1,254	1.06
101,035	Geopark	1,418	1.20
867,746	Parque Arauco	1,504	1.27
388,199	SACI Falabella	1,150	0.97

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Peru (1.64%)		1,861	1.57
862,555	Cementos Pacasmayo	1,183	1.00
413,937	Fossal	8	0.01
403,113	Grana y Montero ADR	670	0.56
European Equities (1.05%)		-	-
Luxembourg (1.05%)		-	-
North America Equities (22.73%)		27,889	23.57
Bermuda (0.97%)		1,496	1.27
173,786	Wilson Sons BDR	1,496	1.27
Mexico (21.76%)		26,393	22.30
750,587	Arca Continental	3,221	2.72
1,263,669	Banco Santander (Mexico)	1,372	1.16
65,438	Fomento Economico Mexicano ADR	4,472	3.78
49,279	Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte ADR	2,270	1.92
197,957	Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste	2,881	2.43
1,074,506	Grupo Financiero Banorte	4,990	4.22
1,331,385	Hoteles City Express	745	0.63
485,247	Infraestructura Energetica Nova	1,724	1.46
692,469	Kimberly-Clark de Mexico	1,084	0.91
1,643,196	Wal-Mart de Mexico	3,634	3.07
Total investment assets		116,549	98.49
Net other assets		1,790	1.51
Total Net Assets		118,339	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, within the meaning of the FCA rules.
The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(11,251)		12,635
Revenue	2,022		2,241	
Expenses	(807)		(1,295)	
Interest payable and similar charges	-		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,215		945	
Taxation	(146)		(227)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,069		718
Total return before equalisation		(10,182)		13,353
Equalisation on shares		(30)		(78)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(10,212)		13,275

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		136,347		188,298
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	10,064		15,222	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(17,860)		(84,516)	
		(7,796)		(69,294)
Dilution adjustment		-		81
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(10,212)		13,275
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		118,339		132,360

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		116,549		135,485
Current assets:				
Debtors	1,538		266	
Cash and bank balances	1,188		1,159	
		2,726		1,425
Total assets		119,275		136,910
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(936)		(556)	
Bank overdrafts	-		(7)	
		(936)		(563)
Total liabilities		(936)		(563)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		118,339		136,347

ASI Multi-Asset Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in a globally diversified portfolio of assets.

Performance Target: To exceed the return of the following composite index: 40% FTSE All-Share Index, 25% MSCI World ex UK Index, 15% FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks Index, 5% FTSE Small Cap UK Index, 7.5% 7 DAY GBP LIBOR, 5% HFRI FOF Conservative Index, 2.5% FTSE All-Share Index-Equity Investment Instruments. The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of each index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest in equities (company shares) and bonds (loans to companies and governments) issued anywhere and in any currency.
- The Fund may also invest in other Funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify the investments they believe are most appropriate for the Fund's objective.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on identifying companies where the management team have a different view of a company's prospects to that of the market, and which align with their views regarding future economic and business conditions.
- The composite index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the composite Index.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, to reduce cost and/or generate additional income or consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Multi-Asset Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 2.40% compared to an increase of 1.16% in the performance target 40% FTSE All-Share Index, 25% MSCI World ex UK Index, 15% FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks Index, 5% FTSE Small Cap UK Index, 7.5% 7 DAY GBP LIBOR, 5% HFRI FOF Conservative Index, 2.5% FTSE All-Share Index-Equity Investment Instruments.

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

While stock markets around the world were generally positive over the last six months, sterling gains eroded returns for UK investors. Central banks cut interest rates because of economic weakness, and this boosted stock markets. There was also a breakthrough in the trade dispute between the US and China towards the end of 2019. However, global share prices fell in January, in reaction to the spread of the coronavirus. Bond and gilt prices finished ahead, as investors continued to favour perceived lower-risk assets.

Looking at individual markets, UK equities failed to make significant gains during the period. Brexit continued to dominate UK headlines, with the stock market and sterling reacting to each new development. In mid-December, the Conservative party won a general election by a landslide. The UK market and sterling rose in response, as the result brought greater political stability and the potential to make progress on Brexit. Indeed, the UK left the European Union on 31 January. Having enjoyed a positive end to 2019, the UK market fell in January. The outbreak of the coronavirus in China was a key factor.

Stock markets in the US hit a record high during the review period. However, sterling rose against the US dollar, limiting gains for UK investors. A potential breakthrough in the country's ongoing trade war with China helped to boost sentiment. Investors hope the so-called 'phase-one' agreement will lead to a more complete deal further down the line. Federal Reserve interest rate cuts also boosted companies and the economy.

While European stock markets performed relatively well in local currency terms, despite a poor economy and political upheaval, they produced negative returns in sterling terms. Investors took some cheer from the ECB's decision to cut interest rates from -0.4% to -0.5%. Returns from stock markets in Asia were also negative in sterling terms. Dictating investor sentiment (both positively and negatively) were the US-China trade war, concerns about China's economy and central bank policy.

Elsewhere, bond market performance was positive. Bond yields fell, meaning prices rose. In the UK, the path towards Brexit caused uncertainty. This fuelled demand for lower-risk assets, such as government bonds. Economic growth concerns also led central banks around the world to cut interest rates. This boosted demand for bonds (lower interest rates mean investors could gain more income from bonds than cash deposits). Prices rose as a result.

Portfolio review

The Fund outperformed its benchmark over the review period, with positive returns from equities and fixed income. Alternatives also provide a positive return overall, although this was mainly due to a strong showing from infrastructure, with a negative portfolio return for hedge funds and private equity.

Focusing on equities, stock selection within UK equities drove much of the Fund's relative outperformance. This offset a negative return from stock selection within overseas equities, particularly North American equities. However, stock selection within Asia Pacific and Japanese equities proved beneficial. In terms of asset allocation, our preference for Asia Pacific equities detracted from returns although this was offset somewhat by our allocation towards Japanese equities.

Turning to fixed income, our less-than-benchmark position in the asset class detracted from performance, as investors continued to seek out perceived lower-risk assets. In January, for example, UK gilts performed positively as investors moved money from riskier assets into government bonds. Our allocation to government bonds is slightly below the benchmark, which hindered performance as a result.

Finally, asset allocation within alternatives proved neutral for performance. A positive return from our above-benchmark holding in infrastructure offset a negative relative return from our allocation towards private equity. Security selection within alternatives was negative, however. In particular, selection within private equity was detrimental although selection within hedge funds and infrastructure offset this to an extent.

In terms of portfolio activity, we continue to employ a modest risk-on tilt. Equities remain our preferred asset class, with lower allocations to fixed income and alternatives. We recently amended our tactical asset allocation by adding further to UK equities. It remains one of our preferred equity markets as we expected to see a rebound following the Conservative election success. We funded this amend from a reduction in our allocation to cash. In January, we increased our allocation to European equities, taking it to a neutral stance versus the benchmark.

Outlook

We are cautiously optimistic in our equity market outlook. Equities climbed following a 'phase one' trade deal between the US and China. Meanwhile, the US economy appears to have shaken off the threat of recession, while economic data elsewhere is improving. In addition, almost every central bank is now easing monetary policy, while governments are increasing public spending. It is rare to see these dual policies when unemployment and inflation are at such low levels. Such measures are nearly always good for risk assets, such as equities.

Political and economic factors will continue to impact on fixed income markets. With political risks to the fore, central banks have become more dovish. Optimism about the world's economic prospects has grown. Reasons include the US and China look closer to resolving their trade dispute and greater clarity around Brexit. Nevertheless, vulnerability across markets should continue to be favourable for government bonds. Meanwhile, the hunt for income in the face of low yield levels should support corporate bond prices.

The higher yields on offer from some alternative assets, such as infrastructure have made them very attractive to investors in a low bond yield environment. Healthy demand has compressed risk premia, although expected returns remain competitive. Listed and private infrastructure assets continue to offer relatively attractive returns and useful diversification from equities as we move to the later stages of the business cycle.

Strategic Clients Solution Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

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Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 4 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	83,083	83,569	82,398	329,375
Closing number of shares	27,335,197	28,148,434	29,444,655	126,035,030
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	303.94	297.21	279.84	261.34
Change in net asset value per share	2.26%	6.21%	7.08%	10.93%
Operating charges	1.38%	1.49%	1.67%	1.68%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,794	3,813	3,705	3,750
Closing number of shares	1,504,711	1,543,687	1,582,575	1,696,103
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	252.14	247.02	234.08	221.06
Change in net asset value per share	2.07%	5.53%	5.89%	9.52%
Operating charges	1.38%	1.49%	1.67%	1.68%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	52,905	49,298	46,678	45,327
Closing number of shares	15,898,818	15,184,487	15,353,987	16,087,733
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	332.76	324.65	304.01	281.75
Change in net asset value per share	2.50%	6.79%	7.90%	11.76%
Operating charges	0.93%	0.93%	0.92%	0.93%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	10,775	11,189	11,288	11,743
Closing number of shares	7,233,226	7,667,952	8,163,759	8,994,243
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	148.96	145.92	138.27	130.56
Change in net asset value per share	2.08%	5.53%	5.91%	9.53%
Operating charges	0.93%	0.93%	0.92%	0.93%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	63	-		
Closing number of shares	54,058	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	116.70	113.75		
Change in net asset value per share	2.59%	-		
Operating charges	0.98%	0.98%		
M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	915	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	115.11	112.55		
Change in net asset value per share	2.27%	-		
Operating charges	0.98%	0.98%		

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.

^A M share classes launched on 28 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (57.30%)		84,222	55.91
Emerging Market Equities (0.11%)		149	0.10
Brazil (0.11%)		149	0.10
25,826	Banco Bradesco ADR	149	0.10
European Equities (2.08%)		3,675	2.44
France (0.20%)		293	0.19
600	L'Oreal	127	0.08
500	LVMH	166	0.11
Germany (0.07%)		-	-
Ireland (1.20%)		1,260	0.84
47,800	Experian	1,260	0.84
Sweden (0.10%)		137	0.09
5,070	Atlas Copco 'A'	137	0.09
Switzerland (0.51%)		1,985	1.32
46,000	Coca-Cola HBC	1,281	0.85
2,850	Nestle	238	0.16
2,980	Novartis	214	0.14
990	Roche	252	0.17
Japanese Equities (0.56%)		680	0.45
900	Fanuc	128	0.08
620	Keyence	162	0.11
1,900	Shin-Etsu Chemical	169	0.11
4,000	Sysmex	221	0.15
Middle East Equities (0.07%)		-	-
Israel (0.07%)		-	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
North America Equities (2.68%)		3,917	2.60
Canada (0.13%)		-	-
Mexico (0.12%)		116	0.08
1,700	Fomento Economico Mexicano SAB de	116	0.08
United States (2.43%)		3,801	2.52
250	Alphabet 'A'	272	0.18
1,700	Autodesk	254	0.17
100	Booking	139	0.09
3,900	Boston Scientific	124	0.08
1,700	CME	280	0.19
1,050	Deere & Co	126	0.08
3,570	EOG Resources	197	0.13
1,300	Estee Lauder	192	0.13
1,600	Fidelity National Information Services	174	0.12
1,640	First Republic Bank	138	0.09
2,765	Intercontinental Exchange	209	0.14
2,970	Microsoft	383	0.25
1,830	PepsiCo	197	0.13
2,090	PRA Health Sciences	161	0.11
7,890	Schlumberger	201	0.13
4,400	Schwab (Charles)	152	0.10
4,680	TJX	210	0.14
2,600	Visa	392	0.26
Pacific Basin Equities (1.64%)		1,939	1.28
Australia (0.30%)		371	0.25
1,440	CSL	228	0.15
21,600	Treasury Wine Estates	143	0.10
China (0.13%)		288	0.19
7,900	Tencent	288	0.19
Hong Kong (0.24%)		243	0.16
32,000	AIA	243	0.16

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
India (0.30%)		388	0.26
11,100	Housing Development Finance	285	0.19
41,080	ITC	103	0.07
Singapore (0.16%)		201	0.13
33,459	Oversea-Chinese Banking	201	0.13
South Korea (0.22%)		185	0.12
251	Samsung Electronics	185	0.12
Taiwan (0.17%)		263	0.17
6,440	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	263	0.17
Thailand (0.12%)		-	-
UK Equities (50.16%)		73,862	49.04
Basic Materials (2.34%)		3,319	2.20
33,021	Croda	1,645	1.09
57,800	Johnson Matthey	1,505	1.00
1,100	Linde	169	0.11
Consumer Goods (8.04%)		11,537	7.66
44,500	Associated British Foods	1,168	0.78
602,700	Boohoo.com**	1,821	1.21
56,600	British American Tobacco	1,900	1.26
441,400	Countryside Properties	2,153	1.43
77,100	Diageo	2,320	1.54
62,500	Fever Tree Drinks**	860	0.57
29,000	Unilever	1,315	0.87
Consumer Services (6.15%)		10,071	6.69
90,437	Euromoney Institutional Investor	1,105	0.73
255,900	Just Eat	2,203	1.46
459,200	Pets At Home	1,294	0.86
120,200	RELX	2,418	1.61

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
169,700	Rightmove		1,116	0.74
80,950	WH Smith		1,935	1.29
Financials (19.50%)			26,367	17.50
377,176	3i Infrastructure		1,169	0.78
636,178	Aberdeen Diversified Income and Growth Trust ⁺		700	0.46
139,339	Aberdeen Private Equity Fund ⁺		1	-
376,000	Ashmore		2,042	1.36
111,500	Close Brothers		1,578	1.05
1,165,360	Greencoat UK Wind		1,655	1.10
1,350,839	HICL Infrastructure		2,399	1.59
25,800	London Stock Exchange		2,021	1.34
271,898	Pantheon International		6,607	4.39
181,100	Prudential		2,448	1.61
1,240,886	Renewables Infrastructure Group		1,633	1.08
527,150	Sequoia Economic Infrastructure Income		602	0.40
637,201	SME Credit Realisation Fund		537	0.36
245,100	Standard Chartered		1,546	1.03
25,335	Standard Chartered		163	0.11
113,883	Standard Life UK Smaller Companies Trust ⁺		686	0.45
415,546	Tritax Big Box REIT		580	0.39
Health Care (4.63%)			10,774	7.15
160,000	Abcam		2,229	1.48
42,000	AstraZeneca		3,117	2.07
64,100	Dechra Pharmaceuticals		1,822	1.21
63,700	Genus		1,961	1.30
90,100	Smith & Nephew		1,645	1.09
Industrials (6.97%)			7,257	4.82
668,906	Amedeo Air Four Plus		492	0.33
184,900	Bodycote		1,583	1.05
144,600	Marshalls		1,141	0.76
239,100	Rentokil		1,116	0.74
148,200	Rolls-Royce		993	0.66
11,000	Spirax-Sarco Engineering		981	0.65
70,600	Weir		951	0.63

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Oil & Gas (0.91%)		752	0.50
245,600	Hunting	752	0.50
Technology (1.62%)		2,797	1.86
56,900	AVEVA	2,797	1.86
Telecommunications (0.00%)		988	0.66
65,432	Telecom Plus	988	0.66
Collective Investment Schemes (42.51%)		64,704	42.96
644,934	Aberdeen Alternative Strategies Fund ⁺	6,553	4.35
250	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund ⁺	250	0.17
30,986	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Ultra Short Duration Sterling Fund ⁺	4,168	2.77
770,656	Aberdeen Standard SICAV I - Japanese Equity Fund ⁺	2,652	1.76
19,277,027	ASI (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund ⁺	22,872	15.18
11,374,420	ASI American Equity Enhanced Index Fund ⁺	22,367	14.85
189,068	ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund ⁺	664	0.44
3,776,737	ASI European Equity Enhanced Index ⁺	5,178	3.44
Total investment assets		148,926	98.87
Net other assets		1,695	1.13
Total Net Assets		150,621	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

⁺ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

^{**} AIM listed

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		2,923		(7,282)
Revenue	1,235		1,337	
Expenses	(821)		(857)	
Net revenue before taxation	414		480	
Taxation	9		1	
Net revenue after taxation		423		481
Total return before distributions		3,346		(6,801)
Distributions		(423)		(481)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		2,923		(7,282)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		147,959		144,069
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	6,989		4,715	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(7,625)		(8,085)	
		(636)		(3,370)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		2,923		(7,282)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		375		405
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		150,621		133,822

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		148,926		147,677
Current assets:				
Debtors	469		382	
Cash and bank balances	2,111		1,830	
		2,580		2,212
Total assets		151,506		149,889
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(817)		(1,843)	
Bank overdrafts	(16)		0	
Distribution payable	(52)		(87)	
		(885)		(1,930)
Total liabilities		(885)		(1,930)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		150,621		147,959

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2020**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5762	-	0.5762*	0.5799
Group 2	0.4181	0.1581	0.5762*	0.5799
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4790	-	0.4790**	0.4851
Group 2	0.3781	0.1009	0.4790**	0.4851
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.3660	-	1.3660*	1.5910
Group 2	0.8038	0.5622	1.3660*	1.5910
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.6136	-	0.6136**	0.7236
Group 2	0.4337	0.1799	0.6136**	0.7236
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3750	-	0.3750*	0.2200
Group 2	0.3350	0.0400	0.3750*	0.2200
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3551	-	0.3551**	0.2200
Group 2	0.3351	0.0200	0.3551**	0.2200

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI Sterling Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in Sterling-denominated bonds.

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the iBoxx Sterling Overall Index plus 1% per annum (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 80% in Sterling denominated government, sub-sovereign and investment grade corporate bonds.
- The Fund may also invest in bonds issued anywhere in the world by governments and corporations, such as sub-sovereigns, sub-investment grade, inflation-linked, convertible, asset backed and mortgage-backed bonds. The Fund has some flexibility to seek returns from currencies.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify bonds and derivatives after analysing company's prospects and creditworthiness alongside global economic and market conditions. They make flexible allocations using bonds and derivatives.
- In seeking to achieve the performance target, the iBoxx Sterling Overall Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 3.50%. Due to the Fund's risk constraints the intention is that the Fund's performance will not deviate significantly from that of the index over the long term.

Please Note: The Fund's ability to buy and sell bonds and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress which could include periods where interest rates move sharply.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund will make routine use of derivatives to reduce risk, to reduce cost and/ or generate extra income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives can be used to generate growth, consistent with the Fund's risk profile, if market prices are expected to rise ("long positions") or fall ("short positions"). These positions can be used in overseas markets.

- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Sterling Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 3.90% compared to an increase of 3.73% in the performance target, the 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

In the six months to end of January, the UK gilt market was driven by geopolitical uncertainty. Primary factors included the US-China trade negotiations and, latterly, the coronavirus outbreak in China. Closer to home, the performance of gilts relative to other markets was driven by the continuation of the UK political turmoil. The new Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, took the controversial step of proroguing parliament. A series of subsequent events, including Johnson removing the whip from numerous Conservative MPs and removing the Conservative Party working majority, put the UK on course for a general election. In October, Johnson was able to agree a Withdrawal Agreement with the European Union (EU). However, UK parliamentary agreement was not forthcoming, making a general election inevitable. From a gilt market perspective, December's election was a non-event. The polls had narrowed slightly but not to the extent required; the only surprise on the night was how bad the Labour Party performed and the subsequent size of the Conservative majority. Following the overwhelming Conservative victory, it had been thought that Johnson might dial down his Hard Brexit rhetoric. However, in the days following the vote, Johnson confirmed his desire to 'Get Brexit Done'. Accordingly, the UK will leave the EU at the end of 2020. This leaves a very short period of time to negotiate a very long, complex future relationship.

In terms of UK data, a mix of a worsening global environment and the lack of clarity with regard to Brexit negotiations meant UK economic data deteriorated. At the November Bank of England meeting, the market was taken by surprise when two members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) voted for a rate cut. In January a number of MPC members, including governor Mark Carney, talked up the chances of an imminent rate cut. At one point a January rate cut was priced at 70%. Mr Carney suggested that the confidence indicators (services purchasing managers' index, Agents' Survey) at the end of January would be key to the decision-making process. In the event, these metrics exceeded market expectation and the January meeting passed with rates staying on hold.

In an environment of deteriorating economic data, investment grade credit delivered a strong performance. Riskier asset classes like high yield and emerging markets wobbled slightly as politics and economic data provided some headlines that caused volatility. Bond yields rose in many government markets in the final three months of 2019, but corporate bonds continued to perform well as risk appetite remained healthy. In investment grade markets, spreads were materially tighter, with the US and sterling markets leading the way. High yield and emerging markets were also strong. This more positive environment for risk assets came about as global economic data appeared to be picking up modestly and a 'phase-one' trade deal between the US and China was agreed. Global central banks also appear to be prepared to maintain – or even extend – their accommodative stances going forward, thus providing further confidence.

The upbeat sentiment continued into the new year. The UK general election in mid-December appeared to settle the endless debates about Brexit, and European economic data was generally better than expected. However, in the middle of the month, the mood changed dramatically. The number of cases of 2019 novel-coronavirus started to increase rapidly, by around 30% per day, and markets began to consider the implications for global growth. The oil price fell by just under 12% between 20 January and month end, reflecting concerns about lower demand from China. That sharp move downwards was reflected by many other commodities. Government bond yields moved sharply lower. Due to the large moves in government bonds, total returns for sterling credit were very strong, and positive in Europe. Despite the negative impact of the virus on risk assets, UK credit spreads were tighter as the post-election euphoria continued to attract investors.

Portfolio review

Within the government bond portfolio, the Fund has continued to hold an overweight duration bias. The global economic backdrop continues to be characterised by subdued growth and low inflation, amid continuing geopolitical uncertainty. This benefitted performance, particularly in January following the outbreak of the novel-coronavirus and the resulting move into government bonds in general. Specifically, the duration positions have been held in the UK on Brexit fears; in Australia and Canada as we believe the respective central banks will be forced into making interest rate cuts; and the long end of the French yield curve to take advantage of the global grab for positive yields. We held UK short positions versus France, Australia and the US. These positions were held when we felt no-deal Brexit fears had been exaggerated. We held these positions throughout the UK general election period, as again we felt the risk of a Labour-led administration were low. Following the Conservative Party win, we switched from being short on a cross-market basis to being long. We felt the market had built up an unrealistic hope that PM Johnson would use his parliamentary majority to soften his stance on Brexit, and we were happy to oppose this view. This position was successful throughout January as the market started to price in the prospect of an interest rate cut. The Fund added a Germany/Sweden position in January once more, as we believe the European Central Bank might be forced to cut rates. We also held US inflation-linked Treasuries in the 30-year and 10-year parts of the curve.

The corporate bond portfolio performed strongly as yields fell and credit spreads tightened, with the activities of the major central banks playing no small part in creating this backdrop. The Fund's exposure to credit markets was focused on both lower-quality areas of the market and financial sectors relative to non-financials. Both of these factors were material drivers of outperformance over the period, as was a modestly long duration position. Although sterling credit underperformed other markets in the run-up to the UK general election, the strong performance of the market thereafter led to some profit-taking as credit markets no longer appear to be attractively priced. This action has led to a reduction in the financials overweight. At the stock level, issuers in the banking sector were notable outperformers with HSBC, Santander UK and Virgin Media all making material positive contributions. In insurance, Aviva – which is an overweight for the Fund – also outperformed. Although the Fund's exposure to the real estate sector was positive, a holding in some secured bonds issued by Intu Metrocentre detracted modestly from performance as the issuer's parent company struggled to improve its balance sheet.

Outlook

Following a turbulent 2019, the decisive UK general election result has alleviated some of the uncertainty that had been weighing on the country's economic outlook. We expect growth to reaccelerate over the course of the next two years on the condition that a 'no-deal' Brexit does not materialise. The main risk to this view is that Brexit noise fails to die down. On the flip side, fiscal and monetary policy could turn out to be supportive for growth. Credit markets have performed well of late and now appear fully valued in most areas. Higher-risk areas of the markets and high yield in particular could see a pick-up in volatility over the course of 2020. The near term risks to growth caused by the impacts of the coronavirus are fairly apparent, with companies already issuing warnings about disruption to supply chains. Although there appears to be ongoing support for bonds across most markets, we are happy to pare back risk at current market levels.

Euro IG and Aggregate Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020.

The fund is rated as 4 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in mortgage- and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,470	5,407	6,386	8,307
Closing number of shares	3,161,900	3,232,325	4,095,511	5,337,812
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	172.99	167.29	155.92	155.63
Change in net asset value per share	3.41%	7.29%	0.19%	(1.65%)
Operating charges	1.06%	1.09%	1.13%	1.14%

A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,254	2,403	3,000	4,898
Closing number of shares	1,721,331	1,893,300	2,517,484	4,089,984
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	130.93	126.93	119.15	119.77
Change in net asset value per share	3.15%	6.53%	(0.52%)	(2.86%)
Operating charges	1.06%	1.09%	1.13%	1.14%

I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,071	989	955	964
Closing number of shares	780,442	747,175	777,831	790,931
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	137.18	132.36	122.79	121.95
Change in net asset value per share	3.64%	7.79%	0.69%	(1.16%)
Operating charges	0.61%	0.61%	0.63%	0.64%

K Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	-	4,173	4,004
Closing number of shares	-	-	3,904,515	3,777,815
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	-	106.88	105.99
Change in net asset value per share	-	-	0.84%	(1.02%)
Operating charges	-	-	0.48%	0.49%

I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	62	62	57	231
Closing number of shares	49,411	50,657	50,422	201,522
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	125.45	121.61	114.14	114.74
Change in net asset value per share	3.16%	6.54%	(0.52%)	(2.87%)
Operating charges	0.61%	0.61%	0.63%	0.64%

L Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	786	974	950	28
Closing number of shares	718,227	922,392	970,800	28,400
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	109.47	105.57	97.84	97.07
Change in net asset value per share	3.69%	7.90%	0.79%	(2.93%)
Operating charges	0.51%	0.51%	0.53%	0.54%

L Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	19	19	18	197
Closing number of shares	18,495	18,495	19,600	205,900
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	104.43	101.24	95.02	95.51
Change in net asset value per share	3.15%	6.55%	(0.51%)	(4.49%)
Operating charges	0.51%	0.51%	0.53%	0.54%

M Accumulation shares ^B	31 January 2020	31 July 2019
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-
Closing number of shares	902	100
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	114.68	110.27
Change in net asset value per share	4.00%	-
Operating charges	0.66%	0.66%

M Income shares ^B	31 January 2020	31 July 2019
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-
Closing number of shares	915	100
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	112.24	108.42
Change in net asset value per share	3.52%	-
Operating charges	0.66%	0.66%

Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	142,910	138,273	134,620	117,820
Closing number of shares	72,321,208	72,703,533	76,682,248	67,910,949
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	197.60	190.19	175.56	173.49
Change in net asset value per share	3.90%	8.33%	1.19%	(0.64%)
Operating charges	0.11%	0.11%	0.13%	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.

^A K Accumulation share class closed on 11 March 2019.

^B M share classes were launched on 28 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (96.90%)		148,231	97.16
Euro Denominated Bonds (2.58%)		967	0.64
Corporate Bonds (0.47%)		967	0.64
less than 5 years to maturity			
100,000	Deutsche Bank 1.625% 2021	85	0.06
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
100,000	American Tower 1.95% 2026	92	0.06
376,000	CK Hutchison 0.75% 2026	319	0.21
142,000	Credit Suisse 0.65% 2029	120	0.08
200,000	International Consolidated Airlines 1.5% 2027	169	0.11
Perpetual			
200,000	Telefonica 3.875% Perpetual	182	0.12
Government Bonds (2.11%)		-	-
Sterling Denominated Bonds (92.49%)		141,701	92.88
Corporate Bonds (26.88%)		41,002	26.87
less than 5 years to maturity			
200,000	ABN Amro 1.375% 2025	201	0.13
100,000	AIG 5% 2023	112	0.07
100,000	Banco Santander 1.375% 2024	100	0.07
350,000	Barclays 2.375% 2023	357	0.23
350,000	Barclays 10% 2021	388	0.25
100,000	BUPA 2% 2024	104	0.07
205,000	Commonwealth Bank of Australia 1.125% 2021	206	0.13
200,000	Credit Agricole 1.25% 2024	200	0.13
300,000	Deutsche Bank 2.625% 2024	306	0.20
900,000	Dwr Cymru Financing 6.907% 2021	960	0.63
350,000	Enel 5.625% 2024	418	0.27
100,000	FirstGroup 8.75% 2021	108	0.07
200,000	General Motors Financial 2.25% 2024	203	0.13
100,000	Heathrow Funding 7.125% 2024	122	0.08
100,000	Intu (SGS) Finance 4.125% 2023	90	0.06
200,000	MetLife Global Funding I 1.125% 2021	201	0.13
100,000	MPT Operating Partnership 2.55% 2023	103	0.07
200,000	NatWest 6.5% 2021	216	0.14
300,000	Scentre 2.375% 2022	307	0.20

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
100,000	Scottish Widows 5.5% 2023	111	0.07
243,000	Severn Trent 1.625% 2022	247	0.16
210,000	SGSP Australia Assets 5.125% 2021	218	0.14
200,000	Societe Generale 1.875% 2024	203	0.13
400,000	Southern Water 5% 2021	417	0.27
170,000	Total Capital International 1.25% 2024	172	0.11
100,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.875% 2021	101	0.07
100,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 2.125% 2024	102	0.07
200,000	Westpac Banking 1% 2022	200	0.13
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
100,000	Abertis Infraestructuras 3.375% 2026	107	0.07
130,000	Amgen 4% 2029	155	0.10
130,000	Apple 3.05% 2029	153	0.10
100,000	Assura Financing 3% 2028	112	0.07
300,000	Bank of America 2.3% 2025	313	0.20
276,000	Barclays 3% 2026	293	0.19
500,000	BP 2.03% 2025	524	0.34
100,000	BP 2.274% 2026	107	0.07
100,000	BP Capital Markets 1.827% 2025	104	0.07
200,000	British American Tobacco 4% 2026	225	0.15
123,000	British Land 2.375% 2029	128	0.08
100,000	BUPA Finance 5% 2026	116	0.08
152,000	Citigroup 1.75% 2026	153	0.10
287,000	Citigroup 5.15% 2026	350	0.23
71,000	Comcast 5.5% 2029	97	0.06
170,000	CPUK 3.69% 2028	186	0.12
200,000	Credit Suisse FRN 2025	205	0.13
100,000	CRH 4.125% 2029	121	0.08
120,000	CYBG 5% 2026	123	0.08
118,000	Danske Bank 2.25% fixed to floating 2028	120	0.08
100,000	Fidelity National Information Services 2.25% 2029	103	0.07
100,000	Fiserv 2.25% 2025	104	0.07
69,000	Hammerson 6% fixed to floating 2026	82	0.05
80,000	Hammerson 7.25% 2028	106	0.07
400,000	Heathrow Finance 5.75% 2025	451	0.30
235,000	HSBC 2.256% 2026	242	0.16
200,000	InterContinental Hotels 3.75% 2025	222	0.15
420,000	Kraft Heinz Foods 4.125% 2027	469	0.31
214,000	Lloyds Bank 5.75% fixed to floating 2025	218	0.14
341,000	Lloyds Bank 7.625% 2025	438	0.29
173,000	Lloyds Banking 1.875% fixed to floating 2026	174	0.11

