# **Key Investor Information**



This document provides you with key investor information about this fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

ASI Ethical Corporate Bond Fund, a Sterling denominated sub fund of the Aberdeen Standard OEIC V, Platform 1 Income Shares (ISIN: GB00B4LQ8T99). This fund is managed by Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited.

# **OBJECTIVES AND INVESTMENT POLICY**

# **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 which meet the ethical criteria as set out in the investment manager's ethical investment policy.

Performance Target: To exceed the IA £ Corporate bond Sector Average return (after charges) over 1 year and to be top quartile over three years. 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 sector.

### Investment Policy

- Portfolio Securities
  The fund will invest at least 60% in Sterling denominated investment grade corporate bonds issued anywhere in the world.
- The fund may invest in bonds, issued anywhere in the world by governments and corporations, such as sub-sovereigns subinvestment 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
- All investments will comply with the ethical investment policy. The fund uses negative criteria to avoid investing in companies that operate to a degree in certain areas, including but not limited to those deriving revenue from animal testing, weaponry, pornography and gambling services. In addition to excluding such companies which operate in certain industries and activities, the fund will seek to include companies whose business activities are regarded as making a positive contribution in terms of preserving the environment or improving the quality and safety of human life. In making an assessment of whether business activities make a positive contribution, the investment manager will make reference to the UN Global Compact to define the areas where the fund seeks to invest in companies with positive business practices and services. The areas include human rights, labour rights, environmental safeguards and

combating bribery and corruption. Please refer to the ethical investment policy for further detail.

# **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 bonds and derivatives
- 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%. Due to the ethical nature of the management process, the fund's performance
- profile may deviate significantly from that of the iBoxx Sterling Collateralised & Corporates 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 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").
  Examples of derivative usage are to manage the risk of the portfolio related to changes in interest rates or the creditworthiness of corporations.
- Derivatives include instruments used to manage expected changes in interest rates, inflation, currencies or creditworthiness of corporations or governments.

Investors in the fund may buy and sell shares on any dealing day (as defined in the Prospectus).

If you invest in income shares, income from investments in the fund will be paid out to you. If you invest in accumulation shares, income will be added to the value of your shares.

Recommendation: the fund may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money within five years. Investors should satisfy themselves that their attitude to risk aligns with the risk profile of this fund before investing.

# 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.

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.
- 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

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.

## **CHARGES**

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the fund including marketing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

# One-off charges taken before or after you invest

Entry charge	0.00%
Exit charge	0.00%

These are the maximum charges that we might take out of your money before it is invested and before we pay out the sale proceeds of your investment. In some cases, you might pay less and you should speak to your financial adviser about this.

# Charges taken from the fund over a year

Ongoing charges	0.66%
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# Charges taken from the fund under certain specific conditions

Performance fee 0.00%

The entry and exit charges shown are maximum figures. In some cases you might pay less - you can find this out from your financial adviser.

The Ongoing Charges figure reflects the amount based on the expenses within the annual report for each financial year. This figure may vary from year to year. It excludes: performance fees (where applicable); portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the fund when buying or selling in another collective investment undertaking.

Where the Fund invests in an open-ended collective investment scheme which is operated or managed by the ACD/the Manager or an associate of the ACD/the Manager, no additional annual management charge will be incurred by the Fund on such an investment.

The annual report for each financial year will include detail on the exact charges made.

The Ongoing Charge figure is as at 31/10/2019.

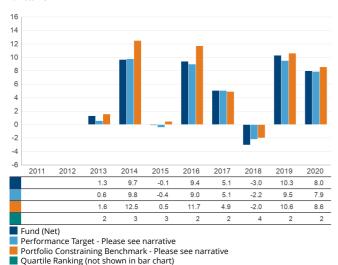
A switching charge may be applied in accordance with the Prospectus. For more information about charges please see Prospectus.

Further information on the charges can be found in the Prospectus.

# **PAST PERFORMANCE**

ASI Ethical Corporate Bond Fund, Platform 1 Income Shares, 31 December 2020

% Returns



Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

Performance is net of charges and does not take into account any entry, exit or switching charges but does take into account the ongoing charge, as shown in the Charges section.

Performance is calculated in GBP.

The fund was launched in 2005. The share/unit class was launched in 2012.

Performance Target - IA £ Corporate Bond Sector Average (GBP).

Portfolio Constraining Benchmark - Markit iBoxx Sterling Collateralized & Corporates (GBP).

# PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Name of Depositary: Citibank Europe plc, UK Branch, Citigroup Centre, Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5LB.

Further information about Aberdeen Standard OEIC V (Prospectus, report & accounts) can be found at www.aberdeenstandard.com, where documents may be obtained free of charge.

Other practical information (e.g. where to find latest share prices) can be found in documents held at www.aberdeenstandard.com.

Details of the up to date remuneration policy which includes a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, the identities of the persons responsible for awarding remuneration and benefits and the composition of the remuneration committee, are available at www.aberdeenstandard.com and a paper copy will be available free of charge upon request from Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited.

Prospective investors should consult their own professional advisers on the potential tax consequences of acquiring, holding or selling shares.

Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant parts of the Prospectus for the Aberdeen Standard OEIC V.

Other share classes are available in the fund and further information about these can be found in the Aberdeen Standard OFIC V

Aberdeen Standard OEIC V is an umbrella structure comprising a number of different sub funds, one of which is this fund.

This document is specific to the fund and share class stated at the beginning of this document. However, the Prospectus, annual and half-yearly reports are prepared for the entire umbrella.

The assets of a sub fund within the umbrella belong exclusively to that sub fund and shall not be used or made available to discharge (directly or indirectly) the liabilities of, or claims against, any other person or body including Aberdeen Standard OEIC V and any other sub fund. Any liability incurred on behalf of or attributable to any sub fund shall be discharged solely out of the assets of that sub fund.

Investors may switch their shares in the fund for shares in another sub fund within Aberdeen Standard OEIC V. For further information please refer to the prospectus (section on 'Switching') which can be found at www.aberdeenstandard.com.

Aberdeen Standard OEIC V and Aberdeen Standard Fund Managers Limited are authorised in the United Kingdom and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. This key investor information is accurate as at 18/02/2021.