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
285,000	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 2.625% 2028	305	0.20
300,000	Motability Operations 4.375% 2027	364	0.24
103,000	MPT Operating Partnership 3.692% 2028	110	0.07
200,000	National Grid 1.375% 2026	202	0.13
500,000	National Grid 4% 2027	594	0.39
214,000	NewRiver REIT 3.5% 2028	220	0.14
200,000	NIE Finance 6.375% 2026	259	0.17
450,000	Northumbrian Water 1.625% 2026	456	0.30
241,000	Paragon FRN 2026	258	0.17
100,000	Phoenix 6.625% 2025	119	0.08
251,000	Quadgas Finance 3.375% 2029	271	0.18
240,000	Rabobank 4.625% 2029	293	0.19
180,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 2.875% 2026	189	0.12
100,000	Saint-Gobain 4.625% 2029	125	0.08
130,000	Santander UK 3.875% 2029	158	0.10
100,000	Scentre Management 3.875% 2026	113	0.07
170,000	Smith (DS) 2.875% 2029	179	0.12
200,000	Southern Gas Networks 2.5% 2025	212	0.14
160,000	Stagecoach Group 4% 2025	173	0.11
200,000	Total Capital 1.66% 2026	207	0.14
140,000	Trafford Centre 7.03%% 2029	88	0.06
167,000	Unite Group 3.5% 2028	186	0.12
120,000	Vicinity Centres 3.375% 2026	131	0.09
200,000	Virgin Media 5% 2027	211	0.14
200,000	Virgin Money 3.375 Fixed to Floating 2025	208	0.14
200,000	Virgin Money 4% Fixed to Floating 2027	216	0.14
123,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 2.25% 2025	127	0.08
162,000	Welltower 4.8% 2028	197	0.13
200,000	Wessex Water Services Finance 1.5% 2029	200	0.13
100,000	Western Power 5.875% 2027	129	0.08
157,000	Westfield Stratford City Finance 1.642% 2026	161	0.11
180,000	Yorkshire Building Society 3.5% 2026	200	0.13
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
60,000	America Movil 5.75% 2030	82	0.05
134,000	APT Pipelines 3.125% 2031	148	0.10
200,000	Broadgate Financing 5.098% 2035	212	0.14
915,000	Canary Wharf Finance 6.455% 2033	227	0.15
418,000	Digital Stout 3.75% 2030	481	0.32
400,000	EDF 5.875% fixed to floating 2031	567	0.37
200,000	EDF 6.125% 2034	300	0.20
310,000	Fidelity National Information Services 3.36% 2031	353	0.23

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
224,000	Fiserv 3% 2031	246	0.16
300,000	Great Rolling Stock 6.5% 2031	328	0.22
54,000	Greene King FRN 2033	39	0.03
151,000	HSBC Bank 5.375% 2030	179	0.12
240,000	Morrison (Wm) 2.5% 2031	248	0.16
250,000	Northern Powergrid Yorkshire 4.375% 2032	325	0.21
100,000	Orange 3.25% 2032	114	0.07
160,000	Premiertel 6.175% 2032	171	0.11
120,000	Scotland Gas Networks 4.875% 2034	167	0.11
100,000	SP Transimission 2% 2031	104	0.07
120,000	Standard Chartered 5.125% 2034	149	0.10
100,000	Thames Water Utilities Cayman 2.625% 2032	106	0.07
50,000	Time Warner Cable 5.75% 2031	63	0.04
100,000	Total Capital International 1.405% 2031	100	0.07
191,000	Tritax Big Box REIT 3.125% 2031	209	0.14
176,000	Verizon Communications 1.875% 2030	178	0.12
100,000	Verizon Communications 2.5% 2031	107	0.07
220,000	Wal-Mart 5.625% 2034	338	0.22
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
200,000	America Movil 4.375% 2041	273	0.18
100,000	American International FRN 2067	87	0.06
305,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 2.85% 2037	337	0.22
200,000	Aspire Defence 4.674% 2040 'A'	241	0.16
200,000	Aspire Defence 4.674% 2040 'B'	241	0.16
100,000	Aster Treasury 4.5% 2043	146	0.10
150,000	AT&T 7% 2040	243	0.16
100,000	Berkshire Hathaway Finance 2.375% 2039	110	0.07
100,000	BG Energy Capital 5% 2036	148	0.10
100,000	BHP Billiton 4.3% 2042	143	0.09
250,000	Cadent Finance 2.625% 2038	270	0.18
150,000	Circle Anglia 7.25% 2038	277	0.18
70,000	Citigroup 7.375% 2039	128	0.08
135,000	Connect Plus 2.607% 2039	149	0.10
250,000	E.ON Finance 6.75% 2039	422	0.28
100,000	Eastern Power Networks 6.25% 2036	161	0.11
100,000	EDF 5.5% 2041	153	0.10
150,000	Enel 5.75% 2037	221	0.14
100,000	Eversholt 3.529% 2042	111	0.07
150,000	GlaxoSmithKline 5.25% 2042	241	0.16
150,000	HSBC 6% 2040	212	0.14
250,000	innogy Finance 6.125% 2039	402	0.26

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
100,000	LiveWest Treasury 2.25% 2043	105	0.07
190,000	Morhomes 3.4% 2038	214	0.14
100,000	Orsted 5.75% 2040	162	0.11
112,000	QBE Insurance 6.115% 2042	122	0.08
150,000	Segro 5.75% 2035	224	0.15
100,000	Severn Trent 4.875% 2042	150	0.10
200,000	Southern Electric 4.625% 2037	273	0.18
100,000	Southern Gas Networks 3.1% 2036	116	0.08
100,000	TC Dudgeon Ofco 3.158% 2038	111	0.07
100,000	Tesco 5.6611% 2041	131	0.09
100,000	Tesco 5.8006% 2040	131	0.09
160,000	Tesco 7.6227% 2039	206	0.14
200,000	Thames Water 5.125% 2037	281	0.18
220,000	Transport for London 3.875% 2042	302	0.20
200,000	UPP Bond 1 Issuer 4.9023% 2040	239	0.16
200,000	Verizon Communications 3.375% 2036	237	0.15
100,000	Wells Fargo 4.875% 2035	134	0.09
200,000	Western Power 5.75% 2040	318	0.20
greater than 25 years to maturity			
240,000	Annington Funding 3.935% 2047	299	0.20
200,000	Aviva 5.125% 2050	234	0.15
100,000	Berkshire Hathaway Finance 2.625% 2059	118	0.08
100,000	Blend Funding 3.459% 2047	125	0.08
100,000	Cadent Finance 2.75% 2046	110	0.07
100,000	Channel Link 3.043% 2050	107	0.07
100,000	EDF 5.125% 2050	156	0.10
100,000	EDF 6% 2114	178	0.12
100,000	Engie 5% 2060	187	0.12
200,000	Gatwick 2.625% 2046	209	0.14
190,000	Income Contingent Student Loans 2 2007-2009 2.5% 2058	174	0.11
70,000	LCR Finance 5.1% 2051	138	0.09
100,000	Notting Hill Housing Trust 3.25% 2048	115	0.08
200,000	Notting Hill Housing Trust 4.375% 2054	286	0.19
100,000	Orange 5.375% 2050	165	0.11
200,000	Orbit Capital 3.5% 2045	246	0.16
100,000	Paragon 3.625% 2047	125	0.08
100,000	Paragon FRN 2050	93	0.06
100,000	Peabody Capital 3.25% 2048	120	0.08
250,000	Precise Mortgage Funding 2018-2B FRN 2055	173	0.11
100,000	Prudential 5% 2055	114	0.07
139,000	Prudential 5.625% FRN 2051	164	0.11

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
290,000	Reseau Ferre de France 4.83% 2060		543	0.36
102,000	RSA Insurance FRN 2045		117	0.08
400,000	SSE 3.625% 2077		414	0.27
100,000	University of Oxford 2.544% 2117		130	0.09
100,000	Vodafone 3% 2056		106	0.07
100,000	Wellcome Trust 2.517% 2118		133	0.09
100,000	WM Treasury 2 3.25% 2048		124	0.08
100,000	Wrekin Housing 2.5% 2048		109	0.07
Perpetual				
690,000	Aviva 6.125% fixed to floating Perpetual		760	0.50
200,000	AXA 5.453% fixed to floating Perpetual		229	0.15
200,000	AXA 6.6862% fixed to floating Perpetual		244	0.16
200,000	Bank of Scotland 7.281% Perpetual		247	0.16
201,000	Barclays 6.375% fixed to floating Perpetual		223	0.15
150,000	Dignity 4.6956% Perpetual		129	0.08
100,000	HBOS 7.881% fixed to floating Perpetual		157	0.09
129,000	HSBC 5.862% Perpetual		130	0.09
200,000	HSBC 5.875% fixed to floating Perpetual		223	0.15
Government Bonds (65.61%)			100,699	66.01
less than 5 years to maturity				
100,000	China Development Bank 1.25% 2023		101	0.07
150,000	European Investment Bank 5.375% 2021		159	0.10
2,085,000	UK (Govt of) 0.5% 2022		2,089	1.37
2,124,000	UK (Govt of) 0.75% 2023		2,149	1.41
1,035,000	UK (Govt of) 1% 2024		1,061	0.69
6,103,845	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2021		6,156	4.03
2,265,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2022		2,343	1.54
8,794,000	UK (Govt of) 2.25% 2023		9,371	6.14
3,849,000	UK (Govt of) 2.75% 2024		4,259	2.79
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
5,485,000	UK (Govt of) 0.875% 2029		5,671	3.72
1,739,000	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2028		1,913	1.25
2,017,000	UK (Govt of) 2% 2025		2,200	1.44
2,033,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2027		2,636	1.73
4,439,000	UK (Govt of) 5% 2025		5,468	3.58
between 10 and 15 years to maturity				
1,707,000	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2034		2,587	1.70

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
	2,710,000	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2030	3,911	2.56
between 15 and 25 years to maturity				
	6,524,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2037	7,409	4.86
	196,000	UK (Govt of) 3.25% 2044	289	0.19
	2,317,000	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2045	3,581	2.35
	2,110,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2036	3,195	2.09
	469,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2039	748	0.49
	1,809,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2040	2,929	1.92
	1,922,000	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2042	3,301	2.16
	1,835,000	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2038	3,060	2.01
greater than 25 years to maturity				
	129,000	European Investment Bank 4.625% fixed to floating 2054	253	0.17
	354,000	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2047	394	0.26
	3,225,000	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2054	3,842	2.52
	48,000	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2071	62	0.04
	5,293,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2049	6,252	4.10
	1,188,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2057	1,490	0.98
	1,478,732	UK (Govt of) 2.5% 2065	2,338	1.53
	1,480,000	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2068	2,958	1.94
	1,719,000	UK (Govt of) 4% 2060	3,474	2.28
	95,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2046	167	0.11
	48,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2049	88	0.06
	1,401,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2055	2,795	1.83
Swedish Krona Denominated Bonds (0.00%)			5,223	3.42
Government Bonds (0.00%)			5,223	3.42
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
	61,535,000	Sweden (Kingdom of) 0.75% 2029	5,223	3.42
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (1.83%)			340	0.22
Corporate Bonds (0.32%)			340	0.22
less than 5 years to maturity				
	200,000	UBS 2.45% 2020	152	0.10
greater than 25 years to maturity				
	211,000	BHP Billiton Finance FRN 2075	188	0.12

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Government Bonds (1.51%)		-	-
Collective Investment Schemes (2.23%)		-	-
Derivatives (-0.28%)		156	0.10
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.25%)		(90)	(0.06)
	Buy AUD 1,574,000 Sell GBP 816,281 11/03/2020	(17)	(0.01)
	Buy CAD 4,318,000 Sell GBP 2,510,311 11/03/2020	(36)	(0.02)
	Buy CAD 19,670,000 Sell GBP 11,547,965 11/03/2020	(278)	(0.18)
	Buy EUR 3,374,000 Sell GBP 2,889,379 11/03/2020	(49)	(0.03)
	Buy GBP 82,819 Sell AUD 155,000 11/03/2020	4	-
	Buy GBP 119,949 Sell AUD 225,000 11/03/2020	6	-
	Buy GBP 170,694 Sell AUD 323,000 11/03/2020	7	0.01
	Buy GBP 891,654 Sell AUD 1,718,000 11/03/2020	19	0.01
	Buy GBP 152,567 Sell CAD 261,000 11/03/2020	3	-
	Buy GBP 13,820,407 Sell CAD 23,988,000 11/03/2020	76	0.05
	Buy GBP 156,736 Sell EUR 185,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 161,183 Sell EUR 189,000 11/03/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 896,361 Sell EUR 1,058,000 11/03/2020	6	-
	Buy GBP 2,858,530 Sell EUR 3,374,000 11/03/2020	18	0.01
	Buy GBP 5,306,941 Sell SEK 65,487,000 11/03/2020	149	0.10
	Buy GBP 86,452 Sell USD 114,000 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy GBP 426,194 Sell USD 562,000 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy USD 145,000 Sell GBP 110,558 11/03/2020	(1)	-
Futures (-0.03%)		246	0.16
239	Long Australia 3 Year Bond Future 16/03/2020	75	0.05
64	Long Canadian 10 Year Bond Future 20/03/2020	118	0.08
93	Long Long Gilt Future 27/03/2020	194	0.12
(58)	Short Euro Bond Future 06/03/2020	(141)	(0.09)
Total investment assets		148,387	97.26
Net other assets		4,187	2.74
Total Net Assets		152,574	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains		4,718		894
Revenue	1,155		1,306	
Expenses	(123)		(137)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,031		1,168	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		1,031		1,168
Total return before distributions		5,749		2,062
Distributions		(1,031)		(1,168)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		4,718		894

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		148,127		150,159
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	6,537		3,138	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(7,850)		(11,480)	
		(1,313)		(8,342)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		4,718		894
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,042		1,116
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		152,574		143,827

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		148,909		147,092
Current assets:				
Debtors	1,189		14,209	
Cash and bank balances	3,026		764	
		4,215		14,973
Total assets		153,124		162,065
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(522)		(672)
Creditors	(22)		(13,256)	
Distribution payable	(6)		(10)	
		(28)		(13,266)
Total liabilities		(550)		(13,938)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		152,574		148,127

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4280	-	0.4280*	0.5202
Group 2	0.3063	0.1217	0.4280*	0.5202
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.3248	-	0.3248**	0.3975
Group 2	0.2064	0.1184	0.3248**	0.3975
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6426	-	0.6426*	0.7083
Group 2	0.2416	0.4010	0.6426*	0.7083
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.5909	-	0.5909**	0.6578
Group 2	0.4774	0.1135	0.5909**	0.6578
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.6967
Group 2	-	-	-	0.6967
L Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5662	-	0.5662*	0.6135
Group 2	-	-	-	0.6135
L Income shares				
Group 1	0.5413	-	0.5413**	0.5966
Group 2	-	-	-	0.5966
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.4935	-	0.4935*	0.4900
Group 2	0.3135	0.1800	0.4935*	0.4900

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.4992	-	0.4992**	0.4900
Group 2	0.3092	0.1900	0.4992**	0.4900
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.4101	-	1.4101*	1.4550
Group 2	0.5755	0.8346	1.4101*	1.4550

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2020.

Equalisation

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ASI Sterling Inflation-Linked Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in UK Government inflation-linked bonds.

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the FTSE Actuaries UK Index Linked Gilts over 5 years Index plus 0.5% per annum (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund invests at least 80% in inflation-linked government bonds issued or guaranteed by the UK Government.
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Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund will make routine use of derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/ or generate extra income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
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- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of the ASI Sterling Inflation-Linked Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 1.36% compared to a decrease of 0.81% in the performance target, the FTSE Actuaries UK Index Linked Gilts over 5 years 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

In the six months to end of January, the UK gilt market was driven by geopolitical uncertainty. Primary factors included the US-China trade negotiations and, latterly, the coronavirus outbreak in China. Closer to home, the performance of gilts relative to other markets was driven by the continuation of the UK political turmoil.

The new Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, took the controversial step of proroguing parliament. A series of subsequent events, including Mr Johnson removing the whip from numerous Conservative MPs and removing the Conservative Party working majority, put the UK on course for a general election.

In October, Johnson was able to agree a Withdrawal Agreement with the European Union (EU). However, UK parliamentary agreement was not forthcoming, making a general election inevitable.

From a gilt market perspective, December's election was a non-event. The polls had narrowed slightly but not to the extent required; the only surprise on the night was how badly the Labour Party performed and the subsequent size of the Conservative majority. Following the overwhelming Conservative victory, it was thought that Johnson might dial down his Hard Brexit rhetoric. However, in the days following the election, Johnson confirmed his desire to 'Get Brexit Done'. Accordingly, the UK will leave the EU at the end of 2020. This leaves a very short period of time to negotiate a very long, complex future relationship.

In terms of UK data, a mix of a worsening global environment and the lack of clarity with regard to Brexit negotiations meant UK economic data deteriorated. At the November Bank of England meeting, investors were taken by surprise when two members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) voted for a rate cut. In January a number of MPC members, including governor Mark Carney, talked up the chances of an imminent rate cut. At one point a January rate cut was priced at 70%. Mr Carney suggested that the confidence indicators (services purchasing managers' index, Agents' Survey) at the end of January would be key to the decision-making process. In the event, these metrics exceeded market expectation and the January meeting passed with rates staying on hold.

Portfolio review

The Fund has continued to hold an overweight duration bias over the previous six months, as the global economic backdrop is still one characterised by subdued growth and low inflation, amid continuing geopolitical uncertainty. This has benefitted the Fund's performance, particularly in January following the outbreak of the novel-Coronavirus and the resultant safe-haven bid for government bonds in general.

The Fund continues to hold a short position in UK inflation.

This contributed to performance following the effective removal of a cliff-edge Brexit in October and the Conservative election victory in December, which resulted in UK inflation pricing falling markedly. The developments around potential retail price index (RPI) reform which were announced in September led to a sell-off in UK real yields. This has been tempered somewhat by a lack of supply in the market, where demand remains for hedging RPI-linked liabilities. We will watch this closely going forward, and are neutral in our UK duration at present.

In terms of changes to positioning, we increased our long duration positions in US 30-year Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities, and added French long-end nominal bonds. We entered a cross-market position, buying German real yields while selling UK real yields, looking to take advantage of a cheapening in UK pricing on the avoidance of a no-deal Brexit. At the same time, this provided exposure to the European economic slowdown narrative. The German leg was later modified to a nominal bond exposure, as we believe this could offer better value following a fall in European inflation pricing.

The portfolio also holds a long position in front-end Swedish rates, as we look for the rhetoric coming from the Riksbank to turn more dovish following its hike in December, which brought the target rate out of negative territory and back to zero. We believe it will be constrained by disappointing economic performance in neighbouring Europe, and that spillovers will force a repricing at the front-end of that curve.

At the time of writing we have removed our long duration position in 30-year US Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities, following the sustained rally in January, but remain long duration through our exposure in Europe and Sweden.

Outlook

Following a turbulent 2019, the decisive UK general election result has alleviated some of the uncertainty that had been weighing on the country's economic outlook. We expect growth to reaccelerate over the course of the next two years on the condition that a 'no-deal' Brexit does not materialise. The main risk to this view is that Brexit noise fails to die down. On the flip side, fiscal and monetary policy could turn out to be supportive for growth.

Inflation Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund’s share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund’s objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund’s ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,233	1,280	8,563	9,321
Closing number of shares	458,869	471,542	3,531,177	3,970,477
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	268.65	271.47	242.49	234.77
Change in net asset value per share	(1.04%)	11.95%	3.29%	3.40%
Operating charges	0.95%	0.97%	1.12%	1.15%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	375	376	446	568
Closing number of shares	172,968	171,407	226,672	297,272
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	216.62	219.48	196.68	191.04
Change in net asset value per share	(1.30%)	11.59%	2.95%	2.86%
Operating charges	0.95%	0.97%	1.12%	1.15%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,293	5,297	4,794	4,652
Closing number of shares	2,245,888	2,229,143	2,274,426	2,291,255
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	235.68	237.61	210.79	203.05
Change in net asset value per share	(0.81%)	12.72%	3.81%	3.91%
Operating charges	0.50%	0.50%	0.62%	0.65%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	972	1,046	860	927
Closing number of shares	622,883	661,316	605,437	672,037
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	156.07	158.13	142.04	137.98
Change in net asset value per share	(1.30%)	11.33%	2.94%	2.94%
Operating charges	0.50%	0.50%	0.62%	0.65%
K Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,883	2,723	2,501	4,143
Closing number of shares	2,091,806	1,960,450	2,022,397	3,481,750
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	137.81	138.90	123.69	118.98
Change in net asset value per share	(0.78%)	12.30%	3.96%	4.07%
Operating charges	0.45%	0.45%	0.47%	0.50%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	906	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	114.14	115.08		
Change in net asset value per share	(0.82%)	-		
Operating charges	0.55%	0.55%		

M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	909	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	113.41	114.64		
Change in net asset value per share	(1.07%)	-		
Operating charges	0.55%	0.55%		

Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	33,801	86,670	69,912	97,732
Closing number of shares	11,005,722	28,046,276	25,494,801	37,176,001
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	307.13	309.03	274.22	262.89
Change in net asset value per share	(0.61%)	12.69%	4.31%	4.43%
Operating charges	0.10%	0.10%	0.12%	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.

^A M share classes were launched on 28 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (99.71%)		44,161	99.11
Euro Denominated Bonds (0.00%)		204	0.46
Government Bonds (0.00%)		204	0.46
greater than 25 years to maturity			
160,000	Germany (Fed Rep of) 0.1% Index-Linked 2046	204	0.46
Sterling Denominated Bonds (99.30%)		43,578	97.80
Government Bonds (99.30%)		43,578	97.80
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
576,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2028	758	1.70
1,267,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2029	1,986	4.46
1,118,000	UK (Govt of) 1.25% 2027	1,187	2.66
810,000	UK (Govt of) 1.25% Index-Linked 2027	1,624	3.65
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
1,052,033	UK (Govt of) 0.75% Index-Linked 2034	2,016	4.52
1,069,000	UK (Govt of) 1.25% Index-Linked 2032	2,245	5.04
585,000	UK (Govt of) 2% Index-Linked 2035	1,719	3.86
10,000	UK (Govt of) 4.125% Index-Linked 2030	38	0.09
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
710,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2036	1,189	2.67
628,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2041	1,056	2.37
1,127,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2044	2,280	5.12
947,757	UK (Govt of) 0.625% Index-Linked 2040	2,175	4.88
851,940	UK (Govt of) 0.625% Index-Linked 2042	2,111	4.74
915,752	UK (Govt of) 1.125% Index-Linked 2037	2,312	5.19
greater than 25 years to maturity			
940,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2046	1,845	4.14
968,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2048	1,856	4.16
101,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2056	231	0.52
844,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2058	2,033	4.56
436,000	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2065	1,182	2.65
977,991	UK (Govt of) 0.125% Index-Linked 2068	2,926	6.57
991,831	UK (Govt of) 0.25% Index-Linked 2052	2,369	5.31
943,131	UK (Govt of) 0.375% Index-Linked 2062	2,812	6.31
784,000	UK (Govt of) 0.5% Index-Linked 2050	2,157	4.84

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
196,000	UK (Govt of) 0.75% Index-Linked 2047	558	1.25
724,945	UK (Govt of) 1.25% Index-Linked 2055	2,913	6.54
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (0.41%)		379	0.85
Government Bonds (0.41%)		379	0.85
greater than 25 years to maturity			
407,000	US Treasury 0.875% Index-Linked 2047	379	0.85
Derivatives (-0.01%)		34	0.07
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.01%)		(2)	-
	Buy EUR 44,000 Sell GBP 37,579 11/03/2020	(1)	-
	Buy EUR 1,237,000 Sell GBP 1,059,066 11/03/2020	(18)	(0.04)
	Buy EUR 1,835,000 Sell GBP 1,547,272 11/03/2020	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 87,716 Sell EUR 103,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 2,785,669 Sell EUR 3,288,000 11/03/2020	18	0.04
	Buy GBP 24,368 Sell USD 32,000 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy GBP 707,543 Sell USD 933,000 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy USD 571,000 Sell GBP 433,095 11/03/2020	-	-
Futures (0.00%)		24	0.05
8	Long Euro Bond Future 06/03/2020	24	0.05
Interest Rate Swaps (0.00%)		12	0.02
SEK 62,000,000	Pay floating SEK-STIBOR receive fixed 0.30% 01/07/2023	30	0.06
SEK 62,000,000	Pay floating SEK-STIBOR receive fixed 0.30% 01/07/2023	(18)	(0.04)
Total investment assets and liabilities		44,195	99.18
Net other assets		364	0.82
Total Net Assets		44,559	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(3,115)		41
Revenue	608		633	
Expenses	(65)		(98)	
Net revenue before taxation	543		535	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		543		535
Total return before distributions		(2,572)		576
Distributions		(543)		(535)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(3,115)		41

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		97,392		87,076
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	4,234		2,367	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(54,235)		(3,577)	
		(50,001)		(1,210)
Dilution adjustment		3		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(3,115)		41
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		280		524
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		44,559		86,431

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		44,234		97,112
Current assets:				
Debtors	151		96	
Cash and bank balances	350		218	
		501		314
Total assets		44,735		97,426
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(39)		(14)
Creditors	(131)		(13)	
Distribution payable	(6)		(7)	
		(137)		(20)
Total liabilities		(176)		(34)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		44,559		97,392

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2020.

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A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7254	-	0.7254*	0.5633
Group 2	0.3624	0.3630	0.7254*	0.5633
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.5862	-	0.5862**	0.4569
Group 2	0.1307	0.4555	0.5862**	0.4569
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.1696	-	1.1696*	1.0020
Group 2	0.6891	0.4805	1.1696*	1.0020
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.7784	-	0.7784**	0.6752
Group 2	0.5751	0.2033	0.7784**	0.6752
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7185	-	0.7185*	0.6193
Group 2	0.0759	0.6426	0.7185*	0.6193
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.2969	-	0.2969*	0.1600
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.2948	-	0.2948**	0.1600
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	2.1410	-	2.1410*	1.8571
Group 2	0.1909	1.9501	2.1410*	1.8571

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ASI Sterling Long Dated Government Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

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Performance review

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Portfolio review

The Fund has continued to hold an overweight duration bias over the six-month period. The global economic backdrop continues to be one characterised by subdued growth and low inflation, amid continuing geopolitical uncertainty. This has benefitted the Fund's performance, particularly in January following the outbreak of the novel-coronavirus and the resultant move into government bonds in general. Specifically, the duration positions have been held in the UK on Brexit fears; in Australia and Canada as we believe the respective central banks will be forced into making interest rate cuts; and the long end of the French yield curve to take advantage of the global grab for positive yields.

In terms of cross-market positioning, the Fund has held a mixture of positions. The Fund held UK short positions versus France, Australia and the US. These positions were held when we felt no-deal Brexit fears had been exaggerated. We held these positions throughout the UK general election period, as again we felt the risk of a Labour-led administration was low. Following the Conservative Party win we switched from being short on a cross-market basis to being long. We felt the market had built up an unrealistic hope that Prime Minister Johnson would use his parliamentary majority to soften his stance on Brexit, and we were happy to oppose this view. This position was successful throughout January as the market started to price in the prospect of an interest rate cut.

At the end of the period the Fund holds UK curve steepeners. The UK curve has flattened due to a lack of supply at the end of 2019, and the Fund has added steepeners on the prospect of increased gilt supply as a result of an expansionary fiscal policy. If the Conservative government wants to hold onto various northern English historically Labour seats, the new chancellor will have to spend. The Fund also holds a German curve-steepening position and held a US flattening position.

Throughout the period, the Fund has held numerous relative value strategies. The Fund also held US inflation-linked Treasuries in the 30-year part of the curve.

Outlook

Following a turbulent 2019, the decisive UK general election result has alleviated some of the uncertainty that had been weighing on the country's economic outlook. We expect growth to reaccelerate over the course of the next two years on the condition that a 'no-deal' Brexit does not materialise. A failure of Brexit noise to die down is the main domestic risk to that view. On the flip side, fiscal and monetary policy could turn out to be supportive for growth.

Pan Euro Macro Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

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Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

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Comparative tables

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	50	37	11	18
Closing number of shares	38,752	30,248	10,100	16,800
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	129.55	121.80	109.73	106.95
Change in net asset value per share	6.36%	11.00%	2.60%	(5.72%)
Operating charges	0.95%	0.95%	1.12%	1.15%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,472	4,471	2,379	490
Closing number of shares	1,843,346	1,357,339	805,387	171,187
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	351.12	329.38	295.36	286.36
Change in net asset value per share	6.60%	11.52%	3.14%	(4.00%)
Operating charges	0.50%	0.50%	0.62%	0.65%
K Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,766	3,164	2,449	2,454
Closing number of shares	1,060,802	950,582	820,189	848,889
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	354.98	332.91	298.55	289.07
Change in net asset value per share	6.63%	11.51%	3.28%	(5.10%)
Operating charges	0.45%	0.45%	0.48%	0.50%
K Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	389	329	269	6
Closing number of shares	336,548	302,091	271,800	6,000
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	115.51	108.80	98.79	97.05
Change in net asset value per share	6.17%	10.13%	1.79%	-
Operating charges	0.45%	0.45%	0.48%	0.50%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	851	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	125.32	117.25		
Change in net asset value per share	6.88%	-		
Operating charges	0.55%	0.55%		
Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	12,926	27,398	23,997	40,018
Closing number of shares	4,563,090	10,330,979	10,125,550	17,499,850
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	283.28	265.20	237.00	228.68
Change in net asset value per share	6.82%	11.90%	3.64%	(4.76%)
Operating charges	0.10%	0.10%	0.13%	0.15%

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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.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 28 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (99.40%)		23,267	98.58
Australian Dollar Denominated Bonds (0.00%)		163	0.69
Government Bonds (0.00%)		163	0.69
greater than 25 years to maturity			
241,000	Australia (Commonwealth of) 3% 2047	163	0.69
Euro Denominated Bonds (2.09%)		-	-
Government Bonds (2.09%)		-	-
Sterling Denominated Bonds (96.45%)		23,104	97.89
Government Bonds (96.45%)		23,104	97.89
less than 5 years to maturity			
639,527	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2020	642	2.72
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
2,651,541	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2037	3,011	12.76
556,000	UK (Govt of) 3.25% 2044	819	3.47
914,000	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2045	1,413	5.98
507,647	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2036	769	3.26
757,443	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2039	1,207	5.12
826,728	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2040	1,339	5.67
877,989	UK (Govt of) 4.5% 2042	1,508	6.39
97,000	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2038	162	0.69
greater than 25 years to maturity			
1,174,000	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2047	1,307	5.54
920,401	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2054	1,096	4.64
1,163,786	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2049	1,375	5.82
406,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2057	509	2.16
1,095,350	UK (Govt of) 2.5% 2065	1,732	7.34
746,095	UK (Govt of) 3.5% 2068	1,491	6.32
24,000	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2052	42	0.18
786,000	UK (Govt of) 4% 2060	1,589	6.73
750,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2046	1,318	5.58

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
248,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2049	454	1.92
662,000	UK (Govt of) 4.25% 2055	1,321	5.60
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (0.86%)		-	-
Government Bonds (0.86%)		-	-
Derivatives (-0.15%)		27	0.11
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.15%)		6	0.02
	Buy AUD 119,000 Sell GBP 61,725 11/03/2020	(2)	(0.01)
	Buy AUD 146,000 Sell GBP 75,427 11/03/2020	(1)	-
	Buy EUR 236,000 Sell GBP 197,756 11/03/2020	1	0.01
	Buy EUR 332,000 Sell GBP 281,661 11/03/2020	(2)	(0.01)
	Buy EUR 355,000 Sell GBP 302,929 11/03/2020	(4)	(0.02)
	Buy GBP 10,098 Sell AUD 19,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 13,818 Sell AUD 26,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 109,032 Sell AUD 208,000 11/03/2020	3	0.01
	Buy GBP 198,779 Sell AUD 383,000 11/03/2020	4	0.02
	Buy GBP 10,474 Sell CAD 18,000 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy GBP 781,986 Sell EUR 923,000 11/03/2020	5	0.02
	Buy GBP 30,334 Sell USD 40,000 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy USD 40,000 Sell GBP 30,521 11/03/2020	-	-
Futures (0.00%)		21	0.09
20	Long Australia 3 Year Bond Future 16/03/2020	6	0.03
7	Long Canadian 10 Year Bond Future 20/03/2020	2	0.01
10	Long Long Gilt Future 27/03/2020	20	0.08
(3)	Short Euro Bond Future 06/03/2020	(7)	(0.03)
Total investment assets and liabilities		23,294	98.69
Net other assets		310	1.31
Total Net Assets		23,604	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains		1,416		382
Revenue	227		261	
Expenses	(35)		(25)	
Net revenue before taxation	192		236	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		192		236
Total return before distributions		1,608		618
Distributions		(192)		(236)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		1,416		382

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		35,399		29,105
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	5,361		3,037	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(18,701)		(1,554)	
		(13,340)		1,483
Dilution adjustment		9		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		1,416		382
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		120		241
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		23,604		31,211

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		23,310		35,227
Current assets:				
Debtors	200		1,360	
Cash and bank balances	240		123	
		440		1,483
Total assets		23,750		36,710
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(16)		(94)
Creditors	(128)		(1,215)	
Distribution payable	(2)		(2)	
		(130)		(1,217)
Total liabilities		(146)		(1,311)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		23,604		35,399

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2020**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.2381	-	0.2381*	0.4415
Group 2	0.1231	0.1150	0.2381*	0.4415
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.4165	-	1.4165*	1.8621
Group 2	0.6098	0.8067	1.4165*	1.8621
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5184	-	1.5184*	1.9565
Group 2	0.5586	0.9598	1.5184*	1.9565
K Income shares				
Group 1	0.4962	-	0.4962**	0.6474
Group 2	0.0995	0.3967	0.4962**	0.6474
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5372	-	0.5372*	0.4100
Group 2	0.2872	0.2500	0.5372*	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.6941	-	1.6941*	1.9676
Group 2	0.8739	0.8202	1.6941*	1.9676

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution payable on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI Sterling Money Market Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

The Fund aims to generate income and preserve some capital over the short term (2 years or less) by investing in cash deposits and money market instruments.

Performance Target: The Fund targets a return equivalent to 1 Week GBP LIBID. The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target. 1 Week GBP LIBID has been chosen as a proxy for the return from cash deposits.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund invests at least 80% in cash deposits and money market instruments.
- The Fund may also invest in reverse repos, securitisations and asset-backed commercial paper.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments).
- The Fund qualifies as a money-market Fund under the MMF Regulation and more specifically as a Standard VNAV MMF.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and company level.
- The Fund is managed in line with the MMF Regulation which is used as a reference for portfolio management and risk monitoring of the Fund. For example, constraints include limits on the average maturity of the portfolio.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate extra income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Sterling Money Market Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 0.29% compared to an increase of 0.28% in the performance target, the 1 Week GBP LIBID.

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

In the six months to end of January, the UK gilt market was driven by geopolitical uncertainty. Primary factors included the US-China trade negotiations and, latterly, the coronavirus outbreak in China. Closer to home, the performance of gilts relative to other markets was driven by the continuation of the UK political turmoil.

The new Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, took the controversial step of proroguing parliament. A series of subsequent events, including Mr Johnson removing the whip from numerous Conservative MPs and removing the Conservative Party working majority, put the UK on course for a general election.

In October, Johnson was able to agree a Withdrawal Agreement with the European Union (EU). However, UK parliamentary agreement was not forthcoming, making a general election inevitable.

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Portfolio review

The market maintained a tightening bias throughout 2019, due to increased global uncertainties, especially in the UK as political turmoil persisted around Brexit.

Given the high level of uncertainty and a weakening global backdrop, the Fund sought to invest further out in the yield curve in fixed-rate money market instruments in order to capture issuance at higher levels. The Fund's weighted average maturity fluctuated within 70 and 80 days whilst maintaining overnight and two-week liquidity requirements.

This strategy worked well as expectations and pricing resulted in the sterling money market curve flattening in line with other developed markets. This was compounded by a series of revisions to lower global growth expectations and an escalation in trade tensions, including further tariffs. After the UK general election in early December we saw some pick-up in issuance rates for money market instruments. The Fund was able to take advantage of these.

In 2019 floating rate note and bond issuance was subdued in the one-year to 18-month horizons. However, the Fund managed to purchase long-dated bonds with one year or less to maturity at attractive levels in the secondary market. The Fund continued to maintain a highly liquid portfolio of assets with a strong credit ratings profile in order to fulfil its mandate of capital preservation and liquidity.

Outlook

Following a turbulent 2019, the decisive UK general election result has alleviated some of the uncertainty that had been weighing on the country's economic outlook. We expect growth to reaccelerate over the course of the next two years on the condition that a 'no-deal' Brexit does not materialise. The main risk to this view is that Brexit noise fails to die down. On the flip side, fiscal and monetary policy could turn out to be supportive for growth.

Euro IG and Aggregate Team

February 2020

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Closing net asset value (£'000)	32,199	27,751	23,396	23,348
Closing number of shares	28,495,990	24,634,417	20,905,978	20,918,228
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	112.99	112.65	111.91	111.61
Change in net asset value per share	0.30%	0.66%	0.27%	0.22%
Operating charges	0.25%	0.25%	0.27%	0.33%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	664	997	337	542
Closing number of shares	663,989	997,691	337,542	542,442
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	99.98	99.96	99.87	99.90
Change in net asset value per share	0.02%	0.09%	(0.03%)	0.01%
Operating charges	0.25%	0.25%	0.27%	0.33%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	389,660	363,056	253,361	203,324
Closing number of shares	338,652,404	316,650,126	222,660,758	179,260,576
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	115.06	114.66	113.79	113.42
Change in net asset value per share	0.35%	0.76%	0.33%	0.29%
Operating charges	0.15%	0.15%	0.22%	0.25%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	31,843	28,574	7,921	8,454
Closing number of shares	31,862,735	28,597,199	7,933,577	8,465,677
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	99.94	99.92	99.84	99.87
Change in net asset value per share	0.02%	0.08%	(0.03%)	0.00%
Operating charges	0.15%	0.15%	0.22%	0.25%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	1,000	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	100.18	100.01		
Change in net asset value per share	0.17%	-		
Operating charges	0.20%	0.20%		
M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	1,000	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	100.05	100.01		
Change in net asset value per share	0.04%	-		
Operating charges	0.20%	0.20%		

Z Gross Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,781	3,027	3,625	2,292
Closing number of shares	2,563,039	2,801,172	3,382,812	2,149,612
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	108.51	108.07	107.14	106.64
Change in net asset value per share	0.41%	0.87%	0.47%	0.46%
Operating charges	0.05%	0.05%	0.07%	0.10%

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Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (22.71%)		82,206	18.00
Sterling Denominated Bonds (22.71%)		82,206	18.00
Corporate Bonds (22.71%)		82,206	18.00
less than 5 years to maturity			
2,500,000	ABN Amro FRN 2020	2,501	0.55
5,000,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel FRN 2021	5,013	1.10
3,000,000	Canadian Imperial Bank FRN 2020	3,002	0.66
5,000,000	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce FRN 2020	4,998	1.09
4,300,000	Commonwealth Bank of Australia FRN 2020	4,301	0.94
2,202,000	Cooperatieve Rabobank 4.625% 2021	2,277	0.50
4,600,000	DBS Bank FRN 2020	4,597	1.01
8,000,000	HSBC Bank FRN 2020	8,001	1.75
3,900,000	HSBC FRN March 2020	3,900	0.85
5,000,000	HSBC FRN September 2020	4,998	1.09
10,000,000	JPMorgan Chase FRN 2021	9,998	2.19
2,500,000	OP Corporate Bank FRN 2020	2,500	0.55
1,000,000	Santander UK 1.875% 2020	1,000	0.22
2,000,000	Santander UK FRN February 2020	2,000	0.44
3,010,000	Santander UK FRN May 2020	3,011	0.66
2,000,000	Sumitomo Mitsui Banking FRN 2020	1,999	0.44
5,000,000	Toronto-Dominion Bank FRN 2020	5,000	1.09
10,089,000	UBS 1.25% 2020	10,109	2.21
3,000,000	Westpac Banking FRN 2020	3,001	0.66
Cash Held For Investment Purposes (0.15%)		5,640	1.23
5,639,652	Lloyds TSB Call Deposit 0.75%	5,640	1.23
Money Markets (66.10%)		325,069	71.09
Certificates Of Deposits (48.53%)		248,263	54.29
10,000,000	ABN Amro CD 0% 01/04/2020	9,987	2.18
10,000,000	BNP Paribas CD 0% 09/06/2020	9,969	2.18
7,000,000	BNP Paribas CD 0.89% 07/07/2020	7,000	1.53
10,000,000	Credit Agricole CD 0.85% 12/05/2020	10,000	2.19
10,000,000	Credit Agricole CD 0.85% 22/05/2020	10,000	2.19

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
10,000,000	Credit Suisse CD 0% 01/04/2020	9,985	2.18
10,000,000	Credit Suisse CD 0% 23/03/2020	9,987	2.18
10,000,000	First Abu Dhabi Bank CD 0.92% 03/02/2020	10,000	2.19
10,000,000	Goldman Sachs International CD 0.84% 2020	10,000	2.19
3,000,000	ING CD 0% 24/03/2020	2,995	0.65
10,000,000	Landeskreditbank CD 0.8% 03/02/2020	10,000	2.19
10,000,000	L-BANK CD 0.76% 05/05/2020	10,000	2.19
10,000,000	Lloyds Bank CD 0.87% 14/05/2020	10,000	2.19
10,000,000	Mizuho Bank CD 0% 13/02/2020	9,997	2.19
5,000,000	Mizuho Bank CD 0% 13/02/2020	4,999	1.09
5,500,000	Mizuho Bank CD 0% 25/02/2020	5,497	1.20
10,000,000	MUFG Bank CD 0% 11/05/2020	9,977	2.18
10,000,000	MUFG Bank CD 0% 27/03/2020	9,987	2.18
10,000,000	Nationwide Building Society CD 0% 11/06/2020	9,968	2.18
10,000,000	Nationwide Building Society CD 0% 19/03/2020	9,988	2.18
6,000,000	Natixis CD 0.8% 05/02/2020	6,000	1.31
7,000,000	Qatar National Bank CD 0% 06/03/2020	6,994	1.53
8,000,000	Societe Generale CD 0% 12/05/2020	8,000	1.75
10,000,000	Societe Generale CD 0.86% 27/05/2020	10,000	2.19
10,000,000	Standard Chartered CD 0% 07/05/2020	9,976	2.18
7,000,000	Standard Chartered CD 0.87% 25/05/2020	7,000	1.53
10,000,000	Sumitomo Mitsui CD 0% 02/03/2020	9,993	2.19
10,000,000	UBS CD 0% 24/06/2020	9,964	2.18
Commercial Paper (17.57%)		76,806	16.80
15,000,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutual CP 0% 20/04/2020	14,975	3.28
8,000,000	ING CP 0% 20/05/2020	7,981	1.75
3,000,000	Legal & General CP 0% 03/06/2020	2,992	0.65
10,000,000	Nordea Bank CP 0% 28/05/2020	9,975	2.18
5,000,000	OP Corporate Bank CP 0% 01/06/2020	4,987	1.09
5,000,000	OP Corporate Bank CP 0% 25/01/2020	4,957	1.08
3,000,000	Standard Chartered CP 0% 06/02/2020	3,000	0.66
8,000,000	Sumitomo Mitsui CP 0% 17/04/2020	7,987	1.75
10,000,000	Svenska Handelsbanken CP 0% 18/05/2020	9,977	2.18
10,000,000	Toyota Motor CP 0% 29/05/2020	9,975	2.18

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Collective Investment Schemes (9.13%)		21,421	4.69
21,421	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund ⁺	21,421	4.69
Total investment assets		434,336	95.01
Net other assets		22,813	4.99
Total Net Assets		457,149	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

⁺ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains		99		45
Revenue	1,860		1,376	
Expenses	(356)		(259)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(12)		(8)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,492		1,109	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		1,492		1,109
Total return before distributions		1,591		1,154
Distributions		(1,492)		(1,109)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		99		45

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		423,405		288,640
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	75,396		109,293	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(43,148)		(11,766)	
		32,248		97,527
Dilution adjustment		-		1
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		99		45
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,397		1,143
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		457,149		387,356

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		434,336		415,298
Current assets:				
Debtors	779		1,119	
Cash and bank balances	42,322		10,099	
		43,101		11,218
Total assets		477,437		426,516
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(20,236)		(3,057)	
Distribution payable	(52)		(54)	
		(20,288)		(3,111)
Total liabilities		(20,288)		(3,111)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		457,149		423,405

Distribution table**For the three months ended 31 October 2019.**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019.

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 October 2019.

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1648	-	0.1648*	0.1591
Group 2	0.0846	0.0802	0.1648*	0.1591
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.1463	-	0.1463**	0.1420
Group 2	0.0950	0.0513	0.1463**	0.1420
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1966	-	0.1966*	0.1904
Group 2	0.1058	0.0908	0.1966*	0.1904
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.1714	-	0.1714**	0.1671
Group 2	0.0929	0.0785	0.1714**	0.1671
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.0130	-	0.0130*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.0130	-	0.0130**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.2126	-	0.2126*	0.2065
Group 2	0.1382	0.0744	0.2126*	0.2065

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2020.

For the three months ended 31 January 2020.

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2019.

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2019 and 31 January 2020.

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution payable 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1524	-	0.1524*	0.1663
Group 2	0.0510	0.1014	0.1524*	0.1663
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.1350	-	0.1350**	0.1479
Group 2	0.0576	0.0774	0.1350**	0.1479
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1841	-	0.1841*	0.1982
Group 2	0.0855	0.0986	0.1841*	0.1982
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.1601	-	0.1601**	0.1745
Group 2	0.1014	0.0587	0.1601**	0.1745
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.1200	-	0.1200*	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.1200	-	0.1200**	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.2008	-	0.2008*	0.2111
Group 2	0.1443	0.0565	0.2008*	0.2111

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution payable on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

The Fund aims to provide income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in bonds.

Performance Target: To achieve the return of iBoxx Sterling Collateralized & Corporates (1-10 year) Index plus 1.25% per annum (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 80% in bonds issued anywhere in the world by governments, sub-sovereigns and corporations.
- The Fund may invest in investment grade, emerging market, high yield, inflation-linked, convertible, asset backed and mortgage-backed bonds.
- At least 80% of the Fund's investments will be in Sterling or will be subjected to techniques to reduce (hedge) risk related to currency movements on non-Sterling investments. The Fund has some flexibility to seek returns from currencies.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify bonds and derivatives after analysing company's prospects and creditworthiness alongside global economic and market conditions.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the iBoxx Sterling Collateralized & Corporates (1-10 year) Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The team seeks to reduce the risk of significant changes in the value of the Fund compared to the index. The potential change in value of the Fund (as measured by expected volatility) is not ordinarily expected to exceed 150% of the potential change in value of the index.

Please Note: The Fund's ability to buy and sell bonds and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress which could include periods where interest rates move sharply.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund will routinely use of derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/ or generate extra income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives can be used to generate growth, consistent with the Fund's risk profile, if market prices are expected to rise ("long positions") or fall ("short positions"). These positions can be used in overseas markets.

- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 3.07% compared to an increase of 2.27% in the performance target, 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

Fixed income markets delivered some outstanding returns in the early part of the review period, fuelled by collapsing government bond yields across developed markets and fairly stable credit spreads in most higher-quality fixed income markets.

Although yields were already lower than many investors thought possible, deteriorating economic data and the threat of further policy action caused a further re-pricing. In this environment, investment grade credit delivered a strong performance. Riskier asset classes like high yield and emerging markets wobbled slightly as politics and economic data provided some headlines that caused volatility.

Bond yields rose in many government markets in the final three months of 2019, but corporate bonds continued to perform well as risk appetite remained healthy. In investment grade markets, spreads were materially tighter, with the US and sterling markets leading the way. High yield and emerging markets were also strong. This more positive environment for risk assets came about as global economic data appeared to be picking up modestly and a 'phase one' trade deal between the US and China was agreed. Global central banks also appear to be prepared to maintain – or even extend – their accommodative stances going forward, thus providing further confidence.

The upbeat sentiment continued into the new year. The UK general election in mid-December appeared to settle the endless debates about Brexit, and European economic data was generally better than expected. However, in the middle of the month, the mood changed dramatically. The number of cases of 2019 novel-Coronavirus started to increase rapidly, by around 30% per day, and markets began to consider the implications for global growth. The oil price fell by just under 12% between 20 January and month end, reflecting concerns about lower demand from China. That sharp move downwards was reflected by many other commodities. Government bond yields moved sharply lower. Due to the large moves in government bonds, total returns for sterling credit were very strong, and positive in Europe. Despite the negative impact of the virus on risk assets, UK credit spreads were tighter as the post-election euphoria continued to attract investors.

Portfolio review

The performance of the Aberdeen Sterling Opportunistic Bond Fund was mixed in August. Spreads moved a little wider; however, this was offset by the Fund's long duration position, and good stock selection in the communications sector – notably an overweight position in Orange hybrids and a short position in Telefonica credit default swaps.

Security selection was beneficial in September, primarily from banking stocks – off-benchmark positions in AT1 and legacy bank bonds. In October, positions in high yielding financials and in the Aberdeen Strategic Bond Fund were the primary contributors to outperformance. A short duration position in sterling bonds was also beneficial, given the significant move tighter in UK spreads. This was led by financials, particularly UK-focused banks.

In November, returns were derived from a strong performance from the UK curve, albeit this was offset somewhat by overweight positions in the euro and US dollar curves. As the year drew to a close, sterling credit continued to tighten, resulting in a strong December for credit markets. Duration also made a significant positive contribution, as yields headed higher in most developed economies on expectations that a trade deal would be concluded between the US and China. The Fund was well positioned for this.

During January, the Fund continued to benefit from its exposure to the Aberdeen Strategic Bond Fund. Protection trades were put in place mid-month when the spread for high yield bonds started to look expensive, and these were beneficial. Against that, an underweight position in corporate bonds relative to benchmark slightly offset these positive allocations.

Outlook

Credit markets have performed well of late and now appear fully valued in most areas. Higher-risk areas of the markets and high yield in particular could see a pick-up in volatility over the course of 2020. The near term risks to growth caused by the impacts of the coronavirus are fairly apparent, with companies already issuing warnings about disruption to supply chains. Although there appears to be ongoing support for bonds across most markets, we are happy to pare back risk at current market levels.

Sterling IG and Aggregate Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk			Typically higher rewards, higher risk			
←			→			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 3 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in mortgage- and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	45	42	78	152
Closing number of shares	31,200	29,499	57,741	112,041
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	145.33	140.96	134.75	135.31
Change in net asset value per share	3.10%	4.61%	(0.41%)	4.34%
Operating charges	1.07%	1.09%	1.13%	1.13%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	245,711	244,511	246,976	212,835
Closing number of shares	211,773,979	215,131,503	222,253,326	186,145,294
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	116.02	113.66	111.12	114.34
Change in net asset value per share	2.08%	2.29%	(2.82%)	1.86%
Operating charges	1.07%	1.09%	1.13%	1.13%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	124	120	133	112
Closing number of shares	80,931	81,006	94,677	79,977
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	152.99	148.05	140.85	140.72
Change in net asset value per share	3.34%	5.11%	0.09%	4.89%
Operating charges	0.62%	0.62%	0.63%	0.63%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,457	1,624	2,447	2,390
Closing number of shares	1,217,918	1,386,300	2,136,466	2,028,105
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	119.61	117.16	114.54	117.85
Change in net asset value per share	2.09%	2.29%	(2.81%)	1.88%
Operating charges	0.62%	0.62%	0.63%	0.63%
I Gross Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	23,382	23,420	23,487	24,416
Closing number of shares	16,379,920	16,954,252	17,868,370	18,591,770
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	142.75	138.14	131.44	131.33
Change in net asset value per share	3.34%	5.10%	0.08%	4.88%
Operating charges	0.62%	0.62%	0.63%	0.63%
I Gross Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	25	24	25	25
Closing number of shares	22,698	22,698	23,630	23,630
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	108.99	106.77	104.38	107.41
Change in net asset value per share	2.08%	2.29%	(2.82%)	1.86%
Operating charges	0.62%	0.62%	0.63%	0.63%

M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	936	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	110.10	106.50		
Change in net asset value per share	3.38%	-		
Operating charges	0.67%	0.67%		
M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	955	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	106.56	103.98		
Change in net asset value per share	2.48%	-		
Operating charges	0.67%	0.67%		
P Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	58	84	1,307	23,491
Closing number of shares	49,719	73,716	1,175,998	20,547,082
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	116.04	113.67	111.11	114.33
Change in net asset value per share	2.08%	2.30%	(2.82%)	1.87%
Operating charges	0.39%	0.39%	0.40%	0.40%
P Gross Income shares ^B	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	-	44	937
Closing number of shares	-	-	39,818	818,918
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	-	111.11	114.33
Change in net asset value per share	-	-	(2.81%)	1.85%
Operating charges	-	-	0.40%	0.40%
Q Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,504	2,006	7,038	180,799
Closing number of shares	1,295,872	1,763,413	6,333,144	158,138,262
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	116.12	113.75	111.14	114.33
Change in net asset value per share	2.08%	2.35%	(2.81%)	1.86%
Operating charges	0.31%	0.31%	0.31%	0.30%
Q Gross Income shares ^C	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	-	105	15,863
Closing number of shares	-	-	94,358	13,862,958
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	-	111.23	114.42
Change in net asset value per share	-	-	(2.79%)	1.86%
Operating charges	-	-	0.31%	0.30%

Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	729	879	629	170
Closing number of shares	639,574	798,852	603,811	164,211
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	113.94	109.98	104.13	103.52
Change in net asset value per share	3.60%	5.62%	0.59%	3.65%
Operating charges	0.12%	0.12%	0.13%	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.

^A M share classes were launched on 29 November 2018.

^B P Gross Income share class closed on 9 June 2019.

^C Q Gross Income share class closed on 30 July 2019.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (86.82%)		234,300	85.80
Euro Denominated Bonds (17.25%)		34,650	12.69
Corporate Bonds (17.25%)		34,650	12.69
less than 5 years to maturity			
3,300,000	Annington Funding 1.65% 2024	2,912	1.07
1,400,000	Deutsche Bank 1.625% 2021	1,193	0.44
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
308,000	American Tower 1.95% 2026	282	0.10
2,092,000	CK Hutchison 0.75% 2026	1,776	0.65
1,300,000	International Consolidated Airlines 1.5% 2027	1,098	0.40
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
1,250,000	AIG 4.875% 2037	962	0.35
greater than 25 years to maturity			
800,000	Bayer 2.375% fixed to floating 2079	689	0.25
Perpetual			
800,000	Aareal Bank 7.625% fixed to floating Perpetual	681	0.25
5,300,000	ABN Amro 5.75% Perpetual	4,589	1.68
1,200,000	BBVA 6.75% Perpetual	1,010	0.37
4,800,000	Caixa Geral de Depositos 10.75% fixed to floating Perpetual	4,764	1.74
4,300,000	Deutsche Bank 6% fixed to floating Perpetual	3,602	1.32
2,000,000	Engie 3.25% Perpetual	1,841	0.68
547,000	Lloyds Banking Group FRN Perpetual	468	0.17
2,500,000	NatWest FRN Perpetual	2,076	0.76
1,400,000	Stichting 6.5% Perpetual	1,555	0.57
2,700,000	UniCredit 7.5% fixed to floating Perpetual	2,694	0.99
2,500,000	UniCredit 9.25% fixed to floating Perpetual	2,458	0.90
Sterling Denominated Bonds (61.72%)		184,147	67.44
Corporate Bonds (56.99%)		162,519	59.52
less than 5 years to maturity			
2,400,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 9.75% 2024	3,300	1.20
900,000	Banco Santander 1.375% 2024	901	0.33
1,747,000	Barclays 2.375% 2023	1,782	0.65
2,000,000	Barclays 10% 2021	2,215	0.81

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
554,000	Citigroup 5.875% 2024	654	0.24
1,400,000	Deutsche Bank 2.625% 2024	1,428	0.52
2,614,000	FirstGroup 8.75% 2021	2,821	1.03
500,000	Heathrow Funding 7.125% 2024	608	0.22
2,000,000	HSBC 2.175% 2023	2,037	0.75
1,323,000	Intu (SGS) Finance 3.875% 2023	1,202	0.44
890,000	Intu (SGS) Finance 4.125% 2023	801	0.29
459,000	MPT Operating Partnership 2.55% 2023	472	0.17
699,000	New York Life Global Funding 1.625% 2023	715	0.26
1,000,000	Phoenix Group 4.125% 2022	1,051	0.39
750,000	Thames Water 2.375% 2023	762	0.28
2,000,000	Trafford Centre Finance 4.75% 2024	2,156	0.79
1,300,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 2.125% 2024	1,327	0.49
700,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 2.75% 2023	728	0.27
2,900,000	Western Power 3.625% 2023	3,102	1.13
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
800,000	Abertis Infraestructuras 3.375% 2026	857	0.31
2,000,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 2.25% 2029	2,115	0.77
463,000	Assura Financing 3% 2028	517	0.19
1,200,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 1.25% 2025	1,192	0.44
2,932,000	Barclays 3% 2026	3,109	1.14
1,505,000	BP 2.274% 2026	1,608	0.59
514,000	BP Capital Markets 1.827% 2025	533	0.20
2,000,000	British American Tobacco 4% 2026	2,246	0.82
855,000	Citigroup 1.75% 2026	862	0.32
2,514,000	Citigroup 5.15% 2026	3,066	1.12
930,000	CPUK 3.69% 2028	1,020	0.37
2,600,000	Credit Suisse FRN 2025	2,660	0.97
954,000	Danske Bank 2.25% fixed to floating 2028	969	0.35
850,000	Dowson 2019-1 FRN 2026	850	0.31
800,000	EDF 6.25% 2028	1,091	0.40
601,000	Fidelity National Information Services 2.25% 2029	622	0.23
1,649,000	Fidelity National Information Services 2.602% 2025	1,749	0.64
2,291,000	Fiserv 2.25% 2025	2,384	0.87
1,300,000	Fuller Smith & Turner 6.875% 2028	1,645	0.60
1,785,000	Hammerson 3.5% 2025**	1,884	0.69
550,000	HSBC 6.75% 2028	742	0.27
1,149,000	InterContinental Hotels 3.75% 2025	1,278	0.47
2,740,000	Kraft Heinz Foods 4.125% 2027	3,058	1.12
1,311,000	London & Quadrant Housing Trust 2.625% 2028	1,402	0.51
2,500,000	Morrison (Wm) 4.75% 2029	3,104	1.14

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
607,000	MPT Operating Partnership 3.692% 2028	645	0.24
1,884,000	National Grid 1.375% 2026	1,900	0.70
1,542,000	NewRiver REIT 3.5% 2028	1,587	0.58
3,000,000	NIE Finance 6.375% 2026	3,883	1.42
2,500,000	Northumbrian Water 1.625% 2026	2,532	0.93
290,000	Notting Hill Genesis 2.875% 2029	314	0.11
2,500,000	Paragon FRN 2026	2,674	0.98
1,500,000	Phoenix 6.625% 2025	1,779	0.65
2,200,000	Quadgas Finance 3.375% 2029	2,372	0.87
1,820,000	Rabobank 5.25% 2027	2,244	0.82
2,000,000	Santander UK Group 2.92% fixed to floating 2025	2,105	0.77
500,000	Scentre Management 3.875% 2026	563	0.21
1,421,000	Smith (DS) 2.875% 2029	1,500	0.55
1,360,000	Stagecoach Group 4% 2025	1,471	0.54
2,200,000	Thames Water 4% 2025	2,475	0.91
600,000	Thames Water 6.75% 2028	837	0.31
1,600,000	Trafford Centre 7.03% 2029	1,012	0.37
2,212,000	Tritax Big Box REIT 2.625% 2026	2,328	0.85
924,000	Unite Group 3.5% 2028	1,031	0.38
1,000,000	Virgin Money UK 4% fixed to floating 2027	1,082	0.40
2,908,000	Welltower 4.8% 2028	3,538	1.30
1,110,000	Wessex Water Services Finance 1.5% 2029	1,110	0.41
873,000	Westfield Stratford City Finance 1.642% 2026	897	0.33
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
2,200,000	Digital Stout 3.75% 2030	2,532	0.93
1,000,000	Fidelity National Information Services 3.36% 2031	1,139	0.42
1,600,000	Thames Water 5.75% 2030	1,743	0.64
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
1,500,000	Aviva 6.125% 2036	1,834	0.67
2,100,000	CNP Assurances 7.375% 2041	2,305	0.84
2,200,000	QBE Insurance 6.115% 2042	2,404	0.88
2,910,000	RMAC Securities No 1 RMCA 2044	1,457	0.53
greater than 25 years to maturity			
500,000	American International FRN 2067	433	0.16
4,105,000	BHP Billiton 6.5% 2077	4,607	1.68
400,000	Channel Link 3.043% 2050	428	0.16
1,563,000	Enel 6.625% fixed to floating 2076	1,684	0.62
2,314,000	Koninklijke KPN 6.875% 2073	2,326	0.85
4	London Wall Mortgage Capital FRN 2048	-	-

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
	3,000,000	NGG 5.625% fixed to floating 2073	3,407	1.25
	1,317,000	Paragon FRN 2050	1,227	0.45
	900,000	RMAC FRN 2046	725	0.27
	2,500,000	Society of Lloyd's 4.875% 2047	2,801	1.03
Perpetual				
	2,400,000	Aviva 6.125% fixed to floating Perpetual	2,642	0.97
	2,000,000	AXA 6.6862% fixed to floating Perpetual	2,438	0.89
	1,548,000	Bank of Scotland 7.281% Perpetual	1,911	0.70
	1,133,000	Barclays 6.375% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,255	0.46
	500,000	Cheltenham & Gloucester 11.75% Perpetual	1,023	0.37
	512,000	CYBG 8% Perpetual	546	0.20
	1,000,000	HBOS 7.881% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,571	0.58
	2,825,000	HSBC 5.844% fixed to floating Perpetual	3,897	1.43
	629,000	Nationwide Building Society 5.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	686	0.25
	2,114,000	Orange 5.75% fixed to floating Perpetual	2,340	0.86
	2,200,000	Orange 5.875% Perpetual	2,378	0.87
	2,200,000	Telefonica 6.75% Perpetual	2,276	0.83
Government Bonds (4.73%)			21,628	7.92
less than 5 years to maturity				
	549,000	China Development Bank 1.25% 2023	552	0.20
	9,000,000	UK (Govt of) 1% 2024	9,224	3.38
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
	3,000,000	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2026**	3,215	1.18
	7,850,000	UK (Govt of) 1.625% 2028	8,637	3.16
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (7.85%)			15,503	5.67
Corporate Bonds (6.81%)			15,503	5.67
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
	2,200,000	ABN Amro FRN 2028	1,758	0.64
	1,500,000	Deutsche Bank 4.296% fixed to floating 2028	1,128	0.41
	1,600,000	Turkcell Iletisim 5.8% 2028	1,265	0.46
greater than 25 years to maturity				
	951,000	NatWest Markets 7.125% 2093	1,226	0.45
Perpetual				
	1,170,000	Australia & New Zealand Banking FRN Perpetual	668	0.25

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
5,200,000	Bank of Nova Scotia FRN Perpetual	4,011	1.47
2,500,000	Credit Suisse 6.25% Perpetual	2,093	0.77
1,000,000	Hongkong & Shanghai Banking FRN Perpetual	626	0.23
555,000	Royal Bank of Scotland FRN Perpetual	608	0.22
1,152,000	Societe Generale FRN Perpetual	963	0.35
697,000	UBS Group Funding Switzerland FRN Perpetual	582	0.21
1,000,000	Westpac Banking FRN Perpetual	575	0.21
Government Bonds (1.04%)		-	-
Equities (0.00%)		-	-
UK Equities (0.00%)		-	-
Financials (0.00%)		-	-
7,104	BrightHouse	-	-
Collective Investment Schemes (9.13%)		24,869	9.11
14,047,797	ASI Strategic Bond Fund ⁺	24,869	9.11
Derivatives (-0.67%)		(1,875)	(0.68)
Credit Default Swaps (-0.12%)		(2,105)	(0.77)
EUR 8,600,000	Buy CDS Telefonica Emisiones 1.0% 20/06/2024	(152)	(0.05)
EUR 8,000,000	Buy CDX iTrax Europe Series 32 5Y 2024	(869)	(0.32)
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EUR 8,600,000	Buy CDS Capital Treatment 38 10Y 21/09/2029	(69)	(0.03)
EUR 5,000,000	Buy CDS Euro 10Y 21/09/2029	(146)	(0.05)
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.59%)		328	0.13
	Buy EUR 668,000 Sell GBP 572,440 20/02/2020	(10)	-
	Buy EUR 277,000 Sell GBP 235,445 11/03/2020	(2)	-
	Buy EUR 1,074,000 Sell GBP 910,732 11/03/2020	(7)	-
	Buy EUR 1,114,000 Sell GBP 950,266 11/03/2020	(12)	-
	Buy EUR 2,769,000 Sell GBP 2,355,850 11/03/2020	(25)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 15,405,629 Sell EUR 18,069,000 20/02/2020	205	0.08
	Buy GBP 128,423 Sell EUR 152,000 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy GBP 144,122 Sell EUR 170,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 336,014 Sell EUR 391,000 11/03/2020	7	-
	Buy GBP 463,995 Sell EUR 549,000 11/03/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 830,290 Sell EUR 975,000 11/03/2020	9	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy GBP 1,005,188 Sell EUR 1,190,000 11/03/2020	3	-
	Buy GBP 1,079,824 Sell EUR 1,277,000 11/03/2020	5	-
	Buy GBP 1,209,854 Sell EUR 1,436,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 15,314,402 Sell EUR 18,076,000 11/03/2020	97	0.04
	Buy GBP 816,042 Sell USD 1,066,000 20/02/2020	8	-
	Buy GBP 220,051 Sell USD 287,000 11/03/2020	3	-
	Buy GBP 226,776 Sell USD 294,000 11/03/2020	4	-
	Buy GBP 2,222,213 Sell USD 2,899,000 11/03/2020	25	0.01
	Buy GBP 3,274,861 Sell USD 4,265,000 11/03/2020	43	0.02
	Buy GBP 11,826,517 Sell USD 15,595,000 11/03/2020	9	-
	Buy USD 164,000 Sell GBP 124,976 11/03/2020	(1)	-
	Buy USD 208,000 Sell GBP 157,924 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy USD 471,000 Sell GBP 357,638 11/03/2020	(1)	-
	Buy USD 861,000 Sell GBP 658,605 11/03/2020	(6)	-
	Buy USD 961,000 Sell GBP 732,733 11/03/2020	(4)	-
	Buy USD 1,059,000 Sell GBP 810,008 11/03/2020	(8)	-
	Buy USD 2,047,000 Sell GBP 1,569,249 11/03/2020	(18)	(0.01)
Futures (0.06%)		63	0.02
110	Long Long Gilt Future 27/03/2020	337	0.12
109	Long US 10 Year Note Future 20/03/2020	160	0.06
(139)	Short Euro Bond Future 06/03/2020	(434)	(0.16)
Inflation Swaps (-0.02%)		(161)	(0.06)
USD 7,940,000	Pay Fixed 2.0545% USCPI 14/01/2029	(161)	(0.06)
Total investment assets		257,294	94.23
Net other assets		15,743	5.77
Total Net Assets		273,037	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

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

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		5,597		(3,984)
Revenue	4,181		4,443	
Expenses	(1,384)		(1,429)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(3)		(2)	
Net revenue before taxation	2,794		3,012	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		2,794		3,012
Total return before distributions		8,391		(972)
Distributions		(2,794)		(3,012)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		5,597		(3,984)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		272,711		282,269
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	131		287	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(5,697)		(16,400)	
		(5,566)		(16,113)
Dilution adjustment		-		19
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		5,597		(3,984)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		295		306
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		273,037		262,497

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		260,088		261,901
Current assets:				
Debtors	3,737		3,408	
Cash and bank balances	14,828		11,803	
		18,565		15,211
Total assets		278,653		277,112
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(2,794)		(2,065)
Creditors	(1,456)		(892)	
Distribution payable	(1,366)		(1,444)	
		(2,822)		(2,336)
Total liabilities		(5,616)		(4,401)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		273,037		272,711

Distribution table**For the three months ended 31 October 2019.**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019.

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 October 2019.

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6383	-	0.6383*	0.7237
Group 2	0.3237	0.3146	0.6383*	0.7237
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.5154	-	0.5154**	0.5968
Group 2	0.0154	0.5000	0.5154**	0.5968
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8403	-	0.8403*	0.9345
Group 2	0.4140	0.4263	0.8403*	0.9345
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.6649	-	0.6649**	0.7600
Group 2	0.3957	0.2692	0.6649**	0.7600
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7839	-	0.7839*	0.7237
Group 2	-	-	-	0.7237
I Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.6073	-	0.6073**	0.6921
Group 2	-	-	-	0.6921
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.3376	-	0.3376*	-
Group 2	0.0376	0.3000	0.3376*	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.3370	-	0.3370**	-
Group 2	0.0371	0.2999	0.3370**	-
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.7115	-	0.7115**	0.8012
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8012
P Gross Income shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.7894
Group 2	-	-	-	0.7894

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
Q Income shares				
Group 1	0.7349	-	0.7349**	0.8249
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8249
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.8256
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8256
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7637	-	0.7637*	0.8231
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8231

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2020.

For the three months ended 31 January 2020.

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2019.

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2019 and 31 January 2020.

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7928	-	0.7928*	0.9468
Group 2	0.3992	0.3936	0.7928*	0.9468
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.6347	-	0.6347**	0.5786
Group 2	0.3122	0.3225	0.6347**	0.5786
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0032	-	1.0032*	0.9105
Group 2	0.3892	0.6140	1.0032*	0.9105
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.7889	-	0.7889**	0.7192
Group 2	0.4619	0.3270	0.7889**	0.7192
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9360	-	0.9360*	0.8452
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8452
I Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.7194	-	0.7194**	0.6672
Group 2	0.2450	0.4744	0.7194**	0.6672

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7266	-	0.7266*	0.5700
Group 2	-	-	-	0.5700
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.7097	-	0.7097**	0.5700
Group 2	-	-	-	0.5700
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.8320	-	0.8320**	0.7452
Group 2	-	-	-	0.7452
P Gross Income shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.7751
Group 2	-	-	-	0.7751
Q Income shares				
Group 1	0.8559	-	0.8559**	0.7237
Group 2	-	-	-	0.7237
Q Gross Income shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	0.8760
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8760
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8877	-	0.8877*	0.8079
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8079

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI Sterling Short Term Government Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate income and some growth over the medium to long term (3 to 5 years) by investing in UK Government bonds with a maturity of up to five years. Performance Target: To achieve the return of the FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks up to 5 Years Index plus 0.5% per annum (before charges).

The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target. The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund invests at least 80% in government bonds issued or guaranteed by the UK Government with a maturity of up to 5 years.
- The Fund may also invest in investment grade bonds of any maturity, issued anywhere in the world by governments, sub-sovereigns and corporations including inflation-linked bonds. The Fund will employ techniques to reduce (hedge) risk related to currency movements on non-Sterling bonds.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify investments after analysing individual bonds and derivatives alongside global economic and market conditions.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks up to 5 Years Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 1.70%. Due to the Fund's risk constraints the intention is that the Fund's performance will not deviate significantly from that of the index over the long term.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund will make routine use of derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate extra income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives can be used to generate growth, consistent with the Fund's risk profile, if market prices are expected to rise ("long positions") or fall ("short positions"). These positions can be used in overseas markets.
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Sterling Short Term Government Bond Fund – A Accumulation shares decreased by 0.32% compared to an increase of 0.07% in the performance target, the FTSE Actuaries UK Conventional Gilts All Stocks up to 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

In the six months to end of January, the UK gilt market was driven by geopolitical uncertainty. Primary factors included the US-China trade negotiations and, latterly, the coronavirus outbreak in China. Closer to home, the performance of gilts relative to other markets was driven by the continuation of the UK political turmoil.

The new Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, took the controversial step of proroguing parliament. A series of subsequent events, including Mr Johnson removing the whip from numerous Conservative MPs and removing the Conservative Party working majority, put the UK on course for a general election.

In October, Johnson was able to agree a Withdrawal Agreement with the European Union (EU). However, UK parliamentary agreement was not forthcoming, making a general election inevitable.

From a gilt market perspective, December's election was a non-event. The polls had narrowed slightly but not to the extent required; the only surprise on the night was how badly the Labour Party performed and the subsequent size of the Conservative majority. Following the overwhelming Conservative victory, it was thought that Johnson might dial down his Hard Brexit rhetoric. However, in the days following the election, Johnson confirmed his desire to 'Get Brexit Done'. Accordingly, the UK will leave the EU at the end of 2020. This leaves a very short period of time to negotiate a very long, complex future relationship.

In terms of UK data, a mix of a worsening global environment and the lack of clarity with regard to Brexit negotiations meant UK economic data deteriorated. At the November Bank of England meeting, investors were taken by surprise when two members of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) voted for a rate cut. In January a number of MPC members, including governor Mark Carney, talked up the chances of an imminent rate cut. At one point a January rate cut was priced at 70%. Mr Carney suggested that the confidence indicators (services purchasing managers' index, Agents' Survey) at the end of January would be key to the decision-making process. In the event, these metrics exceeded market expectation and the January meeting passed with rates staying on hold.

Portfolio review

The Fund has continued to hold an overweight duration bias over the six-month period. The global economic backdrop is still characterised by subdued growth and low inflation, amid geopolitical uncertainty. This has benefitted the Fund's performance, particularly in January following the outbreak of the novel-coronavirus and the resulting move into government bonds in general. Specifically, the duration positions have been held in the UK on Brexit fears; in Australia and Canada as we believe the respective central banks will be forced into making interest rate cuts; and the long end of the French yield curve to take advantage of the global grab for positive yields.

In terms of cross-market positioning, the Fund has held a mixture of positions. The Fund held UK short positions versus France, Australia and the US. These positions were held when we felt no-deal Brexit fears had been exaggerated. We held these positions throughout the UK general election period, as again we felt the risk of a Labour-led administration were low. Following the Conservative Party win we switched from being short on a cross-market basis to being long. We felt the market had built up an unrealistic hope that PM Johnson would use his parliamentary majority to soften his stance on Brexit, and we were happy to oppose this view. This position was successful throughout January as the market started to price in the prospect of an interest rate cut. The Fund added a Germany/Sweden position in January once more, as we believe the European Central Bank might be forced to cut rates.

Throughout the period, the Fund held numerous relative value strategies. The Fund also held US inflation-linked Treasuries in the 30-year and 10-year parts of the curve.

Outlook

Following a turbulent 2019, the decisive UK general election result has alleviated some of the uncertainty that had been weighing on the country's economic outlook. We expect growth to reaccelerate over the course of the next two years on the condition that a 'no-deal' Brexit does not materialise. The main risk to this view is that Brexit noise fails to die down. On the flip side, fiscal and monetary policy could turn out to be supportive for growth.

Pan Euro Macro Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

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Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
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Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 3 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

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Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	5,452	6,634	6,809	7,291
Closing number of shares	4,243,234	5,144,184	5,358,115	5,671,889
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	128.50	128.95	127.08	128.54
Change in net asset value per share	(0.35%)	1.47%	(1.14%)	(1.42%)
Operating charges	0.80%	0.82%	1.07%	1.12%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	811	873	1,027	1,508
Closing number of shares	692,759	742,299	895,050	1,299,839
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	117.17	117.58	114.70	116.02
Change in net asset value per share	(0.35%)	2.51%	(1.14%)	(1.42%)
Operating charges	0.80%	0.82%	1.07%	1.12%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	45,627	51,987	62,395	69,932
Closing number of shares	43,965,900	50,030,591	61,618,042	68,621,371
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	103.78	103.91	101.26	101.91
Change in net asset value per share	(0.13%)	2.62%	(0.64%)	(0.93%)
Operating charges	0.35%	0.35%	0.57%	0.62%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	14,676	17,402	22,270	24,828
Closing number of shares	14,430,457	17,067,059	22,305,148	24,650,027
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	101.70	101.96	99.84	100.72
Change in net asset value per share	(0.26%)	2.12%	(0.87%)	(0.99%)
Operating charges	0.35%	0.35%	0.57%	0.62%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	986	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	101.85	101.75		
Change in net asset value per share	0.10%	-		
Operating charges	0.40%	0.40%		
M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	990	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	101.25	101.31		
Change in net asset value per share	(0.06%)	-		
Operating charges	0.40%	0.40%		

P Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	149	7,794	5,777	1
Closing number of shares	126,724	6,616,574	4,973,817	851
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	117.48	117.80	116.15	117.17
Change in net asset value per share	(0.27%)	1.42%	(0.87%)	(0.83%)
Operating charges	0.25%	0.25%	0.29%	0.32%
Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,432	1,264	1,039	965
Closing number of shares	933,475	824,580	692,117	642,064
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	153.38	153.34	150.10	150.34
Change in net asset value per share	0.03%	2.16%	(0.16%)	(0.47%)
Operating charges	0.05%	0.05%	0.09%	0.12%

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.

^A M share classes were launched on 29 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (99.53%)		67,005	98.33
Euro Denominated Bonds (3.30%)		-	-
Government Bonds (3.30%)		-	-
Sterling Denominated Bonds (95.04%)		65,251	95.76
Government Bonds (95.04%)		65,251	95.76
less than 5 years to maturity			
4,377,492	UK (Govt of) 0.75% 2023	4,428	6.50
983	UK (Govt of) 1% 2024	1	-
5,945,000	UK (Govt of) 1.5% 2021*	5,996	8.80
5,019,000	UK (Govt of) 1.75% 2022	5,192	7.62
2,705,978	UK (Govt of) 2.25% 2023	2,884	4.23
6,492,472	UK (Govt of) 2.75% 2024	7,184	10.54
5,145,000	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2020*	5,238	7.69
5,200,000	UK (Govt of) 3.75% 2021*	5,467	8.02
6,761,000	UK (Govt of) 4% 2022	7,263	10.66
2,868,045	UK (Govt of) 4.75% 2020	2,879	4.22
6,009,000	UK (Govt of) 8% 2021	6,607	9.71
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
12,087,000	UK (Govt of) 0.5% 2022	12,112	17.77
Swedish Krona Denominated Bonds		1,754	2.57
Government Bonds		1,754	2.57
less than 5 years to maturity			
20,665,000	Sweden (Kingdom of) 0.75% 2029	1,754	2.57
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (1.19%)		-	-
Government Bonds (1.19%)		-	-
Derivatives (-0.23%)		(1)	(0.01)
Forward Currency Contracts (-0.23%)		(18)	(0.03)
Buy AUD 64,000 Sell GBP 33,493 11/03/2020		(1)	-
Buy AUD 83,000 Sell GBP 44,138 11/03/2020		(2)	-
Buy AUD 210,000 Sell GBP 107,507 11/03/2020		(1)	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy CAD 4,401,000 Sell GBP 2,583,747 11/03/2020	(62)	(0.09)
	Buy CAD 6,734,000 Sell GBP 3,915,170 11/03/2020	(57)	(0.08)
	Buy EUR 70,000 Sell GBP 60,063 11/03/2020	(1)	-
	Buy EUR 2,547,000 Sell GBP 2,173,046 11/03/2020	(29)	(0.04)
	Buy EUR 2,838,000 Sell GBP 2,377,482 11/03/2020	12	0.02
	Buy GBP 34,878 Sell AUD 67,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 37,862 Sell AUD 71,000 11/03/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 44,352 Sell AUD 86,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 71,861 Sell AUD 136,000 11/03/2020	3	-
	Buy GBP 6,415,300 Sell CAD 11,135,000 11/03/2020	35	0.05
	Buy GBP 39,383 Sell EUR 46,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 69,941 Sell EUR 82,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 4,562,295 Sell EUR 5,385,000 11/03/2020	29	0.04
	Buy GBP 1,782,749 Sell SEK 21,992,000 11/03/2020	50	0.07
	Buy GBP 40,441 Sell USD 53,000 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy GBP 57,632 Sell USD 75,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy USD 128,000 Sell GBP 97,829 11/03/2020	(1)	-
Futures		17	0.02
82	Long Australia 3 Year Bond Future 16/03/2020	25	0.03
11	Long Canadian 10 Year Bond Future 20/03/2020	20	0.03
6	Long Long Gilt Future 27/03/2020	20	0.03
(20)	Short Euro Bond Future 06/03/2020	(48)	(0.07)
Total investment assets and liabilities		67,004	98.32
Net other assets		1,145	1.68
Total Net Assets		68,149	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

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

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital (losses)/gains		(240)		401
Revenue	231		349	
Expenses	(146)		(186)	
Interest payable and similar charges	-		(4)	
Net revenue before taxation	85		159	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		85		159
Total return before distributions		(155)		560
Distributions		(92)		(164)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(247)		396

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		85,954		99,317
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	1,804		9,106	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(19,426)		(14,409)	
		(17,622)		(5,303)
Dilution adjustment		1		
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(247)		396
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		63		114
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		68,149		94,524

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		67,206		85,739
Current assets:				
Debtors	576		12,356	
Cash and bank balances	757		280	
		1,333		12,636
Total assets		68,539		98,375
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(202)		(387)
Creditors	(179)		(12,004)	
Distribution payable	(9)		(30)	
		(188)		(12,034)
Total liabilities		(390)		(12,421)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		68,149		85,954

Distribution table**For the three months ended 31 October 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 October 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
A Income shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.0672	-	0.0672*	0.0688
Group 2	0.0335	0.0337	0.0672*	0.0688
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.0660	-	0.0660**	0.0679
Group 2	0.0360	0.0300	0.0660**	0.0679
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.0872	-	0.0872*	-
Group 2	0.0072	0.0800	0.0872*	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.0868	-	0.0868**	-
Group 2	0.0068	0.0800	0.0868**	-
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.1054	-	0.1054**	0.1088
Group 2	0.0427	0.0627	0.1054**	0.1088
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.2148	-	0.2148*	0.2154
Group 2	0.0139	0.2009	0.2148*	0.2154

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2020.

For the three months ended 31 January 2020

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2019 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
A Income shares				
Group 1	-	-	-	-
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.0635	-	0.0635*	0.1136
Group 2	0.0265	0.0370	0.0635*	0.1136
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.0622	-	0.0622**	0.1121
Group 2	0.0399	0.0223	0.0622**	0.1121
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.0547	-	0.0547*	0.2500
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.0545	-	0.0545**	0.2500
Group 2	-	-	-	-
P Income shares				
Group 1	0.1014	-	0.1014**	0.1601
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.2091	-	0.2091*	0.2830
Group 2	0.0579	0.1512	0.2091*	0.2830

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI Strategic Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in government and corporate bonds issued anywhere in the world.

Performance Target: To exceed the IA £ Strategic Bond Sector Average return over 1 year (after charges) and be top quartile over rolling three year periods. The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target. It has been chosen as the target as the constituents of the sector have similar aims and objectives.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 80% in bonds issued anywhere in the world by governments, sub-sovereigns and corporations.
- The Fund may invest in investment grade, emerging market, high yield, inflation-linked, convertible, asset backed and mortgage-backed bonds.
- At least 80% of the Fund's investments will be in Sterling or will be subjected to techniques to reduce (hedge) risk related to currency movements on non-Sterling investments. The Fund has some flexibility to seek returns from currencies.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments) and money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify bonds and derivatives after analysing company's prospects and creditworthiness alongside global economic and market conditions.
- The team also seek to reduce the risk of losses and the expected change (as measured by annual volatility) in the value of the Fund, is not ordinarily expected to exceed 8%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the average Fund of the IA £ Strategic Bond Sector Average over the long term.

Please Note: The Fund's ability to buy and sell bonds and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress which could include periods where interest rates move sharply.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund will routinely use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate extra income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives can be used to generate growth, consistent with the Fund's risk profile, if market prices are expected to rise ("long positions") or fall ("short positions").
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Strategic Bond Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 4.01% compared to an increase of 3.14% in the performance target, the IA £ Strategic Bond Sector Average return over 1 year (after charges).

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

Fixed income markets delivered some outstanding returns in the early part of the review period, fuelled by collapsing government bond yields across developed markets and fairly stable credit spreads in most higher-quality fixed income markets. Although yields were already lower than many investors thought possible, deteriorating economic data and the threat of policy action caused a further re-pricing. In this environment, investment grade credit delivered a strong performance. Riskier asset classes like high yield and emerging markets wobbled slightly as politics and economic data provided some headlines that caused volatility.

Bond yields rose in many government markets in the final three months of 2019, but corporate bonds continued to perform well as risk appetite remained healthy. In investment grade markets, spreads were materially tighter, with the US and sterling markets leading the way. High yield and emerging markets were also strong. This more positive environment for risk assets came about as global economic data appeared to be picking up modestly and a 'phase-one' trade deal between the US and China was agreed. Global central banks also appear to be prepared to maintain – or even extend – their accommodative stances going forward, thus providing further confidence.

The upbeat sentiment continued into the new year. The UK general election in mid-December appeared to settle the endless debates about Brexit, and European economic data was generally better than expected. However, in the middle of the month, the mood changed dramatically. The number of cases of 2019 novel-Coronavirus started to increase rapidly, by around 30% per day, and markets began to consider the implications for global growth. The oil price fell by just under 12% between 20 January and month end, reflecting concerns about lower demand from China. That sharp move downwards was reflected by many other commodities. Government bond yields moved sharply lower. Due to the large moves in government bonds, total returns for sterling credit were very strong, and positive in Europe. Despite the negative impact of the virus on risk assets, UK credit spreads were tighter as the post-election euphoria continued to attract investors.

Portfolio review

The portfolio performed strongly as yields fell and credit spreads tightened over the six-month period, with the activities of the major central banks playing no small part in creating this backdrop. The Fund's exposure to credit markets was focused on both lower-quality areas of the investment grade market and financial sectors, as well as some modest exposures to high yield and emerging markets. Blending these asset classes and developed market government bonds delivers superior risk-adjusted returns. Our exposure to emerging markets and high yield is relatively limited following a very strong period for both asset classes. High yield exposure is now at its lowest ever.

Government bond yields also made a positive contribution to returns. Although there were months where yields moved higher as macro-economic data showed some signs of improvements, China-US trade tensions and the emergence of the coronavirus caused a retracement towards the end of the period.

At the stock level, issuers in the banking sector were notable outperformers. UK banks RBS, Lloyds Banking Group and Virgin Media all made material positive contributions. In insurance, Phoenix Group and Aviva outperformed. Tesco Property Finance bonds were also strong performers as the issuer returned to investment grade status at all three ratings agencies.

Outlook

Credit markets have performed well of late and now appear fully valued in most areas. Higher-risk areas of the markets and high yield in particular could see a pick-up in volatility over the course of 2020. As a result, they have been pared back. The near term risks to growth caused by the impacts of the coronavirus are fairly apparent, with companies already issuing warnings about disruption to supply chains. Although there appears to be ongoing support for bonds across most markets, we are happy to run lower levels of credit risk. Interest rate exposure is held through bonds issued by the governments of Australia, Canada, the US and the UK.

Sterling IG And Aggregate Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

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Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 3 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in mortgage- and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

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The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative tables

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	567	1,230	3,151	5,795
Closing number of shares	350,896	792,485	2,117,856	3,915,615
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	161.56	155.20	148.78	148.01
Change in net asset value per share	4.10%	4.32%	0.52%	6.15%
Operating charges	1.06%	1.06%	1.13%	1.14%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	9	10	20	70
Closing number of shares	7,405	8,087	17,191	58,671
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	120.95	117.72	116.25	118.98
Change in net asset value per share	2.74%	1.26%	(2.29%)	3.25%
Operating charges	1.06%	1.06%	1.13%	1.14%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,451	8,227	17,488	21,054
Closing number of shares	2,635,128	5,082,117	11,322,477	13,769,648
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	168.90	161.88	154.46	152.90
Change in net asset value per share	4.34%	4.80%	1.02%	6.68%
Operating charges	0.61%	0.61%	0.63%	0.64%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	3,293	3,703	3,252	1,700
Closing number of shares	2,729,626	3,155,009	2,800,980	1,430,591
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	120.62	117.39	116.10	118.84
Change in net asset value per share	2.75%	1.11%	(2.31%)	3.30%
Operating charges	0.61%	0.61%	0.63%	0.64%
I Gross Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	799	893	970	928
Closing number of shares	602,844	702,770	800,228	773,628
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	132.56	127.05	121.21	119.98
Change in net asset value per share	4.34%	4.82%	1.03%	6.90%
Operating charges	0.61%	0.61%	0.63%	0.64%
I Gross Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	14,147	14,235	13,373	12,887
Closing number of shares	13,475,543	13,931,539	13,232,182	12,458,482
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	104.99	102.18	101.06	103.44
Change in net asset value per share	2.75%	1.11%	(2.30%)	3.27%
Operating charges	0.61%	0.61%	0.63%	0.64%

M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	929	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	111.58	106.83		
Change in net asset value per share	4.45%	-		
Operating charges	0.66%	0.66%		
M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	953	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	107.05	103.79		
Change in net asset value per share	3.14%	-		
Operating charges	0.66%	0.66%		
Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	63,402	59,415	62,218	73,280
Closing number of shares	35,767,571	35,060,143	38,673,467	46,244,367
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	177.26	169.47	160.88	158.46
Change in net asset value per share	4.60%	5.34%	1.53%	7.17%
Operating charges	0.11%	0.11%	0.13%	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.

^A M share classes were launched on 29 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (94.07%)		77,393	89.29
Euro Denominated Bonds (16.97%)		16,168	18.65
Corporate Bonds (16.97%)		16,168	18.65
less than 5 years to maturity			
919,000	Bausch Health 4.5% 2023	776	0.89
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
750,000	Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena 8% fixed to floating 2030	655	0.76
756,000	CK Hutchison 0.75% 2026	642	0.74
500,000	International Consolidated Airlines 1.5% 2027	422	0.49
between 10 and 15 years to maturity			
500,000	CaixaBank 2.25% 2030	440	0.51
between 15 and 25 years to maturity			
600,000	AIG 4.875% 2067	462	0.53
greater than 25 years to maturity			
200,000	Bayer 2.375% fixed to floating 2079	172	0.20
Perpetual			
200,000	Aareal Bank 7.625% fixed to floating Perpetual	170	0.20
1,900,000	ABN Amro 5.75% Perpetual	1,645	1.90
600,000	BBVA 6.75% Perpetual	505	0.58
700,000	BNP Paribas FRN Perpetual	666	0.77
1,600,000	Caixa Geral de Depositos 10.75% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,588	1.83
2,000,000	Deutsche Bank 6% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,675	1.93
900,000	Engie 3.25% Perpetual	829	0.96
1,400,000	NatWest FRN Perpetual	1,162	1.34
500,000	Stichting 6.5% Perpetual	556	0.64
500,000	Telefonica 3.875% Perpetual	455	0.52
349,000	TOTAL 1.75% fixed to floating Perpetual	303	0.35
900,000	TOTAL 3.369% Perpetual	863	0.99
1,300,000	UniCredit 7.5% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,297	1.50
900,000	UniCredit 9.25% fixed to floating Perpetual	885	1.02

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Sterling Denominated Bonds (60.01%)		48,656	56.13
Corporate Bonds (59.51%)		48,314	55.74
less than 5 years to maturity			
427,000	Arqiva 6.75% 2023	453	0.52
350,000	Barclays 10% 2021	388	0.45
830,000	City Greenwich Lewisham Rail Link 9.375% 2020	57	0.07
500,000	Deutsche Bank 2.625% 2024	510	0.59
467,000	Intu (SGS) Finance 3.875% 2023	424	0.49
600,000	Lend Lease Europe 6.125% 2021	643	0.74
152,000	MPT Operating Partnership 2.55% 2023	156	0.18
500,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 2.125% 2024	511	0.59
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
300,000	Abertis Infraestructuras 3.375% 2026	321	0.37
500,000	ABP 6.25% 2026	626	0.72
1,400,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 1.75% 2025	1,439	1.66
300,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 1.25% 2025	298	0.34
287,000	Barclays 3% 2026	304	0.35
400,000	BUPA Finance 5% 2026	466	0.54
500,000	Credit Suisse FRN 2025	512	0.59
297,000	Danske Bank 2.25% fixed to floating 2028	302	0.35
453,000	Dowson 2019-1 FRN 2026	453	0.52
199,000	Fidelity National Information Services 2.25% 2029	206	0.24
105,000	Fiserv 2.25% 2025	109	0.13
700,000	Fuller Smith & Turner 6.875% 2028	886	1.02
800,000	Hammerson 3.5% 2025	844	0.97
500,000	Hammerson 6% fixed to floating 2026	595	0.69
730,000	Kraft Heinz Foods 4.125% 2027	815	0.94
201,000	MPT Operating Partnership 3.692% 2028	214	0.25
413,000	NewRiver REIT 3.5% 2028	425	0.49
750,000	Paragon FRN 2026	802	0.92
1,187,000	Phoenix 6.625% 2025	1,408	1.62
1,300,000	Quadgas Finance 3.375% 2029	1,401	1.62
400,000	Scentre Management 3.875% 2026	450	0.52
711,000	Smith (DS) 2.875% 2029	751	0.87
800,000	Trafford Centre 7.03% 2029	506	0.58
347,000	Unite Group 3.5% 2028	387	0.45
1,000,000	Virgin Media 6.25% 2029	958	1.11
600,000	Welltower 4.8% 2028	730	0.84
315,000	Westfield Stratford City Finance 1.642% 2026	324	0.37

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
between 10 and 15 years to maturity				
	760,000	Annington Funding 3.685% 2034	883	1.02
	600,000	Broadgate Financing 5.098% 2035	636	0.73
	700,000	Digital Stout 3.75% 2030	806	0.93
	800,000	Fidelity National Information Services 3.36% 2031	911	1.05
	483,000	Morrison (Wm) 2.5% 2031	499	0.58
	100,000	Orange 3.25% 2032	114	0.13
	520,000	Premiertel 6.175% 2032	557	0.64
	200,000	Total Capital International 1.405% 2031	201	0.23
	700,000	Tritax Big Box REIT 3.125% 2031	765	0.88
	361,000	Verizon Communications 1.875% 2030	365	0.42
between 15 and 25 years to maturity				
	150,000	Aster Treasury 4.5% 2043	219	0.25
	800,000	CNP Assurances 7.375% 2041	878	1.01
	1,012,000	QBE Insurance 6.115% 2042	1,106	1.28
	1,086,000	Tesco 5.744% 2040	1,402	1.62
greater than 25 years to maturity				
	250,000	American International FRN 2067	217	0.25
	1,000,000	Aviva 5.125% 2050	1,170	1.35
	858,000	BHP Billiton 6.5% 2077	963	1.11
	170,000	Channel Link 3.043% 2050	182	0.21
	400,000	Dignity 4.6956% Perpetual	344	0.40
	500,000	Income Contingent Student Loans 2 2007-2009 2.5% 2058	457	0.53
	833,000	Koninklijke KPN 6.875% 2073	837	0.97
	1,550,000	NGG 5.625% fixed to floating 2073	1,760	2.03
	400,000	Prudential 5% 2055	457	0.53
	266,000	RL Finance 4.875% Fixed to Floating 2039	283	0.33
	350,000	RSA Insurance FRN 2045	401	0.46
Perpetual				
	500,000	Aviva 5.9021% fixed to floating Perpetual	508	0.59
	1,500,000	AXA 6.6862% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,829	2.11
	1,000,000	Bank of Scotland 7.281% Perpetual	1,235	1.42
	411,000	Barclays 6.375% fixed to floating Perpetual	455	0.52
	460,000	Barclays 9% Perpetual	559	0.64
	200,000	Cheltenham & Gloucester 11.75% Perpetual	409	0.47
	345,000	CYBG 8% Perpetual	368	0.42
	600,000	EDF 6% Perpetual	674	0.78
	345,000	HBOS 5.75% fixed to floating Perpetual	348	0.40
	1,010,000	HSBC 5.844% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,393	1.61

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
1,000,000	Lloyds Bank 13% fixed to floating Perpetual		1,809	2.09
500,000	National Westminster Bank FRN Perpetual		556	0.64
252,000	Nationwide Building Society 5.875% fixed to floating Perpetual		275	0.32
214,000	Orange 5.75% fixed to floating Perpetual		237	0.27
800,000	Orange 5.875% Perpetual		865	1.00
700,000	SSE 3.875% fixed to floating Perpetual		707	0.82
Government Bonds (0.50%)			342	0.39
less than 5 years to maturity				
340,000	China Development Bank 1.25% 2023		342	0.39
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (16.69%)			9,331	10.77
Corporate Bonds (16.69%)			9,331	10.77
less than 5 years to maturity				
1,650,000	ABN Amro 6.25% 2022		1,356	1.57
1,500,000	UBS 7.625% 2022		1,280	1.48
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
800,000	ABN Amro FRN 2028		639	0.74
750,000	Bahamas(Commonwealth of) 6% 2028		645	0.74
500,000	Deutsche Bank 4.296% fixed to floating 2028		376	0.43
218,000	Syngenta Finance 4.892% 2025		181	0.21
600,000	Turkcell Iletisim 5.8% 2028		474	0.55
greater than 25 years to maturity				
507,000	NatWest Markets 7.125% 2093		654	0.76
Perpetual				
370,000	Australia & New Zealand Banking FRN Perpetual		211	0.24
1,600,000	Bank of Nova Scotia FRN Perpetual		1,234	1.42
1,000,000	Credit Suisse 6.25% Perpetual		837	0.97
350,000	Hongkong & Shanghai Banking FRN Perpetual		219	0.25
525,000	Royal Bank of Scotland FRN Perpetual		575	0.66
428,000	Societe Generale FRN Perpetual		358	0.41
349,000	UBS Group Funding Switzerland FRN Perpetual		292	0.34

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Government Bonds (0.40%)		3,238	3.74
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
1,000,000	Indonesia (Republic of) 4.75% 2029	877	1.01
3,000,000	US Treasury 2% 2026	2,361	2.73
Collective Investment Schemes (0.00%)		1,690	1.95
200,000	ASI Emerging Markets Corporate Bond Fund ⁺	1,690	1.95
Derivatives (-1.25%)		(870)	(1.00)
Credit Default Swaps (-0.12%)		(1,212)	(1.40)
EUR 5,000,000	Buy CDX iTraxx Europe Series 32 5Y 20/12/2024	(543)	(0.63)
EUR 5,000,000	Buy CDX iTraxx Europe Series 32 5Y 20/12/2024	(543)	(0.63)
EUR 3,200,000	Buy Telefonica 20/12/2023 1.0%	(56)	(0.07)
EUR 3,200,000	Sell CDX JP Morgan Securities 20/12/2024	(26)	(0.03)
EUR 1,500,000	Sell CDX JP Morgan Securities 20/12/2029	(44)	(0.04)
Forward Currency Contracts (-1.01%)		170	0.20
	Buy AUD 109,000 Sell GBP 56,976 11/03/2020	(2)	-
	Buy AUD 109,000 Sell GBP 57,240 11/03/2020	(2)	-
	Buy AUD 109,000 Sell GBP 57,527 11/03/2020	(2)	-
	Buy AUD 155,000 Sell GBP 80,547 11/03/2020	(2)	-
	Buy AUD 177,000 Sell GBP 93,301 11/03/2020	(3)	-
	Buy AUD 212,000 Sell GBP 110,048 11/03/2020	(2)	-
	Buy AUD 261,000 Sell GBP 135,308 11/03/2020	(3)	-
	Buy CAD 215,000 Sell GBP 124,566 11/03/2020	(1)	-
	Buy EUR 62,000 Sell GBP 52,878 11/03/2020	(1)	-
	Buy EUR 103,000 Sell GBP 87,548 11/03/2020	(1)	-
	Buy EUR 393,000 Sell GBP 333,769 11/03/2020	(3)	-
	Buy EUR 670,000 Sell GBP 568,174 11/03/2020	(4)	-
	Buy GBP 57,967 Sell AUD 109,000 11/03/2020	3	-
	Buy GBP 85,382 Sell AUD 161,000 11/03/2020	4	-
	Buy GBP 88,736 Sell AUD 172,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 94,592 Sell AUD 179,000 11/03/2020	4	-
	Buy GBP 130,202 Sell AUD 252,000 11/03/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 385,103 Sell AUD 742,000 11/03/2020	8	0.01
	Buy GBP 55,691 Sell CAD 95,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 88,149 Sell CAD 153,000 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy GBP 40,073 Sell EUR 47,000 11/03/2020	1	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy GBP 40,190 Sell EUR 47,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 46,068 Sell EUR 54,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 48,159 Sell EUR 57,000 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy GBP 79,688 Sell EUR 94,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 92,791 Sell EUR 108,000 11/03/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 134,360 Sell EUR 159,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 184,245 Sell EUR 218,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 314,223 Sell EUR 372,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 375,456 Sell EUR 444,000 11/03/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 403,565 Sell EUR 479,000 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy GBP 750,207 Sell EUR 881,000 11/03/2020	9	0.01
	Buy GBP 14,689,999 Sell EUR 17,339,000 11/03/2020	93	0.11
	Buy GBP 65,557 Sell USD 85,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 88,746 Sell USD 117,000 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy GBP 99,191 Sell USD 131,000 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy GBP 101,612 Sell USD 134,000 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy GBP 113,298 Sell USD 148,000 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 142,229 Sell USD 190,000 11/03/2020	(2)	-
	Buy GBP 240,131 Sell USD 313,000 11/03/2020	3	-
	Buy GBP 266,870 Sell USD 349,000 11/03/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 444,436 Sell USD 580,000 11/03/2020	5	-
	Buy GBP 1,215,490 Sell USD 1,583,000 11/03/2020	16	0.02
	Buy GBP 1,705,034 Sell USD 2,219,000 11/03/2020	23	0.02
	Buy GBP 2,370,860 Sell USD 3,083,000 11/03/2020	35	0.04
	Buy GBP 10,902,085 Sell USD 14,376,000 11/03/2020	8	0.01
	Buy USD 73,000 Sell GBP 56,131 11/03/2020	(1)	-
	Buy USD 75,000 Sell GBP 57,454 11/03/2020	(1)	-
	Buy USD 77,000 Sell GBP 58,921 11/03/2020	(1)	-
	Buy USD 79,000 Sell GBP 60,012 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy USD 92,000 Sell GBP 70,108 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy USD 116,000 Sell GBP 87,677 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy USD 141,000 Sell GBP 105,351 11/03/2020	1	-
	Buy USD 148,000 Sell GBP 112,350 11/03/2020	-	-
	Buy USD 192,000 Sell GBP 147,600 11/03/2020	(2)	-
	Buy USD 260,000 Sell GBP 197,448 11/03/2020	(1)	-
	Buy USD 313,000 Sell GBP 239,984 11/03/2020	(3)	-
	Buy USD 328,000 Sell GBP 250,901 11/03/2020	(2)	-
	Buy USD 559,000 Sell GBP 425,672 11/03/2020	(2)	-
	Buy USD 734,000 Sell GBP 559,652 11/03/2020	(4)	-
	Buy USD 976,000 Sell GBP 748,205 11/03/2020	(9)	(0.01)
	Buy USD 996,000 Sell GBP 761,774 11/03/2020	(7)	(0.01)

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Futures (-0.09%)		231	0.27
72	Long Australia 10 Year Bond Future 16/03/2020	86	0.10
40	Long Canadian 10 Year Bond Future 20/03/2020	68	0.08
193	Long US 10 Year Note Future 20/03/2020	219	0.26
(12)	Short Euro Bond Future 06/03/2020	(32)	(0.04)
(25)	Short Euro Buxl 30 Year Future 06/03/2020	(180)	(0.21)
(30)	Short Euro-Bobl Future 06/03/2020	(23)	(0.03)
(52)	Short Long Gilt Future 27/03/2020	(59)	(0.07)
145	Short US 5 Year Note Future 31/03/2020	152	0.18
Inflation Swaps (-0.03%)		(63)	(0.07)
USD 3,100,000	Pay fixed 2.0545% receive floating USCPI 14/01/2029	(63)	(0.07)
Interest Rate Swaps (0.00%)		4	0.00
GBP 14,400,000	Pay fixed 0.6190% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 26/09/2069	33	0.04
GBP 780,000	Pay fixed 0.9340% receive floating GBP-LIBOR 12/08/2054	(20)	(0.03)
GBP 4,240,000	Pay floating GBP-LIBOR receive fixed 0.6330% 12/08/2026	(9)	(0.01)
Total investment assets and liabilities		78,213	90.24
Net other assets		8,457	9.76
Total Net Assets		86,670	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		2,302		(2,252)
Revenue	1,602		1,985	
Expenses	(116)		(142)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(2)		(3)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,484		1,840	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		1,484		1,840
Total return before distributions		3,786		(412)
Distributions		(1,484)		(1,840)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		2,302		(2,252)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		87,713		100,472
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	4,270		5,175	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(8,831)		(19,131)	
		(4,561)		(13,956)
Dilution adjustment		19		47
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		2,302		(2,252)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,197		1,445
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		86,670		85,756

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		79,872		82,721
Current assets:				
Debtors	1,325		1,165	
Cash and bank balances	7,631		5,304	
		8,956		6,469
Total assets		88,828		89,190
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(1,659)		(1,305)
Creditors	(369)		(22)	
Distribution payable	(130)		(150)	
		(499)		(172)
Total liabilities		(2,158)		(1,477)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		86,670		87,713

Distribution table

For the three months ended 31 October 2019

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 October 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0669	-	1.0669*	1.0587
Group 2	0.6518	0.4151	1.0669*	1.0587
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.8068	-	0.8068**	0.8273
Group 2	-	-	-	0.8273
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2980	-	1.2980*	1.2979
Group 2	0.8063	0.4917	1.2980*	1.2979
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.9412	-	0.9412**	0.9756
Group 2	0.1489	0.7923	0.9412**	0.9756
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0187	-	1.0187*	1.0203
Group 2	0.2472	0.7715	1.0187*	1.0203
I Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.8192	-	0.8192**	0.8507
Group 2	0.4475	0.3717	0.8192**	0.8507
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5897	-	0.5897*	-
Group 2	0.0497	0.5400	0.5897*	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.5780	-	0.5780**	-
Group 2	0.0480	0.5300	0.5780**	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5743	-	1.5743*	1.5576
Group 2	-	-	-	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2020.

For the three months ended 31 January 2020

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2019 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0131	-	1.0131*	1.2782
Group 2	0.7761	0.2370	1.0131*	1.2782
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.7616	-	0.7616**	0.8349
Group 2	0.7213	0.0403	0.7616**	0.8349
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2483	-	1.2483*	1.4792
Group 2	0.7175	0.5308	1.2483*	1.4792
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.8965	-	0.8965**	1.1416
Group 2	0.1787	0.7178	0.8965**	1.1416
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9777	-	0.9777*	1.1965
Group 2	0.5751	0.4026	0.9777*	1.1965
I Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.7802	-	0.7802**	0.9914
Group 2	0.3421	0.4381	0.7802**	0.9914
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8308	-	0.8308*	0.8100
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.8004	-	0.8004**	0.8100
Group 2	-	-	-	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5250	-	1.5250*	1.7965
Group 2	0.4808	1.0442	1.5250*	1.7965

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution payable on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI Target Return Bond Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate a positive return over rolling 12-month periods in all market conditions by investing in government and corporate bonds issued anywhere in the world. Invested capital is however at risk and there is no guarantee that this positive return will be attained over any time period.

Performance Target: To exceed the return of the 3 Month GBP LIBOR plus 3% per annum (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

3 Month GBP LIBOR has been chosen as a proxy for the return on cash deposits.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest directly or indirectly via derivatives, in fixed income markets and bonds issued anywhere in the world by governments, sub-sovereigns and corporations, as well as money-market instruments and cash.
- The Fund may invest in investment grade, high yield, inflation-linked, convertible, asset backed and mortgage-backed bonds.
- The Fund has flexibility to seek returns from currencies.
- The Fund may invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments).
- In some instances, up to 100% of the Fund may at any time consist of money-market instruments and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to identify bonds and derivatives based on analysis of global economic and market conditions (for example, interest rates and inflation), analysis of a company's prospects and creditworthiness compared to that of the market and make flexible allocations across bond, derivatives and currencies.
- The team also seek to reduce the risk of losses and the expected change (as measured by annual volatility) in the value of the Fund, is not ordinarily expected to exceed 7.50%.

Please Note: The Fund's ability to buy and sell bonds and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress which could include periods where interest rates move sharply.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund will make extensive use of derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate extra income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

- Derivatives can be used to generate growth, consistent with the Fund's risk profile, if market prices are expected to rise ("long positions") or fall ("short positions"). Leverage in the Fund arises as a result of the use of derivatives.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI Target Return Bond Fund - A Accumulation Shares increased by 2.11% compared to an increase of 1.86% in the performance target, the 3 Month GBP LIBOR.

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 global Investment Grade (IG) corporate bond market was stronger over the review period, with spreads tightening by 6 basis points (bps). In addition, with the 10-year US Treasury yield declining by a sizeable 49 bps, credit returns were positive.

There were a number of factors driving the tighter spreads over the review period. Despite growth concerns, employment was strong, with the unemployment rate in the US at a multi-decade low and near a record low in Europe. Persistent US-China trade war concerns gave way to an eventual 'phase-one' US-China trade deal, with the outcome of the UK election towards the end of 2019 also seen as market-friendly. Less favourably, the Coronavirus outbreak originating in China towards the end of review period was a growing concern. However, it contributed to a sharp decline in Treasury yields in January, which was supportive for high-grade global corporate bond total returns.

Portfolio review

Fund performance over the period was strong. Positive political news and central bank support continued to drive a positive risk environment, which enabled solid returns from credit holdings. The rates portfolio also performed well. Firstly because of the Fund's UK positioning, which anticipated positive political progress. The Fund was short the UK government bond market and short the UK inflation market, both of which benefitted from the more positive tone regarding Brexit and the resounding Conservative election victory. In addition, the Fund was correctly positioned to benefit from steeper yield curves in the US and Canada. Foreign exchange was a small drag as Fund positioning was more defensive. The most notable drags were from the Fund's long positioning in Japanese yen, short Korean won and short South African rand. A position in sterling was a positive however, as was a short position in the Brazilian real.

Outlook

The rising spread of the Coronavirus in Asia, and the likely resulting drag on economic growth in the region, and China in particular, are risks we are monitoring closely. The economic impact looks manageable in our view. Monetary stimulus by the Chinese central bank has already been initiated as a stabilising initiative, with more to come if required. However, we remain vigilant in terms of certain sector exposures, with a focus on more directly impacted areas, including airlines, hotels or commodity producers.

In terms of valuations, European markets have been more resilient than US markets in January. This was helped by the European Central Bank's purchase programme for euros and reduced supply, as well as a prolonged post-election rally in sterling.

We remain overweight credit risk, given the risk-off tone in January and more pronounced weakness in certain parts of the global credit market. We are also selectively looking to add to higher quality issuers.

Global IG and Aggregate Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 2 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- The fund invests in mortgage- and asset-backed securities which are subject to prepayment, extension, liquidity and default risk.
- Convertible securities are investments that can be changed into another form upon certain triggers. As such, they can exhibit credit, equity and fixed interest risk. Contingent convertible securities (CoCos) are similar to convertible securities but have additional triggers which mean that they are more vulnerable to losses and volatile price movements and hence become less liquid. For example, a coco bond can lose some or all of its value instantaneously if a trigger, such as the issuer experiencing capital shortfalls, occurs.
- The fund invests in securities which are subject to the risk that the issuer may default on interest or capital payments.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and/or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund invests in high yielding bonds which carry a greater risk of default than those with lower yields.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,202	1,376	1,479	4,920
Closing number of shares	973,787	1,140,057	1,233,542	4,140,283
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	123.41	120.71	119.86	118.84
Change in net asset value per share	2.24%	0.71%	0.86%	1.75%
Operating charges	1.06%	1.08%	1.12%	1.13%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	7	7	8	8
Closing number of shares	7,287	7,277	8,376	8,376
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	98.88	97.34	97.90	98.04
Change in net asset value per share	1.58%	(0.57%)	(0.14%)	1.02%
Operating charges	1.06%	1.08%	1.12%	1.13%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	6,850	7,280	8,473	19,711
Closing number of shares	6,177,488	6,728,023	7,922,608	18,682,666
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	110.88	108.21	106.95	105.50
Change in net asset value per share	2.47%	1.18%	1.37%	2.29%
Operating charges	0.61%	0.61%	0.62%	0.63%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1,708	2,221	3,073	9,387
Closing number of shares	1,753,340	2,318,924	3,190,752	9,735,252
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	97.39	95.76	96.31	96.42
Change in net asset value per share	1.70%	(0.57%)	(0.11%)	1.05%
Operating charges	0.61%	0.61%	0.62%	0.63%
I Gross Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	36	46	17,221	70,799
Closing number of shares	28,045	37,266	14,017,903	58,428,503
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	127.35	124.30	122.85	121.17
Change in net asset value per share	2.45%	1.18%	1.39%	2.29%
Operating charges	0.61%	0.61%	0.62%	0.63%
I Gross Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	102	101	110	161
Closing number of shares	106,125	106,125	115,303	167,903
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	96.52	95.02	95.57	95.68
Change in net asset value per share	1.58%	(0.58%)	(0.11%)	1.05%
Operating charges	0.61%	0.61%	0.62%	0.63%

K Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	19	23	25	26
Closing number of shares	17,741	21,576	24,044	25,429
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	108.58	105.93	104.65	103.20
Change in net asset value per share	2.50%	1.22%	1.41%	2.50%
Operating charges	0.56%	0.56%	0.57%	0.58%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	965	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	104.95	102.29		
Change in net asset value per share	2.60%	-		
Operating charges	0.66%	0.66%		
M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	982	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	102.30	100.40		
Change in net asset value per share	1.89%	-		
Operating charges	0.66%	0.66%		
Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	151,896	149,053	145,066	77,064
Closing number of shares	109,714,046	110,597,786	109,450,425	59,233,225
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	138.45	134.77	132.54	130.10
Change in net asset value per share	2.73%	1.68%	1.88%	2.78%
Operating charges	0.11%	0.11%	0.12%	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.

^A M share classes were launched on 29 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Bonds (96.59%)		150,143	92.79
Australian Dollar Denominated Bonds (0.36%)		319	0.20
Corporate Bonds (0.36%)		319	0.20
less than 5 years to maturity			
600,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide 3.25% 2022	319	0.20
Euro Denominated Bonds (28.92%)		47,526	29.37
Corporate Bonds (28.25%)		45,905	28.37
less than 5 years to maturity			
358,000	Abbott Ireland Financing 2020	301	0.19
400,000	Amadeus IT FRN 2022	337	0.21
252,000	Annington Funding 1.65% 2024	222	0.14
741,000	Arion Banki 1% 2023	633	0.39
1,100,000	AT&T FRN 2023	938	0.58
1,554,000	AT&T FRN 2023	1,326	0.82
1,300,000	Atos 0.75% 2022	1,113	0.69
1,000,000	BBVA 0.75% 2022	857	0.53
1,245,000	BMW Finance 0.25% 2022	1,055	0.65
900,000	CaixaBank 2.375% 2024	816	0.50
1,000,000	Cemex 2.75% 2024	861	0.53
680,000	China National Chemical 1.75% 2022	588	0.36
622,000	Chubb INA 0.3% 2024	527	0.33
776,000	CK Hutchison 0.375% 2023	658	0.41
636,000	Coca-Cola FRN 2021	536	0.33
404,000	Danske Bank 0.875% 2023	345	0.21
350,000	Danske Bank 1.375% 2022	302	0.19
423,000	Dell Bank International 0.625% 2022	360	0.22
357,000	Digital Dutch 0.125% 2022	301	0.19
1,564,000	DNB Bank 0.05% 2023	1,319	0.82
1,200,000	Essilorluxottica 0% 2023	1,013	0.63
324,000	FCA Bank 0.25% 2023	273	0.17
475,000	FCA Bank 1% 2022	407	0.25
483,000	FCA Bank 1.25% 2022	417	0.26
917,000	Fidelity National Information Services 0.125% 2022	775	0.49
540,000	Fidelity National Information Services 0.75% 2023	464	0.29
965,000	Fresenius Medical Care 0.25% 2023	817	0.50
1,122,000	General Motors Financial FRN 2021	946	0.58
1,320,000	HSBC FRN 2021	1,117	0.69

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
100,000	International Game Technology 3.5% 2024		89	0.05
500,000	Islandsbanki 1.125% 2022		429	0.27
1,200,000	Lloyds Banking Group 0.625% 2024		1,020	0.63
339,000	Logicor Financing 0.5% 2021		287	0.18
855,000	Medtronic Global 0% 2022		721	0.45
563,000	Medtronic Global 0.375% 2023		480	0.30
523,000	Metropolitan Life Global Funding I 0% 2022		441	0.27
760,000	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial 0.339% 2024		644	0.40
300,000	Mondi 3.375% 2020		258	0.16
391,000	NE Property 2.625% 2023		347	0.21
794,000	Nykredit Realkredit 0.25% 2023		670	0.41
836,000	Nykredit Realkredit 0.5% 2022		710	0.44
400,000	Orange 0.5% 2022		340	0.21
341,000	PACCAR Financial Europe 0.125% 2022		289	0.18
380,000	RCI Banque 1.25% 2022		327	0.20
280,000	Schaeffler 1.125% 2022		240	0.15
2,100,000	SELP Finance 1.25% 2023		1,826	1.13
455,000	Siemens 0.3% 2024		390	0.24
1,000,000	Takeda Pharmaceutical FRN 2022		858	0.53
576,000	Teva Pharmaceutical 0.375% 2020		293	0.18
1,600,000	Thermo Fisher Scientific 2.15% 2022		1,414	0.87
600,000	TLG Immobilien 0.375% 2022		509	0.31
900,000	Vesteda Finance 2.5% 2022		801	0.50
300,000	Volkswagen Bank 0.625% 2021		255	0.16
633,000	Volkswagen Leasing 0.5% 2022		537	0.33
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
500,000	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria 1% fixed to floating 2030		418	0.26
1,120,000	Barclays 2% 2028		968	0.60
900,000	CaixaBank 2.75% 2028		802	0.50
765,000	Digital Dutch 0.625% 2025		648	0.40
1,300,000	Rabobank 2.5% 2026		1,126	0.70
402,000	Thermo Fisher Scientific 0.125% 2025		338	0.21
500,000	UniCredit 1.2% fixed to floating 2026		424	0.26
800,000	UniCredit 4.375% 2027		713	0.44
648,000	Zuercher Kantonalbank 2.625% 2027		572	0.35
between 15 and 25 years to maturity				
1,120,000	Aviva 6.125% 2043		1,107	0.68

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
greater than 25 years to maturity			
250,000	Orsted FRN 3019	215	0.13
Perpetual			
400,000	ABN Amro 5.75% Perpetual	346	0.21
400,000	Credit Agricole 6.5% Perpetual	361	0.22
870,000	Danske Bank 7.5% 2020 Perpetual	736	0.45
900,000	Engie 1.625% fixed to floating 2025 Perpetual	766	0.47
800,000	Telefonica FRN Perpetual	699	0.43
797,000	TOTAL 1.75% fixed to floating 2024 Perpetual	691	0.43
100,000	TOTAL 2.25% Perpetual	86	0.05
800,000	UBS 5.75% Perpetual	731	0.45
400,000	Vonovia Finance 4% fixed to floating Perpetual	359	0.22
Government Bonds (0.67%)		1,621	1.00
less than 5 years to maturity			
700,000	Germany (Fed Rep of) 1.5% 2023	628	0.39
1,179,000	Medtronic Global 0% 2021	993	0.61
Sterling Denominated Bonds (29.77%)		38,337	23.69
Corporate Bonds (29.77%)		37,683	23.29
less than 5 years to maturity			
625,000	Anheuser-Busch InBev 9.75% 2024	859	0.53
620,000	Arqiva 4.04% 2020	627	0.39
250,000	Arrow Global 5.125% 2024**	254	0.16
500,000	Bank of Montreal 1.375% 2021	505	0.31
500,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 1.375% 2021	503	0.31
1,243,000	Barclays 2.375% 2023	1,268	0.78
1,500,000	Barclays 10% 2021	1,661	1.03
750,000	BUPA 3.375% 2021	773	0.48
661,000	CPUK 4.25% 2022	672	0.42
2,100,000	Deutsche Bank 1.75% 2021	2,099	1.30
700,000	Deutsche Bank 2.625% 2024	714	0.44
1,150,000	FCA Capital Ireland 1.625% 2021	1,153	0.71
90,000	General Electric 5.5% 2021	95	0.06
1,530,000	HSBC 2.175% 2023	1,558	0.96
830,000	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China (London) 1.5% 2022	833	0.51
750,000	Lend Lease Europe 6.125% 2021	804	0.50
428,000	MPT Operating Partnership 2.55% 2023	440	0.27

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Holding	Investment		
	2,000,000	NatWest 6.5% 2021	2,159	1.33
	454,000	New York Life Global Funding 1.625% 2023	464	0.29
	160,000	Petróleos Mexicanos 8.25% 2022	182	0.11
	1,500,000	Phoenix 5.75% 2021	1,586	0.98
	560,000	Royal Bank of Canada 1.375% 2024	566	0.35
	800,000	Telefonica Emisiones 5.597% 2020	804	0.50
	1,000,000	Tesco 6.125% 2022	1,097	0.68
	500,000	UBS 1.25% 2020	501	0.31
	750,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.5% 2021	752	0.46
	600,000	Volkswagen Financial Services 1.875% 2021	605	0.37
	950,000	Wells Fargo 1.375% 2022	955	0.59
between 5 and 10 years to maturity				
	600,000	Credit Suisse FRN 2025	614	0.38
	420,000	CYBG 5% 2026	431	0.27
	428,000	Hammerson 3.5% 2025	452	0.28
	578,000	Lloyds Banking 1.875% fixed to floating 2026	583	0.36
	722,000	Tesco 2.5% 2025	755	0.47
	473,000	Westfield Stratford City Finance 1.642% 2026	486	0.30
between 15 and 25 years to maturity				
	1,100,000	Aviva 6.625% fixed to floating 2041	1,173	0.73
	1,200,000	Legal & General 10% 2041	1,348	0.83
	1,250,000	QBE Insurance 6.115% 2042	1,366	0.85
	900,000	SLM Student Loan Trust 5.15% 2039	846	0.52
greater than 25 years to maturity				
	950,000	America Movil 6.375% fixed to floating 2073	974	0.60
	4	London Wall Mortgage Capital FRN 2048	-	-
Perpetual				
	1,000,000	Bank of Scotland 7.281% Perpetual	1,235	0.76
	100,000	HBOS 7.881% fixed to floating Perpetual	157	0.10
	1,800,000	SSE 3.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	1,818	1.12
	845,000	Zurich FRN Perpetual	956	0.59
Government Bonds (0.00%)			654	0.40
less than 5 years to maturity				
	650,000	China Development Bank 1.25% 2023	654	0.40

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
US Dollar Denominated Bonds (37.54%)		63,961	39.53
Corporate Bonds (37.33%)		63,540	39.27
less than 5 years to maturity			
1,808,000	AbbVie 2.6% 2024	1,400	0.87
1,200,000	Alfa 5.25% 2024	989	0.61
450,000	Ally Financial 5.125% 2024	380	0.23
570,000	AXA Equitable Holdings 3.9% 2023	458	0.28
777,000	Ball 5% 2022	623	0.38
1,910,000	Bank of America FRN 2022	1,469	0.91
1,230,000	Banque Federative du Credit Mutuel 2.125% 2022	940	0.58
400,000	BBVA Bancomer 6.5% 2021	316	0.20
387,000	BBVA Bancomer 6.75% 2022	322	0.20
1,080,000	Blue Cube Spinco 9.75% 2023	877	0.54
1,400,000	BNP Paribas 2.95% 2022	1,087	0.67
1,280,000	BPCE 2.375% 2025	977	0.60
600,000	BPCE 4.625% 2024	495	0.31
2,020,000	Cardinal Health FRN 2022	1,539	0.95
2,270,000	CCO 5.125% 2023	1,741	1.08
1,500,000	Cenovus Energy 3% 2022	1,163	0.72
1,170,000	Cheniere Christi Corpus 7% 2024	1,028	0.64
502,000	China Oil & Gas 5.5% 2023	392	0.24
2,000,000	Citigroup FRN 2023	1,551	0.96
866,000	Citizens Bank 3.25% 2022	676	0.42
1,400,000	Comcel Trust 6.875% 2024	1,087	0.67
600,000	Continental Resources 4.5% 2023	481	0.30
1,051,000	Continental Resources 5% 2022	800	0.49
750,000	Country Garden Holdings 7.5% 2020	571	0.35
400,000	Country Garden Holdings 8% 2024	330	0.20
300,000	Credit Suisse 2.1% 2021	229	0.14
3,249,000	CVS Health FRN 2021	2,479	1.53
528,000	Danske Bank 5% 2022	422	0.26
615,000	Delta Air Lines 2.9% 2024	472	0.29
1,996,000	Dominion Energy 2.715% 2021	1,530	0.95
1,029,000	Dominion Energy Gas 2.5% 2024	792	0.49
685,000	DTE Energy 2.6% 2022	527	0.33
550,000	Energy Transfer Operating 4.25% 2023	439	0.27
100,000	ENI 4.15% 2020	77	0.05
514,000	Equifax 2.6% 2024	399	0.25
221,000	Exelon 3.497% 2022	173	0.11
880,000	First Abu Dhabi Bank 3% 2022	678	0.42
1,232,000	Ford Motor Credit 3.087% 2023	943	0.58

		Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment		
999,000	Halliburton 3.5% 2023	793	0.49
1,900,000	Intesa Sanpaolo 6.5% 2021	1,509	0.93
1,000,000	JPMorgan Chase FRN 2022	762	0.47
2,005,000	JPMorgan Chase FRN 2023	1,551	0.96
1,000,000	Kinder Morgan Energy 3.5% 2021	770	0.48
1,100,000	Lennar 4.75% 2021	853	0.53
1,000,000	Mexichem 4.875% 2022	806	0.50
778,000	Morgan Stanley 2.625% 2021	599	0.37
48,000	Mylan 3.75% 2020	37	0.02
1,310,000	NTPC 5.625% 2021	1,038	0.64
1,593,000	Occidental Petroleum 4.85% 2021	1,244	0.77
2,366,000	Occidental Petroleum FRN 2022	1,805	1.12
400,000	Owens-Brockway Glass Container 5% 2022	314	0.19
1,000,000	Penske Truck Leasing 3.375% 2022	778	0.48
1,033,000	Perrigo Finance 3.5% 2021	801	0.49
1,200,000	Pertamina Persero 5.25% 2021	946	0.58
520,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 6.1% 2023	438	0.27
2,000,000	Sabine Pass Liquefaction 6.25% 2022	1,630	1.01
455,000	Sasol Financing 4.5% 2022	356	0.22
1,002,000	Saudi Arabian Oil 2.75% 2022	770	0.48
544,000	SBA Tower Trust 2.836% 2025	426	0.26
1,150,000	Sempra Energy FRN 2021	874	0.54
200,000	Shimao Property 4.75% 2022	154	0.10
500,000	Shimao Property 6.125% 2024	400	0.25
500,000	Sprint 7.875% 2023	402	0.25
420,000	UBS 3.491% 2023	329	0.20
601,000	Volkswagen 2.7% 2022	463	0.29
1,450,000	Welltower 3.75% 2023	1,155	0.71
500,000	Western Midstream Operating 4% 2022	390	0.24
800,000	ZF North America Capital 4% 2020	609	0.38
between 5 and 10 years to maturity			
1,200,000	ABN Amro FRN 2028	959	0.59
500,000	Bausch Health 5.75% 2027	406	0.25
1,625,000	BNP Paribas 2.819% fixed to floating 2025	1,264	0.78
582,000	Country Garden Holdings 5.125% 2027	444	0.27
635,000	CSC Holdings 10.875% 2025	534	0.33
600,000	Diamondback Energy 5.375% 2025	476	0.29
563,000	ING FRN 2028	454	0.28
500,000	JBS Investments II 7% 2026	413	0.26
569,000	Societe Generale 4.25% 2025	462	0.29

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
greater than 25 years to maturity				
	1,410,000	JP Morgan Mortgage Trust 2018-6 3.5% 2048	565	0.35
	237,153	JP Morgan Mortgage Trust 2018-9 4% 2049	112	0.07
	1,379,171	Sequoia Mortgage Trust 2018-6 4% 2048	489	0.30
Perpetual				
	800,000	Credit Suisse 6.25% Perpetual	670	0.41
	360,000	DNB Bank 4.875% fixed to floating Perpetual	279	0.17
	960,000	Royal Bank of Scotland 8.625% Perpetual	788	0.49
	1,000,000	SEB 5.75% Perpetual	764	0.47
	800,000	UBS 7.125% fixed to floating Perpetual	607	0.38
Government Bonds (0.21%)			421	0.26
less than 5 years to maturity				
	543,000	US Treasury 2.5% 2022	421	0.26
Collective Investment Schemes (1.88%)			5,604	3.46
	5,603	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund ⁺	5,604	3.46
Derivatives (-2.10%)			(112)	(0)
Credit Default Swaps (-0.97%)			(1,545)	(0.95)
	21,300,000	Buy CDX Index iTraxx Series 115 20/06/2024	(409)	(0.25)
	1,776,006	Buy CDX Index iTraxx Series 117 20/06/2024	(169)	(0.10)
	1,666,000	Buy CDX Index iTraxx Series 119 20/06/2024	(118)	(0.07)
	40,300,000	Buy CDX Index iTraxx Series 116 20/06/2024	(935)	(0.58)
	4,000,000	Buy Vodafone Senior Unsecured	(65)	(0.04)
	1,600,000	Sell Virgin Media Senior Unsecured	151	0.09
Forward Currency Contracts (-1.61%)			1,502	0.93
		Buy AUD 3,041,000 Sell GBP 1,620,268 18/02/2020	(76)	(0.05)
		Buy AUD 3,104,000 Sell NZD 3,212,723 18/02/2020	(1)	-
		Buy AUD 6,124,000 Sell NZD 6,367,049 18/02/2020	(15)	(0.01)
		Buy AUD 3,084,000 Sell USD 2,119,361 18/02/2020	(41)	(0.03)
		Buy BRL 4,230,000 Sell USD 1,004,631 18/02/2020	(12)	(0.01)
		Buy BRL 4,249,000 Sell USD 1,025,486 18/02/2020	(24)	(0.01)
		Buy BRL 4,324,000 Sell USD 1,030,947 18/02/2020	(15)	(0.01)
		Buy CAD 206,000 Sell GBP 120,776 18/02/2020	(3)	-
		Buy CHF 4,091,000 Sell GBP 3,215,282 18/02/2020	5	-

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy EUR 93,000 Sell GBP 79,605 18/02/2020	(1)	-
	Buy EUR 128,000 Sell GBP 109,937 18/02/2020	(2)	-
	Buy EUR 161,000 Sell GBP 136,562 18/02/2020	(1)	-
	Buy EUR 195,000 Sell GBP 164,472 18/02/2020	-	-
	Buy EUR 96,000 Sell GBP 80,831 20/02/2020	-	-
	Buy EUR 269,000 Sell GBP 226,291 20/02/2020	-	-
	Buy EUR 807,000 Sell GBP 688,923 20/02/2020	(10)	(0.01)
	Buy GBP 331,527 Sell AUD 635,000 20/02/2020	9	0.01
	Buy GBP 224,329 Sell CAD 382,000 18/02/2020	5	-
	Buy GBP 4,961,962 Sell CAD 8,457,000 18/02/2020	114	0.07
	Buy GBP 76,839 Sell EUR 91,000 18/02/2020	-	-
	Buy GBP 80,219 Sell EUR 94,000 18/02/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 87,262 Sell EUR 103,000 18/02/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 194,851 Sell EUR 229,000 18/02/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 1,612,503 Sell EUR 1,889,000 18/02/2020	23	0.02
	Buy GBP 3,082,890 Sell EUR 3,579,000 18/02/2020	72	0.05
	Buy GBP 273,852 Sell EUR 324,000 20/02/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 425,444 Sell EUR 497,000 20/02/2020	7	-
	Buy GBP 949,889 Sell EUR 1,117,000 20/02/2020	10	0.01
	Buy GBP 23,510,445 Sell EUR 27,575,000 20/02/2020	313	0.19
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	Buy GBP 1,542,934 Sell ILS 6,926,000 18/02/2020	19	0.01
	Buy GBP 73,740 Sell USD 95,000 18/02/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 82,683 Sell USD 107,000 18/02/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 84,152 Sell USD 110,000 18/02/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 90,398 Sell USD 118,000 18/02/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 213,779 Sell USD 282,000 18/02/2020	-	-
	Buy GBP 336,511 Sell USD 443,000 18/02/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 5,453,819 Sell USD 7,019,000 18/02/2020	132	0.08
	Buy GBP 132,405 Sell USD 173,000 20/02/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 288,038 Sell USD 377,000 20/02/2020	2	-
	Buy GBP 417,541 Sell USD 547,000 20/02/2020	3	-
	Buy GBP 421,730 Sell USD 549,000 20/02/2020	5	-
	Buy GBP 421,907 Sell USD 555,000 20/02/2020	1	-
	Buy GBP 722,182 Sell USD 942,000 20/02/2020	8	0.01
	Buy GBP 21,472,780 Sell USD 28,050,000 20/02/2020	205	0.13
	Buy GBP 21,473,545 Sell USD 28,051,000 20/02/2020	205	0.13
	Buy GBP 21,473,545 Sell USD 28,051,000 20/02/2020	205	0.13
	Buy GBP 1,514,617 Sell ZAR 29,290,000 18/02/2020	37	0.02
	Buy INR 137,354,000 Sell USD 1,885,953 18/02/2020	22	0.01
	Buy JPY 115,476,601 Sell AUD 1,521,000 18/02/2020	36	0.02

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
	Buy JPY 15,950,000 Sell GBP 112,334 18/02/2020	(1)	-
	Buy JPY 1,003,180,000 Sell GBP 7,183,975 18/02/2020	(159)	(0.10)
	Buy JPY 115,222,900 Sell NZD 1,586,000 18/02/2020	28	0.02
	Buy JPY 345,840,000 Sell USD 3,189,108 18/02/2020	4	-
	Buy KRW 2,037,908,000 Sell USD 1,713,299 18/02/2020	(9)	-
	Buy KRW 2,459,297,000 Sell USD 2,069,592 18/02/2020	(12)	(0.01)
	Buy KRW 2,469,594,000 Sell USD 2,096,798 18/02/2020	(26)	(0.02)
	Buy NOK 18,040,000 Sell GBP 1,531,030 18/02/2020	(47)	(0.03)
	Buy NZD 379,000 Sell GBP 192,377 18/02/2020	(6)	-
	Buy SEK 4,158,000 Sell GBP 336,827 18/02/2020	(10)	-
	Buy USD 1,014,423 Sell BRL 4,262,000 18/02/2020	14	0.01
	Buy USD 2,126,730 Sell BRL 8,589,000 18/02/2020	90	0.05
	Buy USD 4,183,823 Sell CHF 4,097,000 18/02/2020	(53)	(0.03)
	Buy USD 280,000 Sell GBP 213,264 18/02/2020	(1)	-
	Buy USD 377,000 Sell GBP 288,510 18/02/2020	(3)	-
	Buy USD 464,000 Sell GBP 356,073 20/02/2020	(4)	-
	Buy USD 624,000 Sell GBP 478,854 20/02/2020	(6)	-
	Buy USD 626,000 Sell GBP 480,918 20/02/2020	(6)	-
	Buy USD 1,038,000 Sell GBP 791,552 20/02/2020	(5)	-
	Buy USD 1,895,194 Sell INR 136,545,000 18/02/2020	(7)	-
	Buy USD 2,100,645 Sell JPY 226,810,000 18/02/2020	5	-
	Buy USD 2,092,685 Sell KRW 2,422,386,000 18/02/2020	53	0.03
	Buy USD 8,149,678 Sell KRW 9,509,289,000 18/02/2020	158	0.10
	Buy USD 2,084,800 Sell NZD 3,240,000 18/02/2020	(9)	(0.01)
	Buy ZAR 13,929,000 Sell USD 962,392 18/02/2020	(27)	(0.02)
	Buy ZAR 15,454,000 Sell USD 1,057,360 18/02/2020	(22)	(0.01)
Futures (-0.19%)		(555)	(0.34)
(3)	Long Australia 3 Year Bond Future 16/03/2020	-	-
274	Long Bank Accept Future 14/12/2020	42	0.03
(115)	Long Canadian 10 Year Bond Future 20/03/2020	(197)	(0.12)
(194)	Long Euro Schatz Future 06/03/2020	(26)	(0.02)
144	Long Federal Funds 30 Day Future 31/12/2020	54	0.03
(81)	Long Long Gilt Future 27/03/2020	(134)	(0.08)
(170)	Long US 2 Year Note Future 31/03/2020	(63)	(0.04)
101	Short Euro Bond Future 06/03/2020	286	0.18
(133)	Short Euro-Bobl Future 06/03/2020	(111)	(0.07)
(83)	Short Euro-BTP Bond Future 06/03/2020	(307)	(0.19)
(92)	Short US 5 Year Note Future 31/03/2020	(99)	(0.06)

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Inflation Swaps (0.03%)		517	0.32
EUR 25218.26	Pay floating CPTFEMU receive fixed 1.175% 15/01/2030	25	0.01
EUR 125646.52	Pay floating FRCPXTOB receive fixed 1.345% 15/04/2027	126	0.08
GBP 143684.96	Pay floating UKRPI receive fixed 3.343% 15/07/2023	144	0.09
GBP 222460.85	Pay floating UKRPI receive fixed 3.805% 21/08/2024	222	0.14
Interest Rate Swaps (0.64%)		(31)	(0.02)
AUD 230340000	Pay fixed 0.175% receive floating AUD-BBR-BBSW 2/10/2020	(13)	(0.01)
AUD 39800000	Pay fixed 1.175% receive floating AUD-BBR-BBSW 18/10/2025	136	0.08
CAD 55220000	Pay fixed 1.943% receive floating CAD-BA-CDOR 25/05/2021	74	0.05
CAD 55220000	Pay fixed 1.943% receive floating CAD-BA-CDOR 25/05/2021	74	0.04
CAD 8180000	Pay fixed 2.038% receive floating CAD-BA-CDOR 25/11/2026	(117)	(0.07)
CAD 8180000	Pay fixed 2.038% receive floating CAD-BA-CDOR 25/11/2026	(117)	(0.07)
GBP 1730000	Pay fixed 1.056% receive floating LIBOR 07/12/2022	(19)	(0.01)
GBP 1650000	Pay fixed 1.056% receive floating LIBOR 07/12/2022	(18)	(0.01)
NZD 80970000	Pay fixed 1.19% receive floating NZD-BKBM 20/01/2022	36	0.02
NZD 41800000	Pay fixed 1.18% receive floating NZD-BKBM 04/11/2024	(21)	(0.01)
USD 2500000	Pay fixed 1.347% receive floating USD-LIBOR 11/10/2022	(5)	-
USD 5000000	Pay fixed 2.002% receive floating USD-LIBOR 17/05/2023	(79)	(0.05)
USD 53380000	Pay floating FEDL01 receive fixed 2.31% 29/01/2022	877	0.54
USD 2400000	Pay fixed 2.079% receive floating USD-LIBOR 17/05/2024	(56)	(0.03)
USD 11710000	Pay fixed 2.466% receive floating FEDFUNDS 29/01/2030	(1,017)	(0.63)
AUD 76980000	Pay floating AUD-BBR-BBSW receive fixed .7488% 20/01/2022	(89)	(0.06)
EUR 11400000	Pay floating EONIA receive fixed -0.535% 05/09/2025	(50)	(0.03)
USD 28700000	Pay floating USD-LIBOR receive fixed 2.95% 19/09/2020	360	0.22
USD 22900000	Pay floating USD-LIBOR receive fixed 2.95% 19/09/2020	287	0.18
SEK 966260000	Pay floating SEK-STIBOR receive fixed -0.09% 27/90/2021	(196)	(0.12)
SEK 386000000	Pay floating SEK-STIBOR receive fixed -0.09% 27/90/2021	(78)	(0.05)
Total investment assets		155,635	96.19
Net other assets		6,187	3.81
Total Net Assets		161,822	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

* Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

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

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		2,540		(3,613)
Revenue	2,118		2,500	
Expenses	(118)		(162)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(234)		(4)	
Net revenue before taxation	1,766		2,334	
Taxation	-		(7)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,766		2,327
Total return before distributions		4,306		(1,286)
Distributions		(1,766)		(2,327)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		2,540		(3,613)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		160,107		175,455
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	973		3,028	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(3,541)		(21,736)	
		(2,568)		(18,708)
Dilution adjustment		-		27
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		2,540		(3,613)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,743		2,176
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		161,822		155,337

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		160,757		163,817
Current assets:				
Debtors	1,886		3,116	
Cash and bank balances	4,461		2,976	
		6,347		6,092
Total assets		167,104		169,909
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(5,122)		(9,529)
Creditors	(144)		(260)	
Distribution payable	(16)		(13)	
		(160)		(273)
Total liabilities		(5,282)		(9,802)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		161,822		160,107

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2020**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7807	-	0.7807*	1.1192
Group 2	0.5891	0.1916	0.7807*	1.1192
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.6278	-	0.6278**	0.9153
Group 2	0.2393	0.3885	0.6278**	0.9153
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9491	-	0.9491*	1.2594
Group 2	0.4693	0.4798	0.9491*	1.2594
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.8369	-	0.8369**	1.1342
Group 2	0.4996	0.3373	0.8369**	1.1342
I Gross Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0689	-	1.0689*	1.4403
Group 2	-	-	-	-
I Gross Income shares				
Group 1	0.8300	-	0.8300**	1.1261
Group 2	-	-	-	-
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9575	-	0.9575*	1.2660
Group 2	0.2156	0.7419	0.9575*	1.2660
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6458	-	0.6458*	0.6500
Group 2	0.4158	0.2300	0.6458*	-

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.6142	-	0.6142**	0.6500
Group 2	0.4042	0.2100	0.6142**	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5278	-	1.5278*	1.8984
Group 2	0.2972	1.2306	1.5278*	1.8984

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI UK Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

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

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the FTSE All-Share Index plus 3% per annum over rolling three year periods (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in the UK or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from UK operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the FTSE All-Share Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 9%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the index.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI UK Equity Fund – A Income Shares increased by 4.35% compared to an increase of 0.06% in the performance target, 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

Large-cap UK equities ended flat in a turbulent six months to January 2020. Initially, the market was swept up in a global selloff, as sentiment was roiled by fears of a worldwide recession, trade friction and competitive currency devaluation. Also spooking investors were British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's tactics to force the UK to leave the European Union – even without a deal, causing the pound to fall sharply. Stockmarkets, rebounded subsequently as the US backed away from its hard-line stance on tariffs and restarted trade negotiations. Monetary easing by major central banks also shored up sentiment. In December, Conservatives' sweeping election victory helped improved clarity on Brexit and lifted share prices. Also buoying sentiment was the completion of the US-China phase one deal. However, the period ended on a sour note, as fears over a deadly viral outbreak in China gripped global stock markets. The oil price retreated as worries were exacerbated by the declaration of a global health emergency and renewed concerns of a no-deal outcome as the UK formally pulled out of the European Union.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, not holding Royal Dutch Shell proved beneficial, given the uncertain macro-economic backdrop weighing on the oil price. Also helping the fund was undervalued housebuilder Countryside Properties, whose shares were buoyed by an improvement in domestic sentiment that was underpinned by December's clear general election result. Finally, Aveva also did well, advancing after it posted robust first-half results, while its medium-term potential remained significant, supported by digitisation and preventative-maintenance trends. Conversely, detracting from performance was Fevertree, as its shares retreated, reflecting the deceleration in the UK market on the back of poor weather, tough comparatives and lacklustre consumer sentiment. However, its medium-term growth remains attractive as it continues to capture the premium growth trends in new markets. Also costing the fund was Hunting, which suffered from poor demand in its end markets where the continued negativity around oil-price dynamics, temporary pipeline capacity restrictions and lower capital expenditure was unhelpful. We still believe it is well positioned for the medium term, as these factors are rather cyclical. Last, Johnson Matthey had a tough trading period, as it faced a surge in platinum-group metal prices and refinery downtime. Nevertheless, we still believe in the strength of its clean-air business and optionality from its battery investment in the medium term.

In portfolio activity, we introduced pet retailer Pets at Home, given its earnings resilience through cycle and growth potential as it focuses more on becoming a total pet-care provider. We also initiated well-resourced drugmaker AstraZeneca, given its robust and diversified pipeline that continues to deliver encouraging newsflow, as well as its exposure to the fast-growing Chinese mainland market. These factors support our view that the pharmaceutical company would be able to deliver double-digit earnings growth over the next few years, and this potential is not yet reflected in the current valuation. Against this, we exited Compass after outperformance amid a re-rating; Smart Metering Systems as its investment case failed to play out as anticipated; Intertek on recent strength, believing that the risk-reward was now more negatively skewed; M&G to re-invest in Prudential and other better opportunities where we think the quality and attractiveness of the investment case is superior; as well as St James' Place, as we became more sceptical about its pricing model.

Outlook

The recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus has introduced significant uncertainty to global markets. As such, we are increasingly cautious about our holdings that have direct exposure to the pandemic and will adjust positions to reflect our heightened wariness as necessary. Despite this cautiousness, as always, our focus will be on staying vigilant, using stock-price volatility in the near term as an opportunity to accumulate positions in high quality companies led by excellent management, with healthy balance sheets and upbeat long-term prospects.

UK Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
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Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

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The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	88,062	86,801	90,261	95,821
Closing number of shares	38,643,450	39,593,142	42,932,985	49,638,662
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	227.88	219.23	210.24	193.04
Change in net asset value per share	3.95%	4.28%	8.91%	11.99%
Operating charges	1.30%	1.40%	1.60%	1.60%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	33,118	32,912	33,985	36,631
Closing number of shares	18,626,837	19,177,938	20,444,361	23,763,183
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	177.80	171.61	166.23	154.15
Change in net asset value per share	3.61%	3.24%	7.84%	10.26%
Operating charges	1.30%	1.40%	1.60%	1.60%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	228,009	53,973	83,232	76,753
Closing number of shares	91,617,037	22,593,871	36,533,621	36,967,786
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	248.87	238.88	227.82	207.62
Change in net asset value per share	4.18%	4.85%	9.73%	12.84%
Operating charges	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	11,251	11,143	11,185	9,827
Closing number of shares	6,332,021	6,497,753	6,734,196	6,381,369
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	177.68	171.49	166.10	154.00
Change in net asset value per share	3.61%	3.25%	7.86%	10.26%
Operating charges	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%	0.85%
K Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	916	857	887	148
Closing number of shares	612,893	597,718	648,935	118,674
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	149.43	143.37	136.63	124.42
Change in net asset value per share	4.23%	4.93%	9.81%	12.92%
Operating charges	0.78%	0.78%	0.78%	0.78%
L Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	177	170	193	178
Closing number of shares	131,176	131,176	156,700	159,700
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	135.12	129.53	123.23	111.69
Change in net asset value per share	4.32%	5.11%	10.33%	-
Operating charges	0.60%	0.60%	0.27%	0.13%

L Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	39	38	44	363
Closing number of shares	31,267	31,267	37,300	331,600
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	126.20	121.79	117.95	109.34
Change in net asset value per share	3.62%	3.26%	7.87%	-
Operating charges	0.60%	0.60%	0.27%	0.13%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	14	-		
Closing number of shares	11,097	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	122.44	117.35		
Change in net asset value per share	4.34%	-		
Operating charges	0.90%	0.90%		
M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	904	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	120.44	116.01		
Change in net asset value per share	3.82%	-		
Operating charges	0.90%	0.90%		
Z Accumulation shares ^B	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	-	-	1
Closing number of shares	-	-	-	780
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	-	-	135.50
Change in net asset value per share	-	-	-	13.74%
Operating charges	-	-	-	0.10%

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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.

^A M share classes were launched on 30 November 2018.

^B Z Accumulation share class closed on 11 May 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (98.08%)		357,451	98.86
Basic Materials (5.51%)		18,309	5.06
193,300	Croda	9,630	2.66
333,300	Johnson Matthey	8,679	2.40
Consumer Goods (17.53%)		66,645	18.43
304,000	Associated British Foods	7,980	2.21
344,000	British American Tobacco	11,548	3.19
274,200	Coca-Cola HBC	7,637	2.11
2,590,500	Countryside Properties	12,636	3.50
465,500	Diageo	14,009	3.87
362,600	Fever Tree Drinks**	4,988	1.38
173,100	Unilever	7,847	2.17
Consumer Services (17.49%)		72,909	20.16
3,398,100	Boohoo.com**	10,269	2.84
482,600	Euromoney Institutional Investor	5,897	1.63
1,590,700	Just Eat	13,693	3.78
2,739,800	Pets At Home	7,721	2.14
798,600	RELX	16,068	4.44
1,218,600	Rightmove	8,014	2.22
470,600	WH Smith	11,247	3.11
Financials (21.15%)		62,045	17.17
2,287,900	Ashmore	12,423	3.44
714,500	Close Brothers	10,110	2.80
1,894,500	Epic Brand Investments ^Ω	-	-
6,075	HIE Ventures ^Ω	-	-
162,700	London Stock Exchange	12,746	3.52
4,492,239	Newfound ^Ω	-	-
1,004,000	Prudential	13,569	3.75
1,590,700	Standard Chartered	10,034	2.78
525,477	Standard Life UK Smaller Companies Trust ⁺	3,163	0.88

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Health Care (11.22%)		61,616	17.04
925,300	Abcam ⁺⁺	12,889	3.56
253,300	AstraZeneca	18,803	5.20
348,000	Dechra Pharmaceuticals	9,890	2.74
366,116	Genus	11,269	3.12
480,000	Smith & Nephew	8,765	2.42
Industrials (19.35%)		48,873	13.52
1,081,400	Bodycote	9,257	2.56
285,200	Experian	7,518	2.08
952,000	Marshalls	7,511	2.08
1,538,600	Rentokil	7,184	1.99
786,600	Rolls-Royce	5,269	1.46
66,600	Spirax-Sarco Engineering	5,937	1.64
459,900	Weir	6,197	1.71
Oil & Gas (1.88%)		4,051	1.12
1,323,900	Hunting	4,051	1.12
Technology (3.95%)		17,506	4.84
356,100	AVEVA	17,506	4.84
Telecommunications (0.00%)		5,497	1.52
364,067	Telecom Plus	5,497	1.52
Total investment assets		357,451	98.86
Net other assets		4,136	1.14
Total Net Assets		361,587	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities within the meaning of the FCA rules. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

⁺⁺ AIM listed.

^a Unapproved/unquoted security.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		5,355		(19,460)
Revenue	2,100		2,404	
Expenses	(1,236)		(1,220)	
Net revenue before taxation	864		1,184	
Taxation	5		-	
Net revenue after taxation		869		1,184
Total return before distributions		6,224		(18,276)
Distributions		(869)		(1,183)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		5,355		(19,459)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		185,894		219,787
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	174,562		1,131	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(6,749)		(8,919)	
		167,813		(7,788)
Dilution adjustment		962		
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		5,355		(19,459)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,553		936
Unclaimed distributions		10		9
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		361,587		193,485

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		357,451		182,327
Current assets:				
Debtors	616		248	
Cash and bank balances	6,744		3,933	
		7,360		4,181
Total assets		364,811		186,508
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(3,051)		(345)	
Distribution payable	(173)		(269)	
		(3,224)		(614)
Total liabilities		(3,224)		(614)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		361,587		185,894

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2020.

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019.

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 January 2020.

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7567	-	0.7567*	0.8687
Group 2	0.1250	0.6317	0.7567*	0.8687
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.5923	-	0.5923**	0.6868
Group 2	0.1156	0.4767	0.5923**	0.6868
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.3688	-	1.3688*	1.6326
Group 2	0.1226	1.2462	1.3688*	1.6326
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.9827	-	0.9827**	1.1903
Group 2	0.3567	0.6260	0.9827**	1.1903
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8761	-	0.8761*	1.0265
Group 2	-	-	-	-
L Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9065	-	0.9065*	1.0265
Group 2	-	-	-	-
L Income shares				
Group 1	0.8526	-	0.8526**	0.9822
Group 2	-	-	-	-
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.5788	-	0.5788*	0.2200
Group 2	0.1293	0.4495	0.5788*	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.5729	-	0.5729**	0.2200
Group 2	0.2729	0.3000	0.5729**	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI UK Income Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate income and some capital over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in UK equities (company shares).

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the FTSE All-Share Index plus 3% per annum over three years (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in the UK or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from UK operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- The Fund may also invest up to 10% in bonds (loans to companies).
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term.
- The average yield on assets in the Fund is expected to be in line with or higher than the broad equity market.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the FTSE All-Share Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 9%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the index.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be very limited.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI UK Income Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 6.20% compared to an increase of 0.06% in the performance target, 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

Large-cap UK equities ended flat in a turbulent six months to January 2020. Initially, the market was swept up in a global selloff, as sentiment was roiled by fears of a worldwide recession, trade friction and competitive currency devaluation. Also spooking investors were British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's tactics to force the UK to leave the European Union – even without a deal, causing the pound to fall sharply. Stockmarkets, rebounded subsequently as the US backed away from its hard-line stance on tariffs and restarted trade negotiations. Monetary easing by major central banks also shored up sentiment. In December, Conservatives' sweeping election victory helped improved clarity on Brexit and lifted share prices. Also buoying sentiment was the completion of the US-China phase one deal. However, the period ended on a sour note, as fears over a deadly viral outbreak in China gripped global stock markets. The oil price retreated as worries were exacerbated by the declaration of a global health emergency and renewed concerns of a no-deal outcome as the UK formally pulled out of the European Union.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, benefiting the fund was undervalued housebuilder Countryside Properties, whose shares were buoyed by an improvement in domestic sentiment that was underpinned by December's clear general election result. Also contributing to fund performance was not holding Royal Dutch Shell proved beneficial, given the uncertain macro-economic backdrop weighing on the oil price. Finally, SSE rallied on the back of the general election result and subsequent reduction in nationalisation risk. Conversely, BHP detracted as the uncertain macro-economic backdrop weighed on commodity prices, including iron ore. Also costing the fund was Telenor, whose shares were hampered by news that the merger of its Asian businesses with Axiata was called off and its third-quarter results proved disappointing. Last, Euromoney's shares came under pressure due to fears around the health of its asset management business. We remain confident in management and its ability to execute and deliver value here, while the rest of the business remains robust.

In portfolio activity, we took advantage of the short-term impact of power prices and foreign-exchange movements to introduce high-quality infrastructure company John Laing, as its long-term fundamentals remain intact. We established a position in Norwegian telco Telenor, given its attractive yield and scope for growth, through its emerging markets exposure. We also initiated leading low-cost paper producer Mondi, salmon-farming company MOWI, bus and rail company National Express, as well as designer and manufacturer of plastic piping systems Polypipe. Mondi is attractive for its well-located raw materials, well-invested plants, robust and conservative management with good growth options in packaging. Its valuation appears attractive at this point in the cycle. We like MOWI which taps into the long-term growth of salmon demand, while also offering an attractive dividend yield. We like National Express' improving prospects, as like-for-like growth is boosted by better US fundamentals and UK yield management, which has yet to be reflected in its share price. We feel that Polypipe's quality is misunderstood, given the cyclical nature of its end markets. We are more encouraged by the strength of its growth drivers stemming from regulatory change. This gives it better pricing power, which is reflected in its higher margins and returns. Against these, we exited Imperial Brands due to a deterioration in quality arising from a combination of management change and disappointment in its next generation products, unsupported by its balance sheet. We also divested St James's Place amid some concerns around its pricing model, reputational risk and governance.

Outlook

The recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus has introduced significant uncertainty to global markets. As such, we are increasingly cautious about our holdings that have direct exposure to the pandemic and will adjust positions to reflect our heightened wariness as necessary. Despite this cautiousness, as always, our focus will be on staying vigilant, using stock-price volatility in the near term as an opportunity to accumulate positions in high quality companies led by excellent management, with healthy balance sheets and upbeat long-term prospects.

UK Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

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- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The fund price can go up or down daily for a variety of reasons including changes in interest rates, inflation expectations or the perceived credit quality of individual countries or securities.

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The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	59,952	58,855	61,988	66,961
Closing number of shares	4,405,240	4,575,770	4,991,225	5,632,976
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	1,360.92	1,286.23	1,241.95	1,188.73
Change in net asset value per share	5.81%	3.57%	4.48%	9.88%
Operating charges	1.30%	1.41%	1.61%	1.62%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	62,140	60,471	64,833	71,648
Closing number of shares	15,772,113	15,973,007	17,005,887	18,908,698
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	393.99	378.58	381.24	378.91
Change in net asset value per share	4.07%	(0.70%)	0.61%	5.65%
Operating charges	1.30%	1.41%	1.61%	1.62%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	23,690	21,567	18,651	18,346
Closing number of shares	1,572,144	1,517,773	1,366,818	1,415,297
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	1,506.89	1,420.98	1,364.53	1,296.25
Change in net asset value per share	6.05%	4.14%	5.27%	10.71%
Operating charges	0.85%	0.85%	0.86%	0.87%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	15,317	14,890	16,579	16,529
Closing number of shares	3,491,273	3,540,194	3,936,318	3,978,616
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	438.70	420.59	421.19	415.44
Change in net asset value per share	4.31%	(0.14%)	1.38%	6.45%
Operating charges	0.85%	0.85%	0.86%	0.87%
K Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	178	35	22	1
Closing number of shares	145,772	29,770	18,404	1,259
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	122.02	116.94	117.03	114.96
Change in net asset value per share	4.34%	(0.08%)	1.80%	5.99%
Operating charges	0.78%	0.78%	0.79%	0.80%

M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-
Closing number of shares	903	100
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	120.24	113.28
Change in net asset value per share	6.14%	-
Operating charges	0.90%	0.90%

M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019
Closing net asset value (£'000)	29	-
Closing number of shares	25,236	100
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	115.79	110.50
Change in net asset value per share	4.79%	-
Operating charges	0.90%	0.90%

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^AM share classes were launched on 30 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (97.09%)		159,507	98.88
Basic Materials (6.62%)		10,063	6.24
234,100	BHP	3,885	2.41
36,247	Croda	1,806	1.12
104,700	Mondi	1,618	1.00
67,448	Rio Tinto	2,754	1.71
Consumer Goods (18.80%)		31,890	19.77
101,000	Associated British Foods	2,651	1.64
165,000	British American Tobacco	5,539	3.43
30,400	Coca-Cola HBC	847	0.52
1,109,374	Countryside Properties	5,411	3.36
183,400	Diageo	5,519	3.42
606,033	Inchcape	3,979	2.47
39,700	Mowi	719	0.45
24,400	Nestle	2,042	1.27
134,000	Scandinavian Tobacco 'A'	1,330	0.82
85,000	Unilever	3,853	2.39
Consumer Services (7.54%)		13,956	8.65
121,800	Compass	2,286	1.42
185,200	Euromoney Institutional Investor	2,263	1.40
387,000	Hostelworld	584	0.36
262,000	National Express	1,171	0.73
258,600	RELX	5,203	3.22
102,470	WH Smith	2,449	1.52
Financials (22.06%)		35,307	21.89
480,602	Ashmore	2,610	1.62
4,991,161	Assura	3,878	2.41
208,800	Big Yellow	2,460	1.52
521,900	Chesnara	1,696	1.05
288,000	Close Brothers	4,075	2.53
1,121,050	Hansteen REIT	1,305	0.81
271,000	HSBC	1,495	0.93

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
218,500	John Laing		775	0.48
981,447	LondonMetric Property		2,234	1.38
1,206,600	M&G		2,896	1.80
270,100	Prudential		3,650	2.26
1,221,236	Sirius Real Estate		1,103	0.68
449,500	Standard Chartered		2,835	1.76
400,000	Standard Life UK Smaller Companies Trust ⁺		2,408	1.49
1,480,000	Stenprop [*]		1,887	1.17
Health Care (11.25%)			18,377	11.39
58,900	AstraZeneca		4,372	2.71
816,200	ConvaTec		1,697	1.05
298,500	GlaxoSmithKline		5,325	3.30
35,900	Novo Nordisk		1,663	1.03
11,000	Roche		2,806	1.74
137,700	Smith & Nephew		2,514	1.56
Industrials (12.58%)			21,415	13.28
199,300	Bodycote		1,706	1.06
64,000	Diploma		1,246	0.77
104,000	Experian		2,741	1.70
236,300	Howdens Joinery		1,626	1.01
46,400	Kone		2,263	1.40
183,008	Marshalls		1,444	0.90
261,867	Polypipe		1,419	0.88
540,500	Rentokil		2,524	1.56
426,800	Signature Aviation		1,242	0.77
15,100	VAT		1,735	1.08
169,985	Weir		2,291	1.42
33,000	XP Power		1,178	0.73
Oil & Gas (6.98%)			8,778	5.44
811,900	BP		3,708	2.30
1,386,000	Diversified Gas & Oil ⁺⁺		1,247	0.77
191,200	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'		3,823	2.37

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Technology (2.92%)		4,710	2.92
95,800	AVEVA	4,710	2.92
Telecommunications (3.79%)		5,974	3.70
140,000	Telecom Plus	2,114	1.31
120,600	Telenor	1,657	1.03
1,475,500	Vodafone	2,203	1.36
Utilities (4.55%)		9,037	5.60
448,187	National Grid	4,507	2.79
300,397	SSE	4,530	2.81
Collective Investment Schemes (0.48%)		800	0.50
800	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund+	800	0.50
Derivatives (0.00%)		(194)	(0.12)
Equity Options (0.00%)		(194)	(0.12)
76,264	Sell Call Ashmore 20/03/2020	(17)	(0.01)
73	Sell Call BP 21/02/2020	-	-
23	Sell Call British American Tobacco 17/04/2020	(11)	(0.01)
19	Sell Call COMPASS 21/02/2020	-	-
80,750	Sell Call Countryside Properties 20/03/2020	(11)	(0.01)
15	Sell Call Experian 19/06/2020	(10)	(0.01)
60,563	Sell Call Howden Joinery 17/04/2020	(24)	(0.01)
265	Sell Call HSBC 20/03/2020	(4)	-
7,700	Sell Call Kone Oyj 20/03/2020	(5)	-
8,010	Sell Call Kone Oyj 20/03/2020	(5)	(0.01)
46,798	Sell Call Marshalls 19/06/2020	(10)	(0.01)
41	Sell Call NATL Grid 19/06/2020	(18)	(0.01)
78	Sell Call Novo Nordisk 19/06/2020	(4)	-
85	Sell Call Rentokil Initial 17/04/2020	(13)	(0.01)
15	Sell Call Roche 19/06/2020	(5)	-
15	Sell Call Roche 20/03/2020	(11)	(0.01)
21	Sell Call Smith & Nephew 17/04/2020	(3)	-
1,063	Sell Call Vodafone 20/03/2020	(32)	(0.02)

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
412,500	Sell Call Vodafone 20/03/2020	(4)	-
26	Sell Call Weir 15/05/2020	(5)	-
306	Sell Put Telenor 20/03/2020	(2)	-
Total investment assets		160,113	99.26
Net other assets		1,194	0.74
Total Net Assets		161,307	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities, regulated collective investment schemes or approved derivatives within the meaning of the FCA rules.

The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

*Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

**AIM listed.

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

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		7,073		(14,698)
Revenue	2,866		2,687	
Expenses	(942)		(1,019)	
Interest payable and similar charges	(1)		-	
Net revenue before taxation	1,923		1,668	
Taxation	(25)		(4)	
Net revenue after taxation		1,898		1,664
Total return before distributions		8,971		(13,034)
Distributions		(2,698)		(2,539)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		6,273		(15,573)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		155,818		162,075
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	4,217		1,285	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(6,409)		(6,770)	
		(2,192)		(5,485)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		6,273		(15,573)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		1,381		1,229
Unclaimed distributions		27		22
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		161,307		142,268

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		160,307		152,028
Current assets:				
Debtors	739		789	
Cash and bank balances	2,367		5,095	
		3,106		5,884
Total assets		163,413		157,912
Liabilities:				
Investment liabilities		(194)		-
Creditors	(609)		(212)	
Distribution payable	(1,303)		(1,882)	
		(1,912)		(2,094)
Total liabilities		(2,106)		(2,094)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		161,307		155,818

Distribution table**For the six months ended 31 January 2020**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution payable 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	22.4717	-	22.4717*	19.7574
Group 2	8.0250	14.4467	22.4717*	19.7574
A Income shares				
Group 1	6.6142	-	6.6142**	6.0648
Group 2	2.9065	3.7077	6.6142**	6.0648
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	24.8475	-	24.8475*	21.7392
Group 2	7.0591	17.7884	24.8475*	21.7392
I Income shares				
Group 1	7.3547	-	7.3547**	6.7102
Group 2	2.7379	4.6168	7.3547**	6.7102
K Income shares				
Group 1	2.0438	-	2.0438**	1.8642
Group 2	0.0779	1.9659	2.0438**	1.8642
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.5421	-	1.5421*	0.2000
Group 2	0.6721	0.8700	1.5421*	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	1.4645	-	1.4645**	0.2000
Group 2	0.5528	0.9117	1.4645**	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution payable on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

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

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the FTSE 250 (ex Investment Trusts) Index plus 3% per annum over three years (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 60% in mid-capitalisation equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in the UK or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from UK operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- Mid capitalisation companies are defined as any stock included in the FTSE 250 (ex Investment Trusts) Index or, if not included within the index, any stock having a market capitalisation smaller than that of the stock with the largest market capitalisation in such index.
- The Fund may also invest in smaller and larger capitalisation companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in the UK.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using the management team's quality, growth and momentum approach. It aims to identify companies that show a range of high quality characteristics, operate in growing markets and display positive business momentum.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the FTSE 250 (ex Investment Trusts) Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 9%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the index.

Please note: The Fund's ability to buy and sell small and mid-capitalisation shares and the associated costs can be affected during periods of market stress. In certain circumstances investors in the Fund may not be able to sell their investment when they want to.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management"). Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 11.75% compared to an increase of 10.58% in the performance target, 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

Mid-cap UK equities rose despite a turbulent six months to January 2020. Initially, the market was swept up in a global selloff, as sentiment was roiled by fears of a worldwide recession, trade friction and competitive currency devaluation. Also spooking investors were British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's tactics to force the UK to leave the European Union – even without a deal, causing the pound to fall sharply. Stockmarkets, rebounded subsequently as the US backed away from its hard-line stance on tariffs and restarted trade negotiations. Monetary easing by major central banks also shored up sentiment. In December, Conservatives' sweeping election victory helped improved clarity on Brexit and lifted share prices. Also buoying sentiment was the completion of the US-China phase one deal. Although the period ended on a sour note, as fears over a deadly viral outbreak in China gripped global stock markets, mid-cap stocks remained resilient and hung on to their earlier gains despite renewed concerns of a no-deal outcome as the UK formally pulled out of the European Union.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, benefiting the fund was Kainos, which did well despite Brexit related concerns. Also contributing to fund performance was Games Workshop, whose shares continued to advance as the group delivered further upgrades to earnings expectations, with a particular boost from licensing revenues. Finally, not holding Tullow Oil was a positive, with the uncertain macro-economic backdrop weighing on the oil price. Conversely, Burford Capital detracted as its shares were penned back by an aggressive short-selling attack earlier in the period. Also costing the fund was Cineworld, as its shares were dampened by external issues that amplified concerns over the degree of its balance-sheet leverage. Last, GVC Holdings retraced some of last year's weakness stemming from market fears around online gambling regulations.

Outlook

The recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus has introduced significant uncertainty to global markets. As such, we are increasingly cautious about our holdings that have direct exposure to the pandemic and will adjust positions to reflect our heightened wariness as necessary. Despite this cautiousness, as always, our focus will be on staying vigilant, using stock-price volatility in the near term as an opportunity to accumulate positions in high quality companies led by excellent management, with healthy balance sheets and upbeat long-term prospects.

Smaller Companies Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The shares of small and mid-cap companies may be less liquid and more volatile than those of larger companies.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to

value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	21,371	19,069	19,254	22,846
Closing number of shares	7,559,180	7,472,480	7,918,817	10,299,881
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	282.71	255.18	243.14	221.81
Change in net asset value per share	10.79%	4.95%	9.62%	18.95%
Operating charges	1.30%	1.40%	1.61%	1.61%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,650	4,281	4,405	5,350
Closing number of shares	1,966,680	1,998,456	2,138,881	2,826,344
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	236.43	214.21	205.94	189.28
Change in net asset value per share	10.37%	4.02%	8.80%	18.16%
Operating charges	1.30%	1.40%	1.61%	1.61%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	38,897	21,210	8,394	7,354
Closing number of shares	16,753,089	10,143,636	4,236,678	4,099,326
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	232.18	209.10	198.14	179.40
Change in net asset value per share	11.04%	5.53%	10.45%	19.84%
Operating charges	0.85%	0.85%	0.86%	0.86%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,287	3,092	1,349	1,332
Closing number of shares	2,088,523	1,662,883	754,874	811,099
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	205.26	185.94	178.75	164.26
Change in net asset value per share	10.39%	4.02%	8.82%	18.17%
Operating charges	0.85%	0.85%	0.86%	0.86%
K Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	845	410	11	8
Closing number of shares	510,748	275,571	7,958	5,958
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	165.45	148.95	141.03	127.59
Change in net asset value per share	11.08%	5.62%	10.53%	19.94%
Operating charges	0.78%	0.78%	0.79%	0.79%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	876	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	130.55	117.48		
Change in net asset value per share	11.13%	-		
Operating charges	0.90%	0.90%		

M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-
Closing number of shares	885	100
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	128.38	116.12
Change in net asset value per share	10.56%	-
Operating charges	0.90%	0.90%

Z Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	8,090	7,167	5,639	12,117
Closing number of shares	2,351,937	2,322,273	1,942,876	4,645,576
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	343.99	308.63	290.25	260.84
Change in net asset value per share	11.46%	6.33%	11.28%	20.74%
Operating charges	0.10%	0.10%	0.11%	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.

^A M share classes were launched on 30 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (97.69%)		75,894	97.12
Basic Materials (1.79%)		1,076	1.38
48,600	Victrex	1,076	1.38
Consumer Goods (13.55%)		12,221	15.63
54,600	Cranswick	1,949	2.49
47,200	Games Workshop	3,129	4.00
98,000	Greggs	2,207	2.82
196,386	Hilton Food	2,070	2.65
175,900	Hotel Chocolat ⁺⁺ , #	818	1.05
249,300	JD Sports	2,048	2.62
Consumer Services (18.55%)		15,454	19.78
49,600	4Imprint	1,637	2.09
236,400	Auto Trader	1,328	1.70
668,000	Cineworld	1,184	1.51
80,400	Dart Group ⁺⁺	1,366	1.75
140,656	Future	1,798	2.30
60,700	GlobalData ⁺⁺ , #	783	1.00
549,400	Hollywood Bowl	1,604	2.05
94,000	Just Eat	809	1.04
369,100	Moneysupermarket.com	1,201	1.54
85,600	On the Beach	334	0.43
189,600	Rightmove	1,247	1.60
458,700	Trainline	2,163	2.77
Financials (17.51%)		11,383	14.57
337,084	AJ Bell	1,313	1.68
1,434,000	Assura	1,114	1.43
157,300	Intermediate Capital	2,739	3.50
71,200	Liontrust Asset Management	954	1.22
44,238	Safestore	356	0.46
1,769,400	Sirius Real Estate	1,598	2.04

			Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Holding	Investment			
155,556	Unite		1,977	2.53
109,600	Workspace		1,332	1.71
Health Care (7.48%)			3,832	4.90
86,700	Abcam ⁺⁺		1,208	1.55
66,694	Dechra Pharmaceuticals		1,895	2.42
23,700	Genus		729	0.93
Industrials (22.97%)			16,227	20.77
101,500	Diploma		1,976	2.53
137,400	DiscoverIE		780	1.00
69,000	Fisher (J) & Sons		1,358	1.74
142,900	Hill & Smith		2,029	2.60
73,100	Keywords Studios ⁺⁺		900	1.15
336,500	Marshalls		2,655	3.40
100,500	Meggitt		679	0.87
402,000	Melrose Industries		937	1.20
113,700	Midwich ⁺⁺		600	0.77
357,900	Rotork		1,089	1.39
259,300	RWS ⁺⁺		1,486	1.90
19,500	Spirax-Sarco Engineering		1,738	2.22
Technology (11.26%)			11,825	15.13
229,700	Avast		976	1.25
62,900	AVEVA		3,092	3.96
114,800	Computacenter		2,058	2.63
35,100	Craneware ⁺⁺		665	0.85
218,800	FDM		2,144	2.74
366,700	Kainos		2,890	3.70
Telecommunications (4.58%)			3,876	4.96
179,000	Gamma Communication ⁺⁺		2,497	3.20
91,300	Telecom Plus		1,379	1.76

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Collective Investment Schemes (2.46%)		1,423	1.82
1,423	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund ⁺	1,423	1.82
Total investment assets		77,317	98.94
Net other assets		825	1.06
Total Net Assets		78,142	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

⁺ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

⁺⁺ AIM Listing.

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

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		6,501		(3,076)
Revenue	671		391	
Expenses	(297)		(206)	
Net revenue before taxation	374		185	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		374		185
Total return before distributions		6,875		(2,891)
Distributions		(374)		(185)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		6,501		(3,076)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		55,229		39,052
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	20,311		2,711	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(4,341)		(2,731)	
		15,970		(20)
Dilution adjustment		51		3
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		6,501		(3,076)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		391		167
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		78,142		36,126

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		77,317		55,310
Current assets:				
Debtors	714		339	
Cash and bank balances	313		450	
		1,027		789
Total assets		78,344		56,099
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(159)		(821)	
Distribution payable	(43)		(49)	
		(202)		(870)
Total liabilities		(202)		(870)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		78,142		55,229

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2020.

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019.

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 January 2020.

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0703	-	1.0703*	0.7341
Group 2	0.2755	0.7948	1.0703*	0.7341
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.8984	-	0.8984**	0.6218
Group 2	0.4326	0.4658	0.8984**	0.6218
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.3651	-	1.3651*	1.2071
Group 2	0.5819	0.7832	1.3651*	1.2071
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.2139	-	1.2139**	1.0885
Group 2	0.5383	0.6756	1.2139**	1.0885
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0287	-	1.0287*	0.9098
Group 2	0.4003	0.6284	1.0287*	0.9098
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6598	-	0.6598*	0.2700
Group 2	0.4098	0.2500	0.6598*	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.6439	-	0.6439**	0.2700
Group 2	0.4039	0.2400	0.6439**	-
Z Accumulation shares				
Group 1	3.2193	-	3.2193*	2.7955
Group 2	1.8859	1.3334	3.2193*	2.7955

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI UK Real Estate Share Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in UK property-related equities (company shares) including listed closed ended real estate investment trusts ("REITs").

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the FTSE 350 Real Estate Index plus 3% per annum (before charges) over rolling three year periods. The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund invests in equities and equity-related securities of companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from real estate operations or have a significant proportion of their assets in real estate.
- At least 80% of the Fund must be invested in UK listed securities, while up to 20% may be invested overseas
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a concentrated asset mix at sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term.
- The FTSE 350 Real Estate Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 12%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the index over the long term.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of the ASI UK Real Estate Share Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 20.79% compared to an increase of 20.97% in the performance target, 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 equities performed strongly during the six months under review, significantly outperforming the wider equity market. The positive return was all the more remarkable given the sluggish start to the period. The sector was weak over the summer months because of the uncertainty over the direction of Brexit negotiations and continued bad news regarding the state of the UK high street. Investor sentiment towards UK domestic-facing stocks was turned on its head, though, when the Conservative Party called and then won the general election in December, which prompted a significant relief rally in share prices. It seemed that investors were less worried by the prospect of tough negotiations regarding the terms of the UK's future trading relationship with the European Union, than they were by the fear of a Labour government running with a staunchly left-wing manifesto.

In the underlying UK property market, total returns at an All Property level were weaker in 2019 at 2.1%, according to the MSCI Monthly Index. Capital values fell by 2.9% during the year. The industrial sector and the small residential sample in that index delivered returns of 7.3% and 6.6% respectively. Office values were broadly flat, giving a total annual return of 5.1%, which was just ahead of alternatives at 4.9%. Shopping centres remained in the eye of the retail storm, though, with values falling for the 46th consecutive month.

The economic backdrop remained largely stable over the period. There was a record rate of employment on the one hand, but a low level of investment and economic growth on the other – mainly due to weak consumer and business confidence. The Bank of England ended the period with a vote in favour of maintaining the official bank rate at just 0.75%. Investor expectations of sustained low interest rates at home and abroad are almost certainly helping to support demand for direct and listed property alike.

Portfolio review

The returns were driven by a combination of stock picking and strong performance from owning UK companies not-classified as real estate but which offer attractive real estate exposure. Our holdings in overseas listed securities proved detrimental to performance during the period.

Stock picking within the benchmark was aided once again by our cautious approach to retail exposed landlords, especially not owning Intu Properties, Hammerson and British Land. A backdrop of subdued consumer spending and the persistent shift in favour of online shopping continued to put pressure on the tenants of these landlords. This resulted in falling rents and values. For Intu Properties, the coming weeks will reveal whether shareholders are willing to inject sufficient cash to support the business and, if not, whether the company's lenders will take control. More surprisingly, there was a relative boost to performance from not owning industrial landlord Tritax Big Box. While it is a beneficiary of the shift towards online shopping, the company lagged the market rally because of concerns that the significant increase in the supply of these buildings is limiting the potential for rental growth. Lastly, merger & acquisition (M&A) activity continued to be a positive feature, with Hansteen agreeing to an all-cash takeover at a healthy premium.

The Fund has the flexibility to own companies not classified as real estate securities where we can demonstrate that the majority of their revenues or assets relate to real estate. In particular, owning housebuilders Countryside Properties and Bellway both strongly aided performance. Investors responded positively to news of rising volumes and profits, together with improved sentiment towards the sector following the general election result.

The allocation to overseas listed securities detracted from performance. While many of the stocks performed well, they struggled to match the very strong performance of the UK sector during the period – especially given the strength of sterling. Nonetheless, having the flexibility to invest up to 20% of the Fund overseas has contributed positively to performance over the long term.

In fund activity, we benefited from the proceeds of selling M&A targets Millennium & Copthorne Hotels and Mucklow at the start of the reporting period. We reinvested part of the proceeds from this sale in CA Immobilien, an Austrian-listed office owner and developer. The stock brings new exposure for the Fund to offices across central Europe, together with a solid recurring earnings yield and potential for capital appreciation. Further proceeds were used to support an equity raising by student landlord Unite Group, to part-fund its acquisition of a large portfolio named Liberty Living. The deal is expected to produce a significant uplift in recurring earnings and further cements Unite Group's position as the leading student landlord in the UK. We were happy to support the deal.

The Fund's conservative position towards retail landlords is well documented, but we are not against all forms of retail. In August, we took advantage of significant share price weakness by adding to Capital & Counties, the owner of Covent Garden Market in London. We think its geographic position will ensure its retail sites have relevance to shoppers in the long term and, crucially, the business is supported by a very robust balance sheet. We also added to the recently introduced holding in Supermarket Income REIT (real estate investment trust), when the company raised equity in October. It owns omni-channel stores, with long inflation-linked leases, and we believe it should be a relatively resilient segment of the retail market.

At the very end of the period, we sold our position in London office developer Helical. The company's share price appreciated by close to 50% over the period, which meant that it looked more fully valued. We also introduced a new position in Stenprop, an industrial-focused REIT that was trading at a wide discount to its net asset value. This investment allows us to maintain the Fund's exposure to the multi-let industrial market. This is a segment of the market we view favourably and which we would like to maintain exposure to, especially in anticipation of the likely departure of Hansteen following its recommended takeover offer.

Outlook

Over the long term, company fundamentals determine investor returns. We draw comfort from observing that the Fund's current 30 holdings have reported, on average, high single-digit growth in both dividends and net asset values over the last twelve months.

In terms of positioning, the Fund is anchored around a portfolio of robust UK-listed property stocks, with healthy balance sheets and well-covered dividends. These stocks include exposure to segments of the market with relatively attractive fundamentals, such as logistics, self-storage, healthcare and student accommodation. In addition, we use the Fund's flexibility to diversify its exposure by selecting a number of overseas holdings and positions in UK companies that are not classified as property but which bring attractive property exposure.

Conversely, we remain extremely cautious in our positioning of the Fund with respect to retail landlords, where pressures on rents and capital values appear set to continue. We are also selective in our choice of office-exposed stocks, with an aversion to owners of mature assets. We prefer those with robust balance sheets and track records of developing the type of modern office space that tenants are increasingly demanding.

We remain confident in the prospects for our holdings given our investment focus on the quality of each company's underlying assets and its management teams. In addition, we maintain a sensible and diverse spread of end-market exposures. This leaves the Fund well-positioned to weather ongoing market uncertainty and to respond as opportunities arise.

UK Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
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Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- Dividend payment policies of the REITs in which the fund invests are not representative of the dividend payment policy of the fund.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	108,902	94,510	104,437	104,348
Closing number of shares	69,658,835	73,536,431	82,818,208	91,477,212
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	156.34	128.52	126.10	114.07
Change in net asset value per share	21.65%	1.92%	10.55%	11.46%
Operating charges	1.30%	1.41%	1.61%	1.61%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	309,749	266,221	305,616	239,214
Closing number of shares	117,100,917	122,624,294	143,582,729	124,558,407
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	264.51	217.10	212.85	192.05
Change in net asset value per share	21.84%	2.00%	10.83%	11.95%
Operating charges	0.85%	0.85%	0.86%	0.86%
K Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	14,257	8,460	11,450	4,698
Closing number of shares	9,163,453	6,626,444	9,153,552	4,165,506
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	155.58	127.66	125.09	112.80
Change in net asset value per share	21.87%	2.05%	10.90%	12.02%
Operating charges	0.78%	0.78%	0.79%	0.79%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	845	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	132.34	108.49		
Change in net asset value per share	21.98%	-		
Operating charges	0.90%	0.90%		

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.

^A M Accumulation share class was launched on 28 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (97.05%)		413,717	95.57
European Equities (17.37%)		75,521	17.45
Austria (1.86%)		8,977	2.07
270,000	CA Immo	8,977	2.07
Belgium (1.92%)		-	-
Germany (8.85%)		41,324	9.55
301,411	Deutsche Wohnen	9,685	2.24
140,000	LEG Immobilien	13,082	3.02
20,550,651	Sirius Real Estate	18,557	4.29
Ireland (1.83%)		6,516	1.51
6,353,000	Cairn Homes	6,516	1.51
Luxembourg (0.00%)		7,721	1.78
280,000	Shurgard Self Storage	7,721	1.78
Sweden (2.91%)		10,983	2.54
186,000	Castellum	3,465	0.80
503,000	Hufvudstaden	7,518	1.74
UK Equities (79.68%)		338,196	78.12
Consumer Goods (4.58%)		25,010	5.78
216,000	Bellway	8,605	1.99
3,363,000	Countryside Properties	16,405	3.79
Consumer Services (5.97%)		22,508	5.20
730,130	Fuller Smith & Turner	6,936	1.60
2,368,000	Rightmove	15,572	3.60

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Financials (69.13%)		290,678	67.14
36,913,000	Assura	28,681	6.62
1,815,000	Big Yellow	21,381	4.94
6,728,000	Capital & Counties Properties	16,383	3.78
142,285	Daejan	7,385	1.70
319,000	Derwent Valley	13,105	3.03
4,178,000	Grainger	12,367	2.85
757,000	Great Portland Estates	7,048	1.63
4,600,000	Hansteen REIT	5,354	1.24
10,665,000	LondonMetric Property	24,274	5.61
2,216,000	Safestore	17,828	4.12
634,000	Savills	7,881	1.82
3,870,000	Segro	35,232	8.14
1,521,000	Shaftesbury	13,666	3.16
2,955,000	St Modwen Properties	14,553	3.36
6,670,000	Stenprop	8,504	1.96
7,550,000	Supermarket Income REIT	8,041	1.86
2,030,000	Unite	25,801	5.96
1,909,000	Workspace	23,194	5.36
Collective Investment Schemes (2.87%)		17,589	4.06
17,589	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund ⁺	17,589	4.06
Total investment assets		431,306	99.63
Net other assets		1,603	0.37
Total Net Assets		432,909	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

⁺ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		74,506		(14,561)
Revenue	4,566		4,281	
Expenses	(1,907)		(1,957)	
Interest payable and similar charges	-		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation	2,659		2,323	
Taxation	(14)		56	
Net revenue after taxation		2,645		2,379
Total return before distributions		77,151		(12,182)
Distributions		(2,645)		(2,379)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		74,506		(14,561)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		369,191		421,503
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	30,940		25,105	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(44,361)		(54,953)	
		(13,421)		(29,848)
Dilution adjustment		-		150
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		74,506		(14,561)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		2,633		2,287
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		432,909		379,531

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		431,306		368,894
Current assets:				
Debtors	1,463		1,060	
Cash and bank balances	1,003		1,713	
		2,466		2,773
Total assets		433,772		371,667
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(863)		(2,476)	
		(863)		(2,476)
Total liabilities		(863)		(2,476)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		432,909		369,191

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2020.

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019.

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 January 2020.

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.7749	-	0.7749*	0.6332
Group 2	0.4275	0.3474	0.7749*	0.6332
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.7059	-	1.7059*	1.3077
Group 2	0.9121	0.7938	1.7059*	1.3077
K Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0454	-	1.0454*	0.8025
Group 2	0.5872	0.4582	1.0454*	0.8025
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2294	-	1.2294*	0.5100
Group 2	0.7194	0.5100	1.2294*	0.5100

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

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.

ASI UK Responsible Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in UK equities (company shares), which meet the Fund's environmental, social and governance screening criteria.

Performance Target: To achieve the return of the FTSE All-Share Index plus 3% per annum over five years (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed, incorporated or domiciled in the UK or companies that derive a significant proportion of their revenues or profits from UK operations or have a significant proportion of their assets there.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments and cash.
- All investments will comply with the Fund's ethical screening criteria, which looks to exclude investing in companies that operate to a degree in certain areas, including but not limited to those deriving revenue from animal testing, tobacco, pornography and weaponry.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term.
- In seeking to achieve the performance target, the FTSE All-Share Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 7.5%. Due to the responsible nature of the management process, there are a material number of stocks and sectors in the FTSE All-Share Index that the Fund is unable to invest, which means the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the FTSE All-Share Index.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund ("Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI UK Responsible Equity Fund – A Accumulation Shares increased by 7.60% compared to an increase of 0.06% in the performance target, 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

Large-cap UK equities ended flat in a turbulent six months to January 2020. Initially, the market was swept up in a global selloff, as sentiment was roiled by fears of a worldwide recession, trade friction and competitive currency devaluation. Also spooking investors were British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's tactics to force the UK to leave the European Union – even without a deal, causing the pound to fall sharply. Stockmarkets, rebounded subsequently as the US backed away from its hard-line stance on tariffs and restarted trade negotiations. Monetary easing by major central banks also shored up sentiment. In December, Conservatives' sweeping election victory helped improved clarity on Brexit and lifted share prices. Also buoying sentiment was the completion of the US-China phase one deal. However, the period ended on a sour note, as fears over a deadly viral outbreak in China gripped global stock markets. The oil price retreated as worries were exacerbated by the declaration of a global health emergency and renewed concerns of a no-deal outcome as the UK formally pulled out of the European Union.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, not holding Royal Dutch Shell proved beneficial, given the uncertain macro-economic backdrop weighing on the oil price. Also helping the fund was undervalued housebuilder Countryside Properties, whose shares were buoyed by an improvement in domestic sentiment that was underpinned by December's clear general election result. Finally, Aveva also did well, advancing after it posted robust first-half results, while its medium-term potential remained significant, supported by digitisation and preventative-maintenance trends. Conversely, detracting from performance was Wood Group as its shares retreated amid the uncertain macro-economic backdrop weighing on the oil price. Also costing the fund was Fevertree, as its shares retreated, reflecting the deceleration in the UK market on the back of poor weather, tough comparatives and lacklustre consumer sentiment. However, its medium-term growth remains attractive as it continues to capture the premium growth trends in new markets. Last, not holding British American Tobacco detracted from performance as its shares rebounded from last year's weakness, particularly with regulatory risks subsiding somewhat.

In portfolio activity, we took advantage of the short-term impact of power prices and foreign exchange movements to introduce high-quality infrastructure company John Laing, as its long-term fundamentals remain intact. Against this, we divested Smart Metering Systems as its investment case failed to play out as anticipated. We re-invested the proceeds across a number of existing holdings that have more compelling long-term investment theses.

Outlook

The recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus has introduced significant uncertainty to global markets. As such, we are increasingly cautious about our holdings that have direct exposure to the pandemic and will adjust positions to reflect our heightened wariness as necessary. Despite this cautiousness, as always, our focus will be on staying vigilant, using stock-price volatility in the near term as an opportunity to accumulate positions in high quality companies led by excellent management, with healthy balance sheets and upbeat long-term prospects.

UK Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

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Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- A concentrated portfolio may be more volatile and less liquid than a more broadly diversified one. The fund's investments are concentrated in a particular country or sector.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

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The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	21,258	20,081	19,632	18,570
Closing number of shares	9,612,731	9,665,145	10,044,508	10,547,422
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	221.14	207.76	195.45	176.06
Change in net asset value per share	6.44%	6.30%	11.01%	14.33%
Operating charges	1.32%	1.42%	1.63%	1.64%
A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	83	61	75	216
Closing number of shares	47,957	37,718	48,494	154,298
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	171.62	161.93	154.13	140.11
Change in net asset value per share	5.98%	5.06%	10.01%	12.73%
Operating charges	1.32%	1.42%	1.63%	1.64%
I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	15,987	11,355	5,478	4,677
Closing number of shares	8,276,525	6,270,910	3,233,495	3,087,929
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	193.16	181.08	169.41	151.47
Change in net asset value per share	6.67%	6.89%	11.84%	15.19%
Operating charges	0.87%	0.87%	0.88%	0.89%
I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,807	1,549	908	566
Closing number of shares	1,705,409	997,588	614,229	421,242
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	164.61	155.28	147.79	134.31
Change in net asset value per share	6.01%	5.07%	10.04%	12.74%
Operating charges	0.87%	0.87%	0.88%	0.89%
M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	881	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	125.52	117.57		
Change in net asset value per share	6.76%	-		
Operating charges	0.92%	0.92%		
M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019		
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-		
Closing number of shares	892	100		
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	123.19	116.01		
Change in net asset value per share	6.19%	-		
Operating charges	0.92%	0.92%		

Z Income shares ^B	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	-	-	-	1
Closing number of shares	-	-	-	471
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	-	-	-	215.20
Change in net asset value per share	-	-	-	12.75%
Operating charges	-	-	-	0.14%

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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.

^A M share classes were launched on 28 November 2018.

^B Z Income share class closed on 11 May 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
UK Equities (95.83%)		38,776	96.61
Basic Materials (6.25%)		2,876	7.17
34,100	BHP	566	1.41
16,400	Croda	817	2.04
61,700	Mondi	954	2.38
13,200	Rio Tinto	539	1.34
Consumer Goods (10.03%)		3,955	9.85
24,400	Associated British Foods	640	1.60
24,810	Bellway	988	2.46
229,000	Countryside Properties	1,117	2.78
23,690	Fever Tree Drinks**	326	0.81
19,500	Unilever	884	2.20
Consumer Services (17.83%)		6,961	17.34
401,940	Boohoo.com**	1,215	3.03
31,300	Compass	587	1.46
49,190	Euromoney Institutional Investor	601	1.50
141,110	Inchcape	926	2.31
159,760	Just Eat	1,375	3.42
76,540	RELX	1,540	3.84
109,000	Rightmove	717	1.78
Financials (19.67%)		8,863	22.08
220,000	Ashmore	1,195	2.98
76,010	Close Brothers	1,075	2.68
29,000	Hiscox	380	0.94
209,500	John Laing Group	743	1.85
16,480	London Stock Exchange	1,291	3.21
93,300	M&G	224	0.56
115,980	Prudential	1,567	3.91
18,700	Schroders (Non Voting)	465	1.16
70,300	St James's Place	804	2.00
177,350	Standard Chartered	1,119	2.79

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Health Care (7.58%)		2,653	6.61
45,900	Abcam ⁺⁺	639	1.59
8,460	AstraZeneca	628	1.57
23,442	Dechra Pharmaceuticals	666	1.66
23,400	Genus	720	1.79
Industrials (23.73%)		8,648	21.55
111,810	Bodycote	957	2.38
125,800	Electrocomponents	834	2.08
38,000	Experian	1,002	2.50
109,860	Grafton	1,010	2.52
136,200	Howdens Joinery	937	2.34
11,200	Intertek	645	1.61
397,630	Melrose Industries	927	2.31
46,800	Oxford Instruments	721	1.79
151,600	Rentokil	708	1.76
6,400	Spirax-Sarco Engineering	571	1.42
24,913	Weir	336	0.84
Oil & Gas (3.60%)		952	2.37
20,000	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	400	1.00
146,700	Wood Group	552	1.37
Technology (5.15%)		2,681	6.68
216,250	Avast	919	2.29
35,840	AVEVA	1,762	4.39
Utilities (1.99%)		1,187	2.96
118,000	National Grid	1,187	2.96

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Collective Investment Schemes (3.79%)		1,771	4.41
1,771	Aberdeen Standard Liquidity Fund (Lux) - Sterling Fund ⁺	1,771	4.41
Total investment assets		40,547	101.02
Net other liabilities		(410)	(1.02)
Total Net Assets		40,137	100.00

All investments (excluding OTC derivatives) are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities or regulated collective investment schemes within the meaning of the FCA rules. The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

⁺ Managed by subsidiaries of Standard Life Aberdeen plc.

⁺⁺ AIM Listed.

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital gains/(losses)		2,191		(2,077)
Revenue	393		292	
Expenses	(204)		(167)	
Net revenue before taxation	189		125	
Taxation	-		-	
Net revenue after taxation		189		125
Total return before distributions		2,380		(1,952)
Distributions		(189)		(125)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		2,191		(2,077)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		33,046		26,093
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	6,202		1,313	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(1,510)		(913)	
		4,692		400
Dilution adjustment		13		-
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		2,191		(2,077)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		195		122
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		40,137		24,538

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		40,547		32,922
Current assets:				
Debtors	250		64	
Cash and bank balances	129		110	
		379		174
Total assets		40,926		33,096
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(770)		(35)	
Distribution payable	(19)		(15)	
		(789)		(50)
Total liabilities		(789)		(50)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		40,137		33,046

Distribution table

For the six months ended 31 January 2020.

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019.

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 January 2020.

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.9511	-	0.9511*	0.7829
Group 2	0.0047	0.9464	0.9511*	0.7829
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.7414	-	0.7414**	0.6172
Group 2	0.1819	0.5595	0.7414**	0.6172
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2459	-	1.2459*	1.2002
Group 2	0.2617	0.9842	1.2459*	1.2002
I Income shares				
Group 1	1.0686	-	1.0686**	1.0493
Group 2	0.3409	0.7277	1.0686**	1.0493
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.6901	-	0.6901*	0.2100
Group 2	0.2201	0.4700	0.6901*	0.2100
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.6483	-	0.6483**	0.2100
Group 2	0.2183	0.4300	0.6483**	0.2100

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2020.

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.

ASI World Income Equity Fund

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

Investment objective

To generate income and some growth over the long term (5 years or more) by investing in equities (company shares) worldwide.

Performance Target: To exceed the return of the MSCI AC World High Yield Index plus 3% per annum over three years (before charges). The Performance Target is the level of performance that the management team hopes to achieve for the Fund. There is however no certainty or promise that they will achieve the Performance Target.

The ACD believes this is an appropriate target for the Fund based on the investment policy of the Fund and the constituents of the index.

Investment policy

Portfolio Securities

- The Fund will invest at least 70% in equities and equity related securities of companies listed on recognised stock exchanges that offer good sustainable income prospects.
- The Fund may also invest in other funds (including those managed by Aberdeen Standard Investments), money-market instruments, and cash.

Management Process

- The management team use their discretion (active management) to maintain a diverse asset mix at country, sector and stock level.
- Their primary focus is on stock selection using research techniques to select individual holdings. The research process is focused on finding high quality companies at attractive valuations that can be held for the long term.
- In seeking to achieve the Performance Target, the MSCI AC World High Yield Index is used as a reference point for portfolio construction and as a basis for setting risk constraints. The expected variation ("tracking error") between the returns of the Fund and the index is not ordinarily expected to exceed 9%. Due to the active nature of the management process, the Fund's performance profile may deviate significantly from that of the index over the long term.

Derivatives and Techniques

- The Fund may use derivatives to reduce risk, reduce cost and/or generate additional income or growth consistent with the risk profile of the Fund (often referred to as "Efficient Portfolio Management").
- Derivative usage in the Fund is expected to be very limited. Where derivatives are used, this would mainly be in response to significant inflows into the Fund so that in these instances, cash can be invested while maintaining the Fund's existing allocations to company shares.

Performance review

For the six months ended 31 January 2020, the value of ASI World Equity Income Fund – A Income Shares decreased by 4.01% compared to a decrease of 0.42% in the performance target, the MSCI AC World High Yield 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 were little changed in sterling terms in the six months under review as a jittery start and end shaved off their gains in between. Markets started off on the back foot in August, when US President Donald Trump threatened to impose tariffs on Chinese imports after talks stalled. Tensions then eased in September as both sides exchanged goodwill gestures to pave the way for talks to resume. Improving prospects of a partial deal between them supported stocks in the final months of 2019. In the New Year, however, fears over the economic impact of a viral outbreak unnerved investors. Stocks dipped, in spite of improving growth in some markets and the signing of the US-China phase one deal.

In policy news, the Federal Reserve cut rates for a second and third time. It then paused in December and signalled it could stand pat in 2020. Amid encouraging US data, including a healthy labour market, the S&P 500 Index set several fresh records. In Japan, lawmakers approved US\$120 billion in stimulus to address decelerating growth. The two markets were among the few that gained in the period. In the UK, a landslide election win by incumbent Prime Minister Boris Johnson's party and his later Brexit success boosted stocks after months of uncertainty. Its stockmarket, however, still ended the period lower overall.

Portfolio review

At the stock level, Siam Commercial Bank in Thailand was a key detractor. The lender's quarterly results missed expectations due to higher loan provisions and staff costs, leading analysts to downgrade its ratings. We remain positive on the stock, given its earnings recovery, cheap valuation and high dividend yield. Indonesian cement producer Indocement Tungal fell due to concerns over recent lower-than-expected cement sales volumes. Nevertheless, its volume recovery in the last few months of 2019 was encouraging, and we expect the market to see improved demand in 2020 against a limited increase in supply. The company's cost-cutting measures should also help improve margins. Elsewhere, Canadian fertiliser giant Nutrien was hurt by lower demand for potash and a dip in ammonia prices. We lowered our exposure to the stock to reflect our reduced conviction in the company.

Conversely, Mexican airport operator Asur boosted returns, as it rebounded in tandem with the broader market. It also continued to benefit from robust passenger traffic growth. British American Tobacco also performed well. Its management said a slowdown in e-cigarettes sales was outweighed by higher prices and market-share gains for combustible cigarettes. Not holding ExxonMobil further benefited the fund as it fell in line with the oil price.

In portfolio activity, we introduced Norwegian telco Telenor, state-owned telco Telekomunikasi Indonesia and mining giant Vale, all of which provide attractive dividends and valuations.

Against these, we exited British American Tobacco Malaysia and Australian bottler Coca-Cola Amatil for better opportunities elsewhere.

Outlook

The recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus looks likely to disrupt the nascent global economic recovery. The shutdown of parts of China will have knock-on effects elsewhere – particularly on countries with the strongest trade and tourism links to the world's second-largest economy. We expect some governments will use targeted fiscal aid to support affected sectors, alleviating some of the impact. Meanwhile, the fragile truce between the US and China offers investors some respite from geopolitical tensions. But both governments have offered few indications on the timing and prospects for further, and potentially more significant, talks. Political uncertainty as the US heads towards elections at the end of the year could also hamper stockmarkets.

In the meantime, rather than attempting to time a stock market turnaround, we focus on structural growth drivers that will be unaffected in the long term. The recent pullback in valuations also allows us to add to favoured holdings, or pick up attractive stocks, on the cheap. The solid fundamentals of the portfolio's underlying holdings will ensure their resilience during such uncertain times. Accommodative central banks should also continue to lend some support to stocks.

Global Equity Team

February 2020

Risk and reward profile

This indicator reflects the volatility of the fund's share price over the last five years which in turn reflects the volatility of the underlying assets in which the fund invests. Historical data may not be a reliable indication for the future.

The current rating is not guaranteed and may change if the volatility of the assets in which the fund invests changes. The lowest rating does not mean risk free.

Typically lower rewards, lower risk				Typically higher rewards, higher risk		
←				→		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Risk and reward indicator table as at 31 January 2020

The fund is rated as 5 because of the extent to which the following risk factors apply:

- Investing in China A shares involves special considerations and risks, including without limitation greater price volatility, less developed regulatory and legal framework, exchange rate risk/ controls, settlement, tax, quota, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The use of derivatives carries the risk of reduced liquidity, substantial loss and increased volatility in adverse market conditions, such as a failure amongst market participants. The use of derivatives may result in the fund being leveraged (where market exposure and thus the potential for loss by the fund exceeds the amount it has invested) and in these market conditions the effect of leverage will be to magnify losses.
- The fund invests in emerging market equities and / or bonds. Investing in emerging markets involves a greater risk of loss than investing in more developed markets due to, among other factors, greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory risks.
- The fund invests in equity and equity related securities. These are sensitive to variations in the stock markets which can be volatile and change substantially in short periods of time.
- The fund may invest in companies with Variable Interest Entity (VIE) structures in order to gain exposure to industries with foreign ownership restrictions. There is a risk that investments in these structures may be adversely affected by changes in the legal and regulatory framework.

All investment involves risk. This fund offers no guarantee against loss or that the fund's objective will be attained.

The price of assets and the income from them may go down as well as up and cannot be guaranteed; an investor may receive back less than their original investment.

Inflation reduces the buying power of your investment and income.

The value of assets held in the fund may rise and fall as a result of exchange rate fluctuations.

The fund could lose money if an entity (counterparty) with which it does business becomes unwilling or unable to honour its obligations to the fund.

In extreme market conditions some securities may become hard to value or sell at a desired price. This could affect the fund's ability to meet redemptions in a timely manner.

The fund could lose money as the result of a failure or delay in operational processes and systems including but not limited to third party providers failing or going into administration.

Comparative table

A Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	4,376	4,607	4,295	4,566
Closing number of shares	2,973,255	3,002,964	3,025,883	3,259,856
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	147.19	153.42	141.96	140.07
Change in net asset value per share	(4.06%)	8.07%	1.35%	11.18%
Operating charges	1.57%	1.59%	1.64%	1.65%

A Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	30,713	32,181	32,124	30,344
Closing number of shares	48,126,484	47,629,147	49,382,956	45,537,796
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	63.82	67.57	65.05	66.63
Change in net asset value per share	(5.55%)	3.87%	(2.37%)	7.09%
Operating charges	1.57%	1.59%	1.64%	1.65%

I Accumulation shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	2,156	2,385	2,508	3,071
Closing number of shares	1,499,368	1,595,022	1,821,803	2,272,599
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	143.76	149.51	137.65	135.15
Change in net asset value per share	(3.85%)	8.62%	1.85%	11.72%
Operating charges	1.12%	1.12%	1.14%	1.15%

I Income shares	31 January 2020	31 July 2019	31 July 2018	31 July 2017
Closing net asset value (£'000)	30,037	35,536	44,243	54,419
Closing number of shares	44,709,282	50,079,475	65,068,025	78,522,778
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	67.18	70.96	67.99	69.30
Change in net asset value per share	(5.33%)	4.37%	(1.89%)	7.63%
Operating charges	1.12%	1.12%	1.14%	1.15%

M Accumulation shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-
Closing number of shares	936	100
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	106.73	110.76
Change in net asset value per share	(3.64%)	-
Operating charges	1.17%	1.17%

M Income shares ^A	31 January 2020	31 July 2019
Closing net asset value (£'000)	1	-
Closing number of shares	975	100
Closing net asset value per share (pence)	101.83	107.37
Change in net asset value per share	(5.16%)	-
Operating charges	1.17%	1.17%

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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.

^A M share classes were launched on 30 November 2018.

Portfolio Statement

As at 31 January 2020

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Equities (99.66%)		66,986	99.55
Emerging Market Equities (11.69%)		8,768	13.03
Brazil (8.29%)		6,522	9.69
387,240	Banco Bradesco ADR	2,239	3.33
259,400	Telefonica Brasil	2,729	4.06
106,200	Ultrapar Participacoes	474	0.70
121,600	Vale ADR	1,080	1.60
Chile (3.40%)		2,246	3.34
105,500	Sociedad Quimica y Minera de Chile*	2,246	3.34
European Equities (11.79%)		8,662	12.88
France (1.95%)		1,262	1.88
34,000	TOTAL	1,262	1.88
Germany (0.74%)		637	0.95
10,326	Bayer	637	0.95
Norway (0.00%)		1,261	1.87
91,800	Telenor	1,261	1.87
Poland (1.44%)		950	1.41
49,200	Bank Polska Kasa Opieki	950	1.41
Sweden (3.54%)		1,937	2.88
39,500	Atlas Copco 'B'	935	1.39
116,300	Epiroc	1,002	1.49
Switzerland (4.12%)		2,615	3.89
10,500	Novartis	753	1.12
7,300	Roche	1,862	2.77

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Japanese equities (2.74%)		1,304	1.94
80,500	Japan Tobacco	1,304	1.94
North America Equities (29.84%)		20,829	30.94
Bermuda (0.93%)		788	1.17
91,500	Wilson Sons (BDR)	788	1.17
Canada (5.61%)		2,746	4.08
31,300	Nutrien	1,012	1.50
22,500	TC Energy	935	1.39
26,300	TELUS*	799	1.19
United States (18.24%)		12,718	18.89
18,800	CME	3,096	4.60
31,700	Intel	1,537	2.28
7,200	Johnson & Johnson	813	1.21
16,400	PepsiCo	1,766	2.62
27,400	Philip Morris	1,718	2.55
67,500	Schlumberger	1,715	2.55
46,000	Verizon Communications	2,073	3.08
Mexico (5.06%)		4,577	6.80
217,900	Grupo Aeroportuario del Sureste	3,171	4.71
898,300	Kimberly-Clark de Mexico	1,406	2.09
Pacific Basin Equities (31.65%)		20,364	30.27
Australia (1.81%)		-	-
India (1.45%)		1,074	1.60
752,296	Castrol India	1,074	1.60
Indonesia (4.66%)		3,734	5.55
1,290,700	Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa	1,181	1.75
4,719,000	Telekomunikasi Indonesia 'B'	994	1.48
3,529,000	Unilever Indonesia	1,559	2.32

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Malaysia (0.59%)		-	-
New Zealand (3.29%)		2,055	3.05
489,600	Auckland International Airport	2,055	3.05
Singapore (4.31%)		2,648	3.94
222,000	Oversea-Chinese Banking	1,336	1.99
715,500	Singapore Telecommunications	1,312	1.95
South Korea (2.14%)		1,843	2.74
2,500	Samsung Electronics	1,843	2.74
Taiwan (8.34%)		6,209	9.23
97,000	Globalwafers	974	1.45
820,000	Taiwan Mobile	2,203	3.27
74,100	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	3,032	4.51
Thailand (5.06%)		2,801	4.16
676,600	Siam Commercial Bank (Alien)	1,614	2.40
2,247,600	Tesco Lotus Retail Growth	1,187	1.76
UK Equities (11.95%)		7,059	10.49
Basic Materials (1.97%)		715	1.06
43,100	BHP	715	1.06
Consumer Goods (2.72%)		2,125	3.16
63,300	British American Tobacco	2,125	3.16
Financials (1.63%)		1,495	2.22
236,966	Standard Chartered	1,495	2.22

Holding	Investment	Market Value £'000	Percentage of total net assets
Oil & Gas (1.96%)		962	1.43
48,100	Royal Dutch Shell 'B'	962	1.43
Telecommunications (3.67%)		1,762	2.62
1,180,400	Vodafone	1,762	2.62
Total investment assets		66,986	99.55
Net other assets		298	0.45
Total Net Assets		67,284	100.00

All investments are listed on recognised stock exchanges and are approved securities within the meaning of the FCA rules.
The percentage figures in brackets show the comparative holding as at 31 July 2019.

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

Statement of total return

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income:				
Net capital losses		(3,562)		(2,164)
Revenue	1,228		1,419	
Expenses	(484)		(516)	
Net revenue before taxation	744		903	
Taxation	(80)		(137)	
Net revenue after taxation		664		766
Total return before distributions		(2,898)		(1,398)
Distributions		(1,090)		(1,206)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities		(3,988)		(2,604)

Statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders

For the six months ended 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 January 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to shareholders		74,709		83,170
Amounts receivable on the issue of shares	1,320		960	
Amounts payable on the cancellation of shares	(4,861)		(8,039)	
		(3,541)		(7,079)
Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities (see above)		(3,988)		(2,604)
Retained distribution on accumulation shares		103		99
Unclaimed distributions		1		1
Closing net assets attributable to shareholders		67,284		73,587

Comparative information is provided for the statement of change in net assets attributable to shareholders. Since this information is for the prior interim period, the net assets at the end of that period do not correspond to the net assets at the start of the current period.

Balance sheet

As at 31 January 2020

	31 January 2020		31 July 2019	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Assets:				
Fixed assets:				
Investment assets		66,986		74,469
Current assets:				
Debtors	631		802	
Cash and bank balances	258		557	
		889		1,359
Total assets		67,875		75,828
Liabilities:				
Creditors	(137)		(211)	
Distribution payable	(454)		(908)	
		(591)		(1,119)
Total liabilities		(591)		(1,119)
Net assets attributable to shareholders		67,284		74,709

Distribution table**For the three months ended 31 October 2019**

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 August 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 August 2019 and 31 October 2019

	Net Income 2019 pence per share	Equalisation 2019 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.2028	-	1.2028*	1.0979
Group 2	0.4952	0.7076	1.2028*	1.0979
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.5295	-	0.5295**	0.5031
Group 2	0.0113	0.5182	0.5295**	0.5031
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.1729	-	1.1729*	1.0642
Group 2	0.7907	0.3822	1.1729*	1.0642
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.5565	-	0.5565**	0.5257
Group 2	0.1406	0.4159	0.5565**	0.5257
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8623	-	0.8623*	-
Group 2	0.0223	0.8400	0.8623*	-
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.8511	-	0.8511**	-
Group 2	0.1611	0.6900	0.8511**	-

* Distribution accumulated on 31 October 2019.

** Distribution paid on 31 January 2020.

For the three months ended 31 January 2020

Group 1 - shares purchased prior to 1 November 2019

Group 2 - shares purchased between 1 November 2019 and 31 January 2020

	Net Income 2020 pence per share	Equalisation 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2020 pence per share	Distribution paid 2019 pence per share
A Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0914	-	1.0914*	1.0740
Group 2	0.7306	0.3608	1.0914*	1.0740
A Income shares				
Group 1	0.4768	-	0.4768**	0.4879
Group 2	0.0415	0.4353	0.4768**	0.4879
I Accumulation shares				
Group 1	1.0656	-	1.0656*	1.0444
Group 2	0.1861	0.8795	1.0656*	1.0444
I Income shares				
Group 1	0.5017	-	0.5017**	0.5100
Group 2	0.2768	0.2249	0.5017**	0.5100
M Accumulation shares				
Group 1	0.8025	-	0.8025*	0.6500
Group 2	-	-	-	0.6500
M Income shares				
Group 1	0.7711	-	0.7711**	0.6500
Group 2	-	-	-	0.6500

* Distribution accumulated on 31 January 2020.

** Distribution paid on 30 April 2020.

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.

Securities Financing Transactions Disclosure

The Company 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 Company's involvement in and exposures related to securities lending for the period ended 31 January 2020 are detailed below:

Absolute value of assets engaged in SFTs

Fund	Market Value of securities on loan £'000	% of lendable assets	% of assets under management
ASI (AAM) Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund	848	0.59	0.53
ASI (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund	14,005	2.91	8.71
ASI (AAM) UK Smaller Companies Fund	1,422	1.61	1.53
ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund	14,005	2.91	1.44
ASI Corporate Bond Fund	59,231	4.98	4.50
ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund	755	0.78	0.61
ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund	12,386	2.88	1.21
ASI European High Yield Bond Fund	6,387	11.2	10.17
ASI Global High Yield Bond Fund	29,237	4.85	4.38
ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund	4,987	2.5	1.83
ASI Sterling Short Term Government Bond Fund	16,513	24.45	24.23
ASI Target Return Bond Fund	257	0.18	0.16
ASI UK Income Equity Fund	390	0.26	0.24
ASI UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund	1,564	2.2	2.00
ASI World Income Equity Fund	1,205	2.17	1.79

Top ten collateral Issuers

Issuers	Market value of collateral received £'000	Issuers	Market value of collateral received £'000	Issuers	Market value of collateral received £'000
ASI (AAM) Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fundw		ASI (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund		ASI (AAM) UK Smaller Companies Fund	
Netherlands (Gov't of)	299	United Kingdom (Gov't of)	6,836	Vivendi	150
France (Republic of)	299	France (Republic of)	5,855	Sanofi	150
United Kingdom (Gov't of)	299	Germany (Gov't of)	5,003	Wirecard	150
Total	897	Netherlands (Gov't of)	1,651	SSE	150
		Australia (Commonwealth of)	1,164	Deutsche Post	150
		Total	20,509	RSA Insurance	149
				Zurich Insurance	149
				Dassault	133
				LVMH	108
				BASF	101
				Other equity	231
				Total	1,621
ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund		ASI Corporate Bond Fund		ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund	
United Kingdom (Gov't of)	1,155	United Kingdom (Gov't of)	22,680	Netherlands (Gov't of)	254
Australia (Gov't of)	1,155	Sweden (Kingdom of)	21,103	France (Republic of)	253
Germany (Gov't of)	1,154	Australia (Commonwealth of)	20,373	United Kingdom (Gov't of)	253
Nasdaq	1,080	Germany (Gov't of)	644	Total	760
LKQ	1,080	Total	64,800		
Copart	1,080				
Everest	1,080				
Marsh + McLennan	1,080				
Trust Financial	1,080				
Willis Towers Watson	1,080				
Other equity	4,105				
Total	15,129				
ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund		ASI European High Yield Bond Fund		ASI Global High Yield Bond Fund	
United States Treasury	3,950	France (Republic of)	2,434	France (Republic of)	9,800
France (Republic of)	2,837	Germany (Gov't of)	2,433	Germany (Gov't of)	9,800
United Kingdom (Gov't of)	2,065	United Kingdom (Gov't of)	2,433	United Kingdom (Gov't of)	9,800
Fiat Chrysler	387	Total	7,300	Total	29,400
Assicurazioni	387				
Las Vegas Sands	361				
Western Digital	361				
DCC	361				
Allergan	361				
Lonza	260				
Other equities	1,081				
Total	12,411				

Issuers	Market value of collateral received £'000	Issuers	Market value of collateral received £'000	Issuers	Market value of collateral received £'000
ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund		ASI Sterling Short Term Government Bond		ASI Target Return Bond Fund	
France (Republic of)	1,441	Netherlands (Gov't of)	285	Sweden (Gov't of)	100
United States Treasury	1,424	France (Republic of)	285	Norway (Gov't of)	100
United Kingdom (Gov't of)	1,217	United Kingdom (Gov't of)	285	Switzerland (Gov't of)	99
Australia (Commonwealth of)	665	Total	855	Netherlands (Gov't of)	1
Netherlands (Gov't of)	285			Total	300
Total	5,032				
ASI UK Income Equity Fund		ASI UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund		ASI World Income Equity Fund	
Infineon Technologies	37	United States Treasury	132	United Kingdom (Gov't of)	433
RSA Insurance	37	United Kingdom (Gov't of)	129	Australia (Gov't of)	433
Tiffany	37	France (Republic of)	105	Germany (Gov't of)	432
Adecco	37	CRH	74	France (Republic of)	1
Engie	37	Novartis	74	Total	1,299
BASF	37	Helmerich + Payne	74		
Loreal	37	Juniper Networks	74		
Deutsche Post	37	Marsh + McLennan	74		
Swiss Life	36	Ingersoll-Rand	74		
Other equities	68	Exxon Mobil	74		
Total	400	Other equities	713		
		Total	1,597		

Top ten counterparties per type of SFT

Counterparty	Market value of securities on loan £'000	Counterparty	Market value of securities on loan £'000	Counterparty	Market value of securities on loan £'000
ASI (AAM) Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund		ASI (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund		ASI (AAM) UK Smaller Companies Fund	
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	897	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	20,509	JP Morgan Securities	1,621
ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund		ASI Corporate Bond Fund		ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund	
Goldman Sachs International	3,465	Barclays Bank	68,040	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	798
UBS (London Branch)	11,664				
ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund		ASI European High Yield Bond Fund		ASI Global High Yield Bond Fund	
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	8,975	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	7,665	Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	30,870
UBS (London Branch)	4,192				
ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund		ASI Sterling Short Term Government Bond		ASI Target Return Bond Fund	
Barclays Bank	1,995	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	898	Barclays Capital Securities Limited	315
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	3,289				
ASI UK Income Equity Fund		ASI UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund		ASI World Income Equity Fund	
JP Morgan Securities	433	Citigroup Global Markets Limited	418	Goldman Sachs International	1,365
		Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	434		
		UBS (London Branch)	865		

Aggregate Transaction Data

Counterparty	Countries of counterparty establishment	Type	Quality	Collateral currency	Settlement and Clearing	Custodian	Market value of collateral received £'000
ASI (AAM) Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund							
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	570
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	285
ASI (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund							
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,109
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	11,913
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	6,511
ASI (AAM) UK Smaller Companies Fund							
JP Morgan Securities	United States	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	182
JP Morgan Securities	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,040
JP Morgan Securities	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	277
ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund							
Goldman Sachs International	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,100
Goldman Sachs International	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,100
Goldman Sachs International	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,100
UBS (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,000
UBS (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	9,800
ASI Corporate Bond Fund							
Barclays Bank	United Kingdom	Government Bond	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	20,374
Barclays Bank	United Kingdom	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	21,746
Barclays Bank	United Kingdom	Government Bond	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	22,680
ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund							
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	507
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	253
ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund							
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	3,224
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	2,065
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	3,222
UBS (London Branch)	Switzerland	Government Bond	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,115
UBS (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	260
UBS (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	688
UBS (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	361
UBS (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,476

Counterparty	Countries of counterparty establishment	Type	Quality	Collateral currency	Settlement and Clearing	Custodian	Market value of collateral received £'000
ASI European High Yield Bond Fund							
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	4,867
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government Bond	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	2,433
ASI Global High Yield Bond Fund							
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	19,600
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Government Bond	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	9,800
ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund							
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Government Bond	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	665
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	398
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Government Bond	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	173
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Government Bond	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	665
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,329
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1,044
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	759
ASI Sterling Short Term Government Bond Fund							
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	570
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	285
ASI Target Return Bond Fund							
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Government Bond	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	99
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	1
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Government Bond	Main market listing	NOK	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	100
Barclays Capital Securities Limited	United Kingdom	Government Bond	Main market listing	SEK	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	100
ASI UK Income Equity Fund							
JP Morgan Securities	United States	Equity	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	20
JP Morgan Securities	United States	Equity	Main market listing	CHF	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	74
JP Morgan Securities	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	202
JP Morgan Securities	United States	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	67
JP Morgan Securities	United States	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	37

Counterparty	Countries of counterparty establishment	Type	Quality	Collateral currency	Settlement and Clearing	Custodian	Market value of collateral received £'000
ASI UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund							
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	106
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	129
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	132
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	8
Citigroup Global Markets Limited	United States	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	21
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	CAD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	18
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	73
Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	309
UBS (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	36
UBS (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	148
UBS (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	74
UBS (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	JPY	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	3
UBS (London Branch)	Switzerland	Equity	Main market listing	USD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	539
ASI World Income Equity Fund							
Goldman Sachs International	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	AUD	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	433
Goldman Sachs International	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	EUR	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	434
Goldman Sachs International	United States	Government Bond	Main market listing	GBP	Tri-party	BNY Mellon	433

Maturity Tenor of collateral (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	Three months to one year £'000	Above one year £'000	Open maturity £'000	Total £'000
ASI (AAM) Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	285	570	-	855
ASI (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	5,470	14,062	-	19,532
ASI (AAM) UK Smaller Companies Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	1,500
ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,100	14,100
ASI Corporate Bond Fund	-	-	-	45,531	-	19,269	-	64,800
ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	253	507	-	760
ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund	-	-	-	-	-	8,852	3,559	12,411
ASI European High Yield Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	-	7,300	-	7,300
ASI Global High Yield Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	-	29,400	-	29,400
ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund	-	-	-	838	285	3,909	-	5,032
ASI Sterling Short Term Government Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	285	570	-	855
ASI Target Return Bond Fund	-	-	-	-	-	300	-	300
ASI UK Income Equity Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	400	400
ASI UK Mid-Cap Equity Fund	-	-	-	-	-	353	1,244	1,597
ASI World Income Equity Fund	-	-	-	432	-	868	-	1,300

Lending transactions operate on a rolling one day contract and can be recalled on demand.

Data on reuse of collateral

Non-cash collateral is held with a segregated account by the Funds' Custodian and will not be sold, re-invested or pledged.

Safekeeping of collateral

Granted

At the year end there was no non-cash collateral posted by the Funds.

Received

As at the period end date, collateral was received for stock lending transactions into a segregated account at the Funds' Custodian in the form of Government bonds and main market listed equity valued at £160.1m.

Data on return and cost for each type of SFT

Fund	Total gross amount of securities lending income £'000	Direct costs deducted by securites lending agent £'000	Net amount of securities lending income £'000	Gross amount of securities lending income %	Direct costs deducted by securities lending agent %	Net Return of the Fund %
ASI (AAM) Sterling Short Dated Corporate Bond Fund	1	0	1	125.00	25.00	100.00
ASI (AAM) Sterling Government Bond Fund	1	0	1	125.00	25.00	100.00
ASI (AAM) UK Smaller Companies Fund	1	0	1	125.00	25.00	100.00
ASI American Equity Fund	1	0	1	125.00	25.00	100.00
ASI Asia Pacific and Japan Equity Fund	3	1	2	125.00	25.00	100.00
ASI Asia Pacific Equity Fund	10	2	8	125.00	25.00	100.00
ASI Corporate Bond Fund	104	21	83	125.00	25.00	100.00
ASI Emerging Markets Bond Fund	3	1	2	125.00	25.00	100.00
ASI Emerging Markets Equity Fund	18	4	14	125.00	25.00	100.00
ASI European High Yield Bond Fund	94	19	75	125.00	25.00	100.00
ASI European Smaller Companies Fund	15	3	12	125.00	25.00	100.00
ASI Global Ethical Equity Fund	3	1	2	125.00	25.00	100.00
ASI Global Equity Fund	1	0	1	125.00	25.00	100.00
ASI Global High Yield Bond Fund	456	91	365	125.00	25.00	100.00
ASI Japanese Equity Fund	13	3	10	125.00	25.00	100.00
ASI Sterling Bond Fund	1	0	1	125.00	25.00	100.00
ASI Sterling Opportunistic Corporate Bond Fund	13	3	10	125.00	25.00	100.00
ASI Target Return Bond Fund	4	1	3	125.00	25.00	100.00
ASI UK Real Estate Share Fund	1	0	1	125.00	25.00	100.00
ASI World Income Equity Fund	15	3	12	125.00	25.00	100.00

Further Information

Constitution

The Aberdeen Standard OEIC I (formerly the Aberdeen Investment Funds ICVC) 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 Standard OEIC I 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 aberdeenstandard.com.

Documentation

Copies of the current Prospectus and Key Investor Information Documents (KIIDs) for the Aberdeen Standard OEIC I funds, together with the latest Annual (and if issued later the interim) Report and Accounts for any fund, are available to download at aberdeenstandard.com. 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

Please send any notices to Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited, PO Box 12233, Chelmsford, Essex CM99 2EE. Any notice to the ACD will only be effective when actually received by the ACD. All notices will be sent to the investor at the address set out in the Application form or the latest address which the investor has notified to the ACD, and will be deemed to have been received three days after posting. Events detailed in these terms and conditions will be carried out on the dates specified, unless the dates are a non-business day, when they will be carried out on the next business day.

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.

